

RUSHDEN MISSION CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1130048

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2009-06-09

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

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Activities

Objects: 1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES (ACTING ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD AS DISCERNED BY THE CHURCH MEMBERS) FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.2 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES (ACTING AS AFORESAID) FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.3 TO ADVANCE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PURSUE AND PROMOTE GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES (ACTING AS AFORESAID) FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Worship/ Bible teaching services are held on Sunday. Young peoples meetings, a community cafe, a women's group, and a men's group, These meetings are open to the general public and usually take place on the Church premises. The Church also provides premises for a brass band to practice, for East Northants Child Contact Services and for the local branch of Cocaine Anonymous.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£77,986	£86,604	-	-
2024-10-31	£66,920	£61,757	-	-
2023-10-31	£68,635	£67,170	-	-
2022-10-31	£50,364	£50,477	-	-
2021-10-31	£72,327	£48,817	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Lloyd Rooksby		
David McGrath		2020-03-04
Kim Elaine Wilton		2024-06-26
LINDA JANE CRAWLEY		
Thandiwe Washoma		2017-03-22
Thomas Joseph Poulton		2021-06-30

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A monthly men's group, and a monthly women's group also meet and the aim these groups, is to give mutual support, to encourage the growth of faith and to develop discipleship.

Two Prayer Meetings are held each week. We are a Church who believe in the power of prayer and the need to lift all matters before God.

Further details of these meetings can be obtained at the Sunday services of worship and on the Church website.

The Church also offers a lace making group and a weekly Community Café, "Faithful Blend."

All of these groups are open to the general public.

The Church provides a practice venue for the Rushden Mission Brass Band and a meeting place for the weekly meetings of Cocaine Anonymous.

The Church is home to East Northants Child Contact Centre (CIC). ENCCS support families during the initial stages of family break up before permanent arrangements for ongoing family life are established. They:

- Provide a safe, neutral, welcoming space for children to spend time with parents (or other people important to them, such as grandparents).
- Support parents to help them prioritise the needs of their children post separation.
- Promote mediation so that long-term solutions can be found to keep children in touch with both parents.
- Offer resources, information and advice for families dealing with separation.
- Provide specialist supervised interventions where children may be exposed to a higher level of risk.

The Church is proud to be involved with and support these groups, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

A number of WhatsApp groups encourage connection between friends and members of the church, for prayer but also practical engagement of the various groups.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes in numbers alone, either by headcount or by financial performance, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that although these are difficult to measure, 2025 was a positive year in the life of the Church.

The Trustees believe that the Church will be able to continue its mission purposes in 2026 with confidence and enthusiasm.

Services are held each Sunday, with an average total in person attendance of approximately fifty-five adults and children. Due to the live streaming of services, we are able to connect with a larger number of people and reach those who are no longer able to attend a church service in person. Two Home Groups meet in member's homes to encourage the growth of faith and discipleship.

Using our Audio & Visual equipment we have been able to support and encourage the wider Wesleyan Reform Union by hosting hybrid meetings, enabling people to take part in the meeting both in person and via Zoom.

The Church has a committed youth team who encourage spiritual growth, support, and friendship for children of the Church and their families and seek to welcome and engage with the local community and friends through a variety of mission activities throughout the year.

The team lead two Sunday morning children's groups, PathFinders for ages 5 to 11 and WayMakers for ages 11 to 16. These groups provide a fun and relaxed atmosphere to help the children and young people develop in their faith. The children performed at a Nativity service during the year.

The older youth have been joining in with townwide youth events that the youth leaders feel encourages the young people in their own faith and allow the youth to connect with their Christian peers.

Some of the young people meet as Young People's Worship Group with the objective of teaching and encouraging them to play guitar, drums and to sing, this is also a great opportunity in encouraging the Young People to worship together.

Two Movie Nights took place for the Children.

"Curry Club," a men's group meet monthly to provide men with conversation, support, and food, and "Father to Father," meets monthly to offer mutual support, encourage the growth of faith and discipleship.

"Sisters in Christ," is a women's group who meet monthly, to offer mutual support to one another, and encourage the growth of faith and discipleship,

Through Pillow Talk, and our support of Rushden Mission Brass Band the church has been able to encourage the learning and development of new skills in a Christian environment.

Through hosting the weekly meetings of Cocaine Anonymous we have been able to support a fellowship of men and women, who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so that they may resolve their common problem and help others to recover from their addiction.

East Northants Child Contact Services have been able to expand their work and support more families as a result of using our premises.

The Church reached out into the wider community by visiting homes in the locality of the Church building at Easter with an Easter Egg and an invitation to Easter events at the Church, and in a similar way at Christmas with a gift of chocolate coins and an invitation to Christmas Events.

Christmas events were well attended with Carols on the Car Park, the Carol Service with the Rushden Mission Brass Band, the Children's Nativity, and the Christingle Service.

The Church is available to serve the community with funeral services. These services give the Minister and other members of the Church the opportunity to comfort and support the bereaved at difficult times in their lives. We are also available for wedding services, where we are able to celebrate with the couple and their families. No weddings or funerals have been held this year. We seek to draw close to the community in the key events and moments of their lives.

Rushden Mission Church engages in prayerful and financial support for the work of the Luwero Community Projects in Uganda and of Flame International, Truth Planters and the town's Street Pastors.

The Church has financially supported the work of the local Homeless Night Shelter and by way of gifts of money and food we have supported the local Food Bank.

"Faithful Blend," our Community Café, meet every other Thursday, providing an opportunity for both Church and neighbourhood to come together for company and conversation. A special morning for Macmillan Cancer Support was held and raised £200.

In May about fifty adults and children from the Church enjoyed a weekend of teaching, worship, time together and relaxation at the Pleasance in Overstrand, Norfolk.

Church Membership is forty-one, five new members have joined the Church during the year, sadly one member has died.

Property Improvements

This year has seen significant improvements to the building and furnishings of the Church, with replastering where necessary, redecoration, new carpets and new chairs at a total cost of £15,767. Further expenditure on the building and furnishings is planned in the coming year.

Additionally, £10,610 was spent on the removal of three metal spires/ ventilation spires, part of the original building that were showing signs of decay and considered unsafe.

Financial Review

The Church seeks to raise most of the funds it needs to conduct its activities from within its own membership and congregation. We have been grateful to the Wesleyan Union for a grant of £5,000 per year, which has been received for the past three years, the final instalment of £1,250 was received on the 1st of July 2025. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

ENCCS have contributed £15,685 to the church for their use of the building.

The most significant area of expenditure relates to the employment of our Minister. The role is to lead and co-ordinate the Church's activities including the Sunday Services. He provides pastoral care for the congregation and others. He helps equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness, and service. In September our Minister, the Rev David Bracken, began a second term of employment, taking the appointment through to the 31st of August 2030.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities. Many of the activities run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives. The Trustees wish to express their thanks for all the hard work which makes this possible.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the accompanying Financial Statements.

The Trustees report a net cash deficit for the year of £8,618. Regular offerings increased to £34,891 per year from £29,873. Total annual income increased by £11,066 to £77,986 from £66,920. Total annual expenditure has increased by £24,847 to £86,604 from £61,757.

The Church Building is now 125 years old and whilst generally in good order there are matters that continue to require attention. The Church is working through a refurbishment project to improve the interior condition of the building and furnishings, more of this can be read in the previous section, "Property Improvements".

The Trustees remain aware that the current level of expenditure is unsustainable beyond the medium term unless offering income can be increased. The income from ENCCS gives comfort on this issue.

The Trustees have an established Reserves Policy of holding approximately six months of costs in hand and are satisfied that the unrestricted reserves of £90,536, including £45,367 in Bank and Debtors (including HMRC Gift Aid of £8,786), together with forecasts and projections, are adequate to enable the Church to function and meet its Charitable Objectives. The Church membership is fully aware of the situation, and the Trustees will keep the matter under constant review to prevent the Church from entering a situation where it cannot fully meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The Trustees will make every effort to take corrective action to improve the ongoing financial situation and thus to maintain an adequately funded operation.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks facing the Church and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

Signed by ...Thomas Joseph Poulton Date. 23rd February 2026

Signed by ...David McGrathDate. 23rd February 2026

On behalf of the Trustees of Rushden Mission Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including General Receipts and Payments Account)

	notes	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Weekly offerings		£34,891	£29,873
Donations and other income	2	£22,846	£15,043
Income tax recovered on gifts		£7,703	£7,714
WRU Contribution to Ministers Pension		£1,556	£2,756
Grant Income	13	£3,750	£7,220
Interest		£609	£449
Church Weekend	12	£6,631	£3,864
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£77,986	£66,920
Payments:			
Ministry	3	£29,185	£29,492
Fixed Assets	10	£11,955	£0
Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse	10	£24,912	£15,155
Administration		£8,245	£7,257
Donations made	4	£5,276	£5,223
Church Weekend	12	£6,509	£4,213
Sunday School & Youth Work		£522	£416
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£86,604	£61,757
Cash movement for the year		(8,618)	£5,163
Cash and Bank balances brought forward		£44,126	£38,964
Cash and Bank balances carried forward		£35,508	£44,126

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

	notes	2025	2024
Fixed Assets:			
Church Building	7	£27,849	£27,849
Manse Building	7	£880	£880
Fixtures & Fittings	7	£18,382	£7,107
Total Fixed Assets		£47,111	£35,836
Current Assets:			
Sundry Debtors	8	£9,858	£9,279
Bank & other cash balances		£35,508	£44,126
		£45,366	£53,405
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,943)	(471)
Total Net Assets:		£90,535	£88,770
Funds:			
Unrestricted Funds		£90,535	£88,770
Total Funds:		£90,535	£88,770

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue

Trustee.....

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Signed by David McGrath

Signed by Kim Elaine Wilton

Date: 23rd February 2026

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of accounts:

- a) These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis
 b) There were no restricted or designated or endowment funds during the year.

2. Donations and other income:	notes	2025	2024
Donations to Church		£3,407	£4,313
Special Donations	6	£1,291	£1,720
Thank Offering		£1,640	£1,370
Other items		£333	£699
Room Hire		£16,175	£6,941
		<u>£22,846</u>	<u>£15,043</u>

3. Ministry:	notes	2025	2024
Minister's stipend		£23,044	£22,434
Pension contribution		£1,611	£1,561
WRU Pension Contribution		£1,556	£2,756
Manse Rates etc.		£2,974	£2,742
		<u>£29,185</u>	<u>£29,492</u>

4. Donations made:	notes	2025	2024
Donations from 20% Fund	5	£3,985	£3,383
Special Donations	6	£1,291	£1,720
Other Donations		£0	£120
		<u>£5,276</u>	<u>£5,223</u>

5. Donations 10% Fund :

The Church intends that 10% of weekly offerings be donated to Good Causes.

	notes	2025	2024
Amount allocated not yet donated b / fwd		£305	£701
10% Allocation for year		£3,489	£2,987
Less: Donations made in year	4	(3,985)	(3,383)
Amount allocated not yet donated c / fwd		<u>(191)</u>	<u>£305</u>

The amounts not yet donated are not designated and could be re-allocated should the Church Meeting so elect.

6. Special Donations Fund:	notes	2025	2024
Amount not yet donated b / fwd		£0	£0
Donations received in year	2	£1,291	£1,720
Less: Donations made in year	4	(1,291)	(1,720)
Amount received not yet donated c / fwd	9	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>

	2025	2024
7. Fixed Assets:		
Church Building and additions at cost brought forward	£27,849	£27,849
Additions during year	£0	£0
Church Building and additions at cost carried forward	<u>£27,849</u>	<u>£27,849</u>
Manse Building at cost	£880	£880
Fixtures and Fittings		
Cost brought forward	£32,939	£32,939
Additions during year	£13,405	£0
Cost carried forward	<u>£46,344</u>	<u>£32,939</u>
Accumulated depreciation brought forward	£25,832	£25,043
Depreciation for year	£2,130	£789
Accumulated depreciation carried forward	<u>£27,962</u>	<u>£25,832</u>
Net book value carried forward	<u>£18,382</u>	<u>£7,107</u>

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Buildings	0% per year
Fixtures and Fittings	Range of 10% - 20% per year

	notes	2025	2024
8. Sundry Debtors:			
Sundry Debtors		£1,072	£1,457
Net Weekend Deposit			£119
HMRC - Gift Aid		£8,786	£7,703
		<u>£9,858</u>	<u>£9,279</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Special Donations	6	£0	£0
Weekend Deposits	12	£3	£0
Other taxation and social security		£247	£234
Other creditors and accruals		£1,693	£237
		<u>£1,943</u>	<u>£471</u>

10. Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse			
General Upkeep		£12,158	£10,291
Repairs and Renewals		£12,754	£2,644
AV Installation		£0	£2,220
New Chairs		£8,605	£0
New Carpet		£3,350	£0
		<u>£36,867</u>	<u>£15,155</u>

11. L & E Bandey and Bailey Trusts			
Balance Brought Forward		£1,693	£1,693
Expenditure		(506)	£0
		<u>£1,187</u>	<u>£1,693</u>

12. Weekend Deposits			
Balance Brought Forward		(119)	£230
Holiday Funds Received		£6,631	£3,864
Paid		(6,509)	(4,213)
		<u>£3</u>	<u>(119)</u>

13. Grants			
Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches Ministry Grant		£3,750	£5,000
Wesleyan Reform Union Audio Visual Grant		£0	£2,220
Benefact Trust			
		<u>£3,750</u>	<u>£7,220</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/ MEMBERS OF RUSHDEN MISSION CHURCH

Report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2025

Charity no: 1130048

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Rushden Mission Church ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

As the charity's 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement:

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed by:

Leona Bateman ACA
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- Support parents to help them prioritise the needs of their children post separation.
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- Offer resources, information and advice for families dealing with separation.
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The Church seeks to raise most of the funds it needs to conduct its activities from within its own membership and congregation. We are gratefully in receipt of a grant of £5,000 per year, agreed for three years, from the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches to support the Ministry of the Church, we are currently at the beginning of the final year this arrangement. The final instalment of £1,250 will be received on the 1st of July 2025. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

ENCCS have contributed £6,941 to the church for their use of the building.

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The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the accompanying Financial Statements.

The Trustees report a net cash surplus for the year of £5,163. Regular offerings decreased from £31,487 per year to £29,873. Total annual income decreased by £1,715 from £68,635 to £66,920. Total annual expenditure has decreased by £5,413 from £67,170 to £61,757.

The Church Building is now 124 years old and whilst generally in good order there are matters that continue to require attention. The Church is in the process of looking at a refurbishment project to improve the interior condition of the building and furnishings and exploring grant funding opportunities.

The Trustees remain aware that the current level of expenditure is unsustainable beyond the medium term unless offering income can be increased. The grant from the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches as mentioned above of £5,000 per year and the income from ENCCS gives comfort on this issue.

The Trustees have an established Reserves Policy of holding approximately six months of costs in hand and are satisfied that the unrestricted reserves of £88,770, including £53,405 in Bank and Debtors (including HMRC Gift Aid of £7,703), together with forecasts and projections, are adequate to enable the Church to function and meet its Charitable Objectives. The Church membership is fully aware of the situation, and the Trustees will keep the matter under constant review to prevent the Church from entering a situation where it cannot fully meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The Trustees will make every effort to take corrective action to improve the ongoing financial situation and thus to maintain an adequately funded operation.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks facing the Church and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

Signed by ..William John Franklin.....24/02/25... Date.

Signed byKim Elaine Wilton.....24/02/25.....Date.

On behalf of the Trustees of Rushden Mission Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including General Receipts and Payments Account)

		2024	2023
	notes		
Receipts:			
Weekly offerings		29,873	31,487
Donations and other income	2	15,043	7,609
Income tax recovered on gifts		7,714	7,113
Share of Sale of Dickins Church		0	0
WRU Contribution to Ministers Pension		2,756	
Grant Income	13	7,220	18,670
Bandey and Bailey Trusts	11	0	0
Interest		449	
Church Holiday	12	3,864	3,756
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>66,920</u>	<u>68,635</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	3	29,492	25,408
Fixed Assets	7	0	5,500
Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse	10	15,155	19,882
Administration		7,257	6,188
Donations made	4	5,223	5,060
Church Holiday	12	4,213	4,477
Sunday School & Youth Work		416	654
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>61,757</u>	<u>67,169</u>
Cash movement for the year		5,163	1,466
Cash and Bank balances brought forward		38,964	37,498
Cash and Bank balances carried forward		<u>44,126</u>	<u>38,964</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

		2024	2023
	notes		
Fixed Assets:			
Church Building	7	27,849	27,849
Manse Building	7	880	880
Fixtures & Fittings	7	7,107	7,896
Total Fixed Assets		<u>35,836</u>	<u>36,625</u>
Current Assets:			
Sundry Debtors	8	9,279	7,961
Bank & other cash balances		<u>44,126</u>	<u>38,963</u>
		53,405	46,924
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(471)	(1,091)
Total Net Assets:		<u>88,770</u>	<u>82,458</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted Funds		88,770	82,459
Total Funds:		<u>88,770</u>	<u>82,459</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue

Trustee.....

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Signed by Linda Jane Crawley

Signed by David McGrath

Date: 24/02/25

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of accounts:

- a) These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis
- b) There were no restricted or designated or endowment funds during the year.

2. Donations and other income:	notes	2024	2023
Donations to Church		4,313	3,983
Special Donations	6	1,720	1,857
Thank Offering		1,370	1,235
Other items		699	534
Room Hire		6,941	
		<u>15,043</u>	<u>7,609</u>

3. Ministry:	notes	2024	2023
Minister's stipend		22,434	21,397
Pension contribution		1,561	1,437
WRU Pension Contribution		2,756	
Manse Rates etc.		2,742	2,575
		<u>29,492</u>	<u>25,409</u>

4. Donations made:	notes	2024	2023
Donations from 10% Fund	5	3,383	3,203
Special Donations	6	1,720	1,857
Other Donations		120	0
		<u>5,223</u>	<u>5,060</u>

5. Donations 10% Fund :

The Church intends that 10% of weekly offerings be donated to Good Causes.

	notes	2024	2023
Amount allocated not yet donated b / fwd		701	755
10% Allocation for year		2,987	3,149
Less: Donations made in year	4	(3,383)	(3,203)
Amount allocated not yet donated c / fwd		<u>305</u>	<u>701</u>

The amounts not yet donated are not designated and could be re-allocated should the Church Meeting so elect.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

6. Special Donations Fund:	notes	2024	2023
Amount not yet donated b / fwd		0	0
Donations received in year	2	1,720	1,857
Less: Donations made in year	4	(1,720)	(1,857)
Amount received not yet donated c / fwd	9	0	0
7. Fixed Assets:		2024	2023
Church Building and additions at cost brought forward		27,849	27,849
Additions during year		0	0
Church Building and additions at cost carried forward		27,849	27,849
Manse Building at cost		880	880
<u>Fixtures and Fittings</u>			
Cost brought forward		32,939	27,439
Additions during year		0	5500
Cost carried forward		32,939	32,939
Accumulated depreciation brought forward		25,043	23,069
Depreciation for year		789	1,974
Accumulated depreciation carried forward		25,832	25,043
Net book value carried forward		7,107	7,896
Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:			
Buildings		0% per year	
Fixtures and Fittings		Range of 10% - 20% per year	
8. Sundry Debtors:	notes	2024	2023
Sundry Debtors		1,457	0
Net Weekend Deposit		119	
HMRC - Gift Aid		7,703	7,961
		9,279	7,961
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Special Donations	6	0	0
Holiday Deposits	12	0	230
Other taxation and social security		234	442
Other creditors and accruals		237	420
		471	1,092
10. Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse			
General Upkeep		10,291	7,617
Repairs and Renewals		2,644	1,583
AV Installation		2,220	6,920
Lighting Upgarde		3,763	3,763
		15,155	19,883
11. L & E Bandey and BaileyTrusts			
Balance Brought Forward		1,693	2,231
Expenditure		0	(538)
		1,693	1,693

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12. Holiday Deposits

Balance Brought Forward	230	951
Holiday Funds Received	3,864	3,756
Paid	(4,213)	(4,477)
	<u>(119)</u>	<u>230</u>

13. Grants

Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches Ministry Grant	5,000	6,250
Wesleyan Reform Union Audio Visual Grant	2,220	10,420
Benefact Trust		2,000
	<u>7,220</u>	<u>18,670</u>

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/ MEMBERS OF RUSHDEN MISSION CHURCH**Report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024****Charity no: 1130048****I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
Rushden Mission Church ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2024****Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:**

As the charity's 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement:

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by:

Leona Bateman FCCA, ACA

Elsby & Co (Sywell) Limited
Statutory Auditors
155 Wellingborough Road
Rushden
Northamptonshire
NN10 9TB

Date:

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Accounts

Rushden Mission Church

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Mrs Thandiwe Washoma
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Mr Thomas Joseph Poulton
Mr William John Franklin (appointed 8th March 2023)

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Minister of the Church

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The Trustees Report

Year ended 31st October 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2023.

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- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees (acting according to the will of God as discerned by the Church Members) from time to time may think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind, including through the provision of advice and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees (acting as aforesaid) from time to time may think fit.
- To advance Christian education and pursue and promote general charitable purposes consistent with the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees (acting as aforesaid) from time to time may think fit.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the above listed Property Holding Trustees and the Trust is entirely compatible with the above objects.

Public Benefit

The Trustees consider that the activities of the Charity are conducted for the public benefit, in particular two of the charitable purposes as set out by the Charity Commission in its general guidance on public benefit are met:

- The advancement of education and
- The advancement of religion

An explanation of these activities is given below in the section Objectives and Activities.

Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes.

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The Members meeting normally takes place four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. In accordance with the Constitution, the Members appoint Trustees who accept responsibility for the legal aspects of the Charity. The constitution states that there should be a minimum of three Trustees but does not stipulate a maximum number. The Church Meeting also appoints up to six Church Leaders, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer, are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. In accordance with the constitution a person may serve as both a Trustee and Church Leader, or any other officer of the Church.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by Members in Church Meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted regarding the Disclosure and Barring Service and Safeguarding Policies in place for both Children and Vulnerable Adults.

The Church is a member of The Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches.

The Church is affiliated to Rushden & Higham Council of Churches, the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, and the East Northants Faith Group.

Objectives and Activities

To achieve the Principal Objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

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exceptional grant income this year of £12,420 (£10,420 from the Wesleyan Reform Union and £2,000 from the Benefact Trust) to pay for Audio Visual Equipment for the main worship area and green room.

Total annual expenditure has increased by £16,692 from £50,477 to £67,169. Within this expenditure, were the total cost of the Audio-Visual equipment of £14,420, together with a further £3,763 spent on upgrading the lighting in the main worship area.

The Church Building is now 123 years old and whilst generally in good order there are matters that continue to require attention. The Church is in the process of looking at a refurbishment project to improve the interior condition of the building and furnishings and exploring grant funding opportunities.

The Trustees remain aware that the current level of expenditure is unsustainable beyond the medium term unless offering income can be increased. The grant from the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches as mentioned above of £5,000 per year gives comfort on this issue.

The Trustees have an established Reserves Policy of holding approximately six months of costs in hand and are satisfied that the unrestricted reserves of £82,458, including £46,924 in Bank and Debtors (including HMRC Gift Aid of £7,961), together with forecasts and projections, are adequate to enable the Church to function and meet its Charitable Objectives. The Church membership is fully aware of the situation, and the Trustees will keep the matter under constant review to prevent the Church from entering a situation where it cannot fully meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The Trustees will make every effort to take corrective action to improve the ongoing financial situation and thus to maintain an adequately funded operation.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks facing the Church and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

Signed by Linda Jane Crawley

Date *28/7/2024*

Signed by David Lloyd Rooksby

Date *28/7/2024*

On behalf of the Trustees of Rushden Mission Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including General Receipts and Payments Account)

		2023	2022
Receipts:	notes		
Weekly offerings		31,487	28,222
Donations and other income	2	7,609	11,059
Income tax recovered on gifts		7,113	7,700
Share of Sale of Dickins Church		0	0
Grants	13	18,670	0
Bandey and Bailey Trusts	11	0	2,231
Church Holiday	12	3,756	1,151
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>68,635</u>	<u>50,364</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	3	25,408	21,615
Fixed Assets	7	5,500	5,184
Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse	10	19,882	10,909
Administration		6,188	6,712
Donations made	4	5,060	5,491
Church Holiday	12	4,477	200
Sunday School & Youth Work		654	366
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>67,170</u>	<u>50,477</u>
Cash movement for the year		1,465	(114)
Cash and Bank balances brought forward		<u>37,498</u>	<u>37,612</u>
Cash and Bank balances carried forward		<u>38,963</u>	<u>37,498</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

		2023	2022
	notes		
Fixed Assets:			
Church Building	7	27,849	27,849
Manse Building	7	880	880
Fixtures & Fittings	7	7,896	4,370
Total Fixed Assets		<u>36,625</u>	<u>33,099</u>
Current Assets:			
Sundry Debtors	8	7,961	7,530
Bank & other cash balances		38,963	37,498
		<u>46,925</u>	<u>45,028</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,091)	(1,767)
Total Net Assets:		<u>82,459</u>	<u>76,361</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted Funds		82,459	76,361
Total Funds:		<u>82,459</u>	<u>76,361</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue

Trustee
Signed by David Lloyd Rooksby

Date: 28/7/2024

Trustee
Signed by Linda Jane Crawley

Date: 28/7/2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of accounts:

- a) These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis
 b) There were no restricted or designated or endowment funds during the year.

2. Donations and other income:

	notes	2023	2022
Donations to Church		3,983	7,784
Special Donations	6	1,857	1,006
Thank Offering		1,235	690
Other items		534	1,579
		<u>7,609</u>	<u>11,059</u>

3. Ministry:

	notes	2023	2022
Minister's stipend		21,397	17,797
Pension contribution		1,437	1,401
Manse Rates etc.		2,575	2,417
		<u>25,408</u>	<u>21,615</u>

4. Donations made:

	notes	2023	2022
Donations from 10% Fund	5	3,203	3,630
Special Donations	6	1,857	1,611
Other Donations		0	250
		<u>5,060</u>	<u>5,491</u>

5. Donations 10% Fund :

The Church intends that 10% of weekly offerings be donated to Good Causes.

	notes	2023	2022
Amount allocated not yet donated b / fwd		755	1,562
10% Allocation for year		3,149	2,822
Less: Donations made in year	4	(3,203)	(3,630)
		<u>700</u>	<u>755</u>

The amounts not yet donated are not designated and could be re-allocated should the Church Meeting so elect.

6. Special Donations Fund:

	notes	2023	2022
Amount not yet donated b / fwd		0	605
Donations received in year	2	1,857	1,006
Less: Donations made in year	4	(1,857)	(1,611)
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

7. Fixed Assets:

	2023	2022
Church Building and additions at cost brought forward	27,849	27,849
Additions during year		0
Church Building and additions at cost carried forward	<u>27,849</u>	<u>27,849</u>
Manse Building at cost	880	880
<u>Fixtures and Fittings</u>		
Cost brought forward	27,439	22,255
Additions during year	5500	5184
Cost carried forward	<u>32,939</u>	<u>27,439</u>
Accumulated depreciation brought forward	23,069	21,926
Depreciation for year	1974	1143
Accumulated depreciation carried forward	<u>25,043</u>	<u>23,069</u>
Net book value carried forward	<u>7,896</u>	<u>4,370</u>

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Buildings	0% per year
Fixtures and Fittings	Range of 10% - 20% per year

8. Sundry Debtors:

	notes	2023	2022
Sundry Debtors		0	417
HMRC - Gift Aid		7,961	7,113
		<u>7,961</u>	<u>7,530</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Holiday Deposits	12	230	951
Other taxation and social security		442	192
Other creditors and accruals		420	624
		<u>1,091</u>	<u>1,767</u>

10. Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse

General Upkeep		7,617	6,200
Repairs and Renewals		1,582	4,709
AV Installation		6,920	
Lighting Upgrade		3,763	
		<u>19,882</u>	<u>10,909</u>

11. L & E Bandey and Bailey Trusts

Balance brought forward		2,231	
Expenditure		-538	
Balance carried forward		<u>1,693</u>	<u>2,231</u>

12. Holiday Deposits

Holiday fund b/f		951	0
Holiday funds received		3,756	1,151
Paid		(4,477)	(200)
		<u>230</u>	<u>951</u>

13. Grants

Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches Ministry Grant		6,250	0
Wesleyan Reform Union Audio Visual Grant		10,420	0
Benefact Trust		2,000	0
		<u>18,670</u>	<u>0</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/ MEMBERS OF RUSHDEN MISSION CHURCH

Report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2023

Charity no: 1130048

**I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
Rushden Mission Church ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2023**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

As the charity's 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement:

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.
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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: Carl Elsby

Carl Elsby ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
Elsby & Co (Sywell) Ltd
Statutory Auditors
155 Wellingborough Road
Rushden
Northamptonshire
NN10 9TB

Date: 29/07/2024

RUSHDEN MISSION CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130048

Accounts

Rushden Mission Church

Statutory Information

Legal Status

Rushden Mission Church is an unincorporated association with Managing Trustees appointed by a meeting of the Members.

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Mr Robert French

The Trustees Report

Year ended 31st October 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2022.

Charitable Objects

The Charity is governed by a constitution adopted 1st April 2009. The Objects of the Church are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees (acting according to the will of God as discerned by the Church Members) from time to time may think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind, including through the provision of advice and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees (acting as aforesaid) from time to time may think fit.
- To advance Christian education and pursue and promote general charitable purposes consistent with the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees (acting as aforesaid) from time to time may think fit.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the above listed Property Holding Trustees and the Trust is entirely compatible with the above objects.

Public Benefit

The Trustees consider that the activities of the Charity are conducted for the public benefit, in particular two of the charitable purposes as set out by the Charity Commission in its general guidance on public benefit are met:

- The advancement of education and
- The advancement of religion

An explanation of these activities is given below in the section Objectives and Activities.

Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes.

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution, which requires them to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and to subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.

The Members meeting normally takes place four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. In accordance with the Constitution, the Members appoint Trustees who accept responsibility for the legal aspects of the Charity. The constitution states that there should be a minimum of three Trustees but does not stipulate a maximum number. The Church Meeting also appoints up to six Church Leaders, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer, are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. In accordance with the constitution a person may serve as both a Trustee and Church Leader, or any other officer of the Church.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by Members in Church Meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted regarding the Disclosure and Barring Service and Safeguarding Policies in place for both Children and Vulnerable Adults.

The Church is a member of The Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches.

The Church is affiliated to Rushden & Higham Council of Churches, the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, and the East Northants Faith Group.

Objectives and Activities

To achieve the Principal Objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public service of Christian worship. This service takes place in person each Sunday at 10.45 am. However, we also offer this service as a live stream through Facebook. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at www.rushdenmission.co.uk. A children's programme operates during the morning services. The Church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is welcome to attend any of these services.

The Church operates a house group each week, and a monthly men's group to encourage the growth of faith and discipleship.

Two Prayer Meetings are held each week. We are a Church who believe in the power of prayer and the need to lift all matters before God.

Further details of these meetings can be obtained at the Sunday services of worship and on the Church website.

The Church also offers a lace making group and a weekly Community Café, "Faithful Blend".

All of these groups are open to the general public.

The Church provides a practice venue for the Rushden Mission Brass Band.

The Church is proud to be involved with and support these groups, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

A number of WhatsApp groups encourage connection between friends and members of the church, for prayer but also practical engagement of the various groups.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes in numbers alone, either by headcount or by financial performance, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that although these are difficult to measure, 2022 was a positive year in the life of the Church, as we continued to recover from the Covid Pandemic, said goodbye in June to our Minister of 16 years, the Rev Ian Fall and greeted our new Minister, the Rev David Bracken, in September. The Trustees believe that the Church will be able to continue its mission purposes in 2023 with enthusiasm.

Services are held each Sunday, with an average total in person attendance of approximately forty-five adults and children. Due to the live streaming of services we are able to connect with a larger number of people and reach those who are no longer able to attend a church service in person. A Home Group meets in member's homes to encourage the growth of faith and discipleship.

The Church has a committed youth team who encourage spiritual growth, support, and friendship for children of the Church and their families and seek to welcome and engage with the local community and friends through a variety of mission activities throughout the year.

The team lead a Sunday morning children's group, Sudz, providing a fun and relaxed atmosphere to help the children and young people develop in their faith. The children performed at a Nativity service during the year.

To give opportunity to reach out to family, friends and the local community, the Youth Team hosted an alternative Halloween party in a safe and secure environment, allowing us to show love and share our faith.

A Children's craft event was held at Christmas and was well attended by families from around the locality.

The older youth have also been joining in with townwide youth events that the youth leaders feel encourages the young people in their own faith and allow the youth to connect with their Christian peers.

"Curry Club", a men's group meet monthly to provide men with conversation, support and food, and "Father to Father", meets monthly to encourage the growth of faith and discipleship.

Through Pillow Talk, and our support of Rushden Mission Brass Band the church has been able to encourage the learning and development of new skills in a Christian environment.

The Church has reached out into the wider community by visiting homes in the locality of the Church building at Easter with an Easter Egg and an invitation to events happening at the Church. Christmas events were well attended with Carols on the Car Park, the Carol Service with the Rushden Mission Brass Band, and the Children's Nativity.

The Church is available to serve the community with funeral services. This year four funerals and one memorial service have been held. These services gave the Minister and other members of the Church the opportunity to comfort and support the bereaved at difficult times in their lives. We are also available for wedding services, where we are able to celebrate with the couple and their families, but no weddings have been held this year. We seek to draw close to the community in the key events and moments of their lives.

During the Remembrance weekend in November a "Reflect & Remember" event was held to enable those in the locality to come to the Church and have the opportunity to remember loved ones who had died during the covid pandemic.

A believers' baptisms, by total immersion, was held on Easter Sunday.

Rushden Mission Church is involved in prayerful and financial support for the work of the Luwero Community Projects in Uganda and a Church based community project in Nagpur in India.

The Church has financially supported the work of the local Homeless Night Shelter and by way of gifts of food we have supported the local Food Bank.

"Faithful Blend", our Community Café, meet each Thursday, providing an opportunity for both Church and neighbourhood to come together for company and conversation. A special morning for Macmillan Cancer Support was held and raised £200.

A training morning was held to give a better understanding of Mental Health First Aid and how to deal with a referral in an emergency.

Church Membership has remained at thirty-six. During the year two members have died, two members have moved away from the area and four new members have joined.

Financial Review

The Church seeks to raise most of the funds it needs to conduct its activities from within its own membership and congregation. During the year a Grant of £5,000 per year for three years from the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches was agreed to support the Ministry of the Church. This first instalment of £1,250 was received for the year commencing 1st October 2022 on 17th November 2022. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant area of expenditure relates to the employment of our Minister. The role is to lead and co-ordinate the Church's activities including the Sunday Services. He provides pastoral care for the congregation and others. He helps equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness, and service.

This Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities. Many of the activities run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives. The Trustees wish to express their thanks for all the hard work which makes this possible.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the accompanying Financial Statements.

The Trustees report a net cash deficit for the year of £114. Regular offerings decreased from £31,132 per year to £28,222. Total annual income decreased by £21,963 from £72,327 to £50,364, but there was an exceptional income of £27,471 from the sale of the Dickins Church in the previous year. Total annual expenditure has increased by £1,660 from £48,817 to £50,477.

The Church Building is now 122 years old and whilst generally in good order there are matters that continue to require attention. With a change of Minister, the opportunity was taken to refresh the Manse at a cost of £6,368, a further £3,525 was spent on repairs and improvement to the Church Building.

The Trustees remain concerned that the current level of expenditure is unsustainable beyond the medium term unless the falling trend of offering income over the past few years can be reversed. The grant from the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches as mentioned above of £5,000 per year for three years gives comfort on this issue. The proceeds from the sale of the Dickins Church in the previous year has increased reserves.

The Trustees have an established Reserves Policy of holding approximately six months of costs in hand and are satisfied that the unrestricted reserves of £76,361, including £45,028 in Bank and Debtors (including HMRC Gift Aid of £7113), together with forecasts and projections, are adequate to enable the Church to function and meet its Charitable Objectives. The Church membership are fully aware of the situation, and the Trustees will keep the matter under constant review to prevent the Church from entering a situation where it cannot fully meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The Trustees will make every effort to take corrective action to improve the ongoing financial situation and thus to maintain an adequately funded operation.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks facing the Church and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

Signed by Tom Poulton 8th March 2023

Signed by Linda Crawley8th March 2023
On behalf of the Trustees of Rushden Mission Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including General Receipts and Payments Account)

		2022	2021
	notes		Unrestricted Funds*
Receipts:			
Weekly offerings		28,222	31,132
Donations and other income	2	11,059	5,682
Income tax recovered on gifts		7,700	8,042
Share of Sale of Dickins Church		0	27,471
Bandey and Bailey Trusts	11	2,231	0
Church Holiday	12	1,151	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>50,364</u>	<u>72,327</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	3	21,615	25,105
Fixed Assets	7	5,184	0
Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse	10	10,909	13,725
Administration		6,712	3,985
Donations made	4	5,491	5,956
Church Holiday Deposit	12	200	0
Sunday School & Youth Work		366	47
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>50,477</u>	<u>48,817</u>
Cash movement for the year		(114)	23,510
Cash and Bank balances brought forward		<u>37,612</u>	<u>14,102</u>
Cash and Bank balances carried forward		<u>37,498</u>	<u>37,612</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

		2022	2021
	notes		
Fixed Assets:			
Church Building	7	27,849	27,849
Manse Building	7	880	880
Fixtures & Fittings	7	4,370	329
Total Fixed Assets		<u>33,099</u>	<u>29,058</u>
Current Assets:			
Sundry Debtors	8	7,530	7,700
Bank & other cash balances		37,498	37,612
		<u>45,028</u>	<u>45,312</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,767)	(1,672)
Total Net Assets:		<u>76,361</u>	<u>72,698</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted Funds		76,361	72,698
Total Funds:		<u>76,361</u>	<u>72,698</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue

Trustee.....

Trustee.....

Signed by Gillian Lindsey Russell

Signed by David McGrath

Date: 15/03/2023

Date: 15/03/2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of accounts:

- a) These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis
 b) There were no restricted or designated or endowment funds during the year.

2. Donations and other income:	notes	2022	2021
Donations to Church		7,784	3,777
Special Donations	6	1,006	196
Thank Offering		690	1,147
Other items		1,579	562
		<u>11,059</u>	<u>5,682</u>

3. Ministry:	notes	2022	2021
Minister's stipend		17,797	21,101
Pension contribution		1,401	1,691
Manse Rates etc.		2,417	2,312
		<u>21,615</u>	<u>25,105</u>

4. Donations made:	notes	2022	2021
Donations from 10% Fund	5	3,630	5,760
Special Donations	6	1,611	196
Other Donations		250	
		<u>5,491</u>	<u>5,956</u>

5. Donations 10% Fund :

The Church intends that 10% of weekly offerings be donated to Good Causes.

	notes	2022	2021
Amount allocated not yet donated b / fwd		1,562	4,209
10% Allocation for year		2,822	3,113
Less: Donations made in year	4	(3,630)	(5,760)
Amount allocated not yet donated c / fwd		<u>755</u>	<u>1,562</u>

The amounts not yet donated are not designated and could be re-allocated should the Church Meeting so elect.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

6. Special Donations Fund:	notes	2022	2021
Amount not yet donated b / fwd		605	605
Donations received in year	2	1,006	196
Less: Donations made in year	4	(1,611)	(196)
Amount received not yet donated c / fwd	9	<u>0</u>	<u>605</u>
7. Fixed Assets:		2022	2021
Church Building and additions at cost brought forward		27,849	27,849
Additions during year		0	0
Church Building and additions at cost carried forward		<u>27,849</u>	<u>27,849</u>
Manse Building at cost		880	880
<u>Fixtures and Fittings</u>			
Cost brought forward		22,255	22,255
Additions during year		5184	0
Cost carried forward		<u>27,439</u>	<u>22,255</u>
Accumulated depreciation brought forward		21,926	21,820
Depreciation for year		1143	106
Accumulated depreciation carried forward		<u>23,069</u>	<u>21,926</u>
Net book value carried forward		<u>4,370</u>	<u>329</u>
Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:			
Buildings		0% per year	
Fixtures and Fittings		Range of 10% - 20% per year	
8. Sundry Debtors:	notes	2022	2021
Sundry Debtors		417	0
HMRC - Gift Aid		7,113	7,700
		<u>7,530</u>	<u>7,700</u>
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Special Donations	6	0	605
Holiday Deposits	12	951	0
Other taxation and social security		192	250
Other creditors and accruals		624	817
		<u>1,767</u>	<u>1,672</u>
10. Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse			
General Upkeep		6,200	4,547
Repairs and Renewals		4,709	3,802
Replacement Dorma Window		0	5,376
		<u>10,909</u>	<u>13,725</u>
11. L & E Bandey and BaileyTrusts		<u>2,231</u>	
		<u>2,231</u>	
12. Holiday Deposits			
Holiday Deposits Received		1,151	
Deposit paid to Accomodation		(200)	
		<u>951</u>	

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/ MEMBERS OF RUSHDEN MISSION CHURCH

Report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2022

Charity no: 1130048

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RUSHDEN MISSION CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130048

Accounts

Rushden Mission Church

Statutory Information

Legal Status

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Principal Office

Rushden Mission Church
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Rushden NN10 9TA

Registered Address

1 St Peters Ave
Rushden
NN10 6XW

Charity Trustees

Mrs Linda Jane Crawley
Mr David Lloyd Rooksby
Mrs Gillian Lindsey Russell
Mrs Thandiwe Washoma
Mr David McGrath
Mr Thomas Joseph Poulton (Appointed 30th June 2021)

Property Holding Trustees

Mrs Linda Jane Crawley
Mr David Lloyd Rooksby
Mrs Gillian Lindsey Russell
Mrs Thandiwe Washoma

Minister of the Church

Pastor Ian Fall

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
9 Midsummer Place
MILTON KEYNES
MK9 3GB

Co-operative Bank Plc
P.O. Box 101
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M60 4EP

Solicitors

Wilson Browne
The Manor House
Market Square
Higham Ferrers
NN10 8BT

Independent Examiner

Mr Robert French

The Trustees Report

Year ended 31st October 2021

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2021.

Charitable Objects

The Charity is governed by a constitution adopted 1st April 2009. The Objects of the Church are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees (acting according to the will of God as discerned by the Church Members) from time to time may think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind, including through the provision of advice and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees (acting as aforesaid) from time to time may think fit.
- To advance Christian education and pursue and promote general charitable purposes consistent with the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees (acting as aforesaid) from time to time may think fit.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the above listed Property Holding Trustees and the Trust is entirely compatible with the above objects.

Public Benefit

The Trustees consider that the activities of the Charity are conducted for the public benefit, in particular, two of the charitable purposes as set out by the Charity Commission in its general guidance on public benefit are met:

- The advancement of education and
- The advancement of religion

An explanation of these activities is given below in the section Objectives and Activities.

Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes.

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution, which requires them to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and to subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.

The Members meeting normally takes place four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. In accordance with the Constitution, the Members appoint Trustees who accept responsibility for the legal aspects of the Charity. The constitution states that there should be a minimum of three Trustees but does not stipulate a maximum number. The Church Meeting also appoints up to six Church Leaders, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer, are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. In accordance with the constitution a person may serve as both a Trustee and Church Leader, or any other officer of the Church.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by Members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

The Church is a member of The Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted regarding the Disclosure and Barring Service and Safeguarding Policies in place for both Children and Vulnerable Adults.

The Church is affiliated to Rushden & Higham Council of Churches, the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, and the East Northants Faith Group.

Objectives and Activities

To achieve the Principal Objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The pattern of activity prior to the Covid 19 outbreak in March 2020 was:

- The provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services took place each Sunday at both 10.45 am and 17.30pm. There were also occasional services at other times which were advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at www.rushdenmission.co.uk. A children's programme operated during the morning services. The Church sought to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anyone was welcome to attend any of these services.
- The Church operated two house groups each week, and two monthly men's groups to encourage the growth of faith and discipleship.
- Two Prayer Meetings were held each week. We are a Church who believe in the power of prayer and the need to lift all matters before God.
- The Church also offered a lace making group, an art group, a ladies book club, a Lunch Club for single retired folk and a group for young children and their carers.

All of these groups were open to the general public.

- The Church provided accommodation for the Rushden Mission Brass Band.

The Church was proud to be involved with and support these groups, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

Impact of the Covid Pandemic.

The covid pandemic has had a significant effect on both Church activities and finance.

Throughout the year the Church has amended activity to comply with Government Guidance and Instruction prevailing at the time, with additional procedures in place where necessary.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes in numbers alone, either by headcount or by financial performance, but also in less tangible areas such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that 2021 has been a year of many challenges, however they feel that the church has met these challenges and will continue to do so, learning new lessons but also being able to continue to meet people's needs and engage with new people, the Trustees believe that the church will be able to continue its mission purposes in 2022 with determination and enthusiasm.

Sunday Worship recommenced in the Church building on 9th August 2020 in strict compliance with Government Guidelines, the service was broadcast by livestream on Facebook for those who could not attend. These broadcasts attracted a wide audience in addition to our Church regulars. During the November lockdown Sunday Services returned to livestream only, returning to "in Church" on the 6th of December. Services were held in Church until Christmas, however our usually well attended Christmas celebration services did not take place due to concerns over Covid safety. After Christmas, when the Government asked people to stay at home, even though Places of Worship could meet, we chose to stay at

home and revert to livestream until Easter (4th April). From Easter Worship in Church recommenced and livestream continued.

Attendance on Sunday mornings has increased during the year, with some new people joining us, and some not yet ready to return in person, but watching online.

During the period when singing indoors by the congregation was not allowed, we held outdoor Carol Singing, Easter Morning Worship, and a monthly time of sung worship on the church car park, whilst adhering to all Covid laws and guidelines.

Youth and Children's Work. The Church has a committed youth team who encourage spiritual growth, support, and friendship for children of the church and their families and seek to welcome and engage with the local community and friends through a variety of mission activities throughout the year.

The team lead a Sunday morning children's group, Sudz, providing a fun and relaxed atmosphere to help the children and young people develop in their faith.

The Sudz Nativity in December 2020 was held online via YouTube and has now had 365 views. The Christingle Service also moved online with kits being issued to allow participants to assemble their own Christingles. Sudz held a family orientated Easter Hunt. Sudz began a phased return to face to face meetings on the 23rd of May.

Prayer Meetings and the Home Group met via Zoom until a return to Face to Face for Prayer Meetings in August and the Home Group, meeting in Church, from September. During the winter, an Online Alpha group was held with involvement from a wide range of participants. This gave the opportunity of teaching the principles of the Christian faith.

"Father to Father" and "Curry Club," the two men's groups met in public parks and in church on occasions when allowed by Government guidelines. The groups, which encourage the growth of faith and discipleship, have also maintained contact and support with one another using a WhatsApp group.

Pillowtalk, the Lace Group began meeting again in September 2021. **Rushden Mission Band** recommenced practices in August 2021, but currently in another church hall where social distancing can be achieved. Pillow Talk, and Rushden Mission Brass Band provide a way to encourage the learning and development of new skills in a Christian environment.

The Art group, The Ladies Book Club, Lunch Club, and the group for young children and their carers, have not yet recommenced meeting since the pandemic.

We are honoured that our Pastor is the Padre of **858 Squadron - Rushden - Air Training Corps**, he was able to attend "virtual" parades and latterly in person. In this role our Pastor has been able to support the young people and their leaders with spiritual and emotional needs.

The Church was not able to reach out into the community and visit homes as usual during the pandemic but have delivered leaflets and offered support.

The Church is available to serve the community with funeral services. This year seven funerals have been held. These services gave the Pastor and other members of the Church the opportunity to comfort and support the bereaved at difficult times in their lives. We are also available for wedding services, where we can celebrate with the couple and their families, although none have been held in this year. We seek to draw close to the community in the key events and moments of their lives.

Rushden Mission Church engages in prayerful and financial support for the work of the Luwero Community Projects in Uganda and a Church based community project in Nagpur in India.

During the year, the Church has financially supported the work of the local Homeless Night Shelter and by way of gifts of food and money we have supported the local Food Bank.

Church Membership currently stands at thirty-five, a decrease of four since last year.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to conduct its activities, from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant area of expenditure relates to the employment of Pastor Ian Fall as Minister of the Church. Ian's role is to lead and co-ordinate the Church's activities including the Sunday Services. He provides pastoral care for the congregation and other people. He helps equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness, and service.

This Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities. Many of the activities run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives. The Trustees wish to express their thanks for all of the hard work which makes this possible.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

During the year £27,471 was received by the Church as a share of the sale of the Dickins Memorial Hall, a church in the Wellingborough Circuit of the Wesleyan Reform Union.

Following the concern expressed by the Trustees in last year's report the 20% Fund was reduced to a 10% Fund. This fund is to enable a designated percentage of regular offerings to be given to causes outside of the Church, this amendment was agreed by a Church Meeting and reduced expenditure by £3,113.

The Trustees report a net cash surplus for the year of £23,510. Weekly offerings for the increased from £28,677 per year to £31,132. Total annual income increased by £29,282 from £43,045 to £72,327. Total annual expenditure has increased by £4,179 from £44,638 to £48,817.

The church building is now 121 years old and whilst generally in good order there are matters that continue to require attention. In the year £9,178 was spent on repairs and refurbishment of Church and Manse.

The Trustees remain concerned that the current level of expenditure is unsustainable beyond the medium term unless the falling trend of offering income over the past few years can be reversed. The proceeds from the sale of the Dickins Church have given some comfort and increased reserves, but further support is being considered by way of a grant to improve sustainability.

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy of holding approximately six months of costs in hand and are satisfied that the unrestricted reserves of £72,698, including £45,312 in bank and debtors (HMRC), together with forecasts and projections, are adequate to enable the Church to function and meet its Charitable Objectives. The Church membership are fully aware of the situation, and the Trustees will keep the matter under constant review to prevent the Church from entering a situation where it cannot fully meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The Trustees will make every effort to take corrective action to improve the ongoing financial situation and thus to maintain an adequately funded operation.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks facing the church and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

Signed byDavid McGrath..... 8th March 2022 Signed by ...Thomas Joseph Poulton.... 8th March 2022

On behalf of the Trustees of Rushden Mission Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including General Receipts and Payments Account)

		2021	2020
	notes	Unrestricted Funds*	Unrestricted Funds*
Receipts:			
Weekly offerings		31,132	28,677
Donations and other income	2	5,682	5,499
Income tax recovered on gifts		8,042	7,751
Share of Sale of Dickins Church		27,471	
Catering Income		0	1,117
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>72,327</u>	<u>43,045</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	3	25,105	25,304
Fixed Assets	7	0	0
Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse	10	13,725	6,989
Administration		3,985	5,240
Donations made	4	5,956	6,870
Catering Expenditure		0	36
Sunday School & Youth Work		47	200
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>48,817</u>	<u>44,638</u>
Cash movement for the year		23,510	(1,593)
Cash and Bank balances brought forward		14,102	15,695
Cash and Bank balances carried forward		<u>37,612</u>	<u>14,102</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

		2021	2020
	notes	Unrestricted Funds*	Unrestricted Funds*
Fixed Assets:			
Church Building	7	27,849	27,849
Manse Building	7	880	880
Fixtures & Fittings	7	329	435
Total Fixed Assets		<u>29,058</u>	<u>29,164</u>
Current Assets:			
Sundry Debtors	8	7,700	8,042
Bank & other cash balances		37,612	14,102
		<u>45,312</u>	<u>22,144</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,672)	(1,641)
Total Net Assets:		<u>72,698</u>	<u>49,667</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted Funds*		72,698	49,667
Total Funds:		<u>72,698</u>	<u>49,667</u>

* All Funds are Unrestricted

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue

Trustee.....

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Signed by Linda Jane Crawley

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Date: 9/3/22

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of accounts:

- a) These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis
 b) There were no restricted or designated or endowment funds during the year.

2. Donations and other income:	notes	2021	2020
Donations to Church		3,777	2,808
Special Donations	6	196	1,241
Thank Offering		1,147	1,045
Other items		562	406
		<u>5,682</u>	<u>5,499</u>

3. Ministry:	notes	2021	2020
Minister's stipend		21,101	21,435
Pension contribution		1,691	1,658
Manse Rates etc.		2,312	2,211
		<u>25,105</u>	<u>25,304</u>

4. Donations made:	notes	2021	2020
Donations from 20% Fund	5	5,760	5,629
Special Donations	6	196	1,241
Other Donations			0
		<u>5,956</u>	<u>6,870</u>

5. Donations 20% Fund:

The Church intends that 20% of weekly offerings be donated to Good Causes.

	notes	2021	2020
Amount allocated not yet donated b / fwd		4,209	4,103
20% Allocation for year		3,113	5,735
Less: Donations made in year	4	(5,760)	(5,629)
Amount allocated not yet donated c / fwd		<u>1,562</u>	<u>4,209</u>

The amounts not yet donated are not designated and could be re-allocated should the Church Meeting so elect.

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6. Special Donations Fund:	notes	2021	2020
Amount not yet donated b / fwd		605	605
Donations received in year	2	196	1,241
Less: Donations made in year	4	(196)	(1,241)
Amount received not yet donated c / fwd	9	<u>605</u>	<u>605</u>
7. Fixed Assets:		2021	2020
Church Building and additions at cost brought forward		27,849	27,849
Additions during year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Church Building and additions at cost carried forward		<u>27,849</u>	<u>27,849</u>
Manse Building at cost		880	880
<u>Fixtures and Fittings</u>			
Cost brought forward		22,255	22,255
Additions during year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cost carried forward		<u>22,255</u>	<u>22,255</u>
Accumulated depreciation brought forward		21,820	21,500
Depreciation for year		<u>106</u>	<u>320</u>
Accumulated depreciation carried forward		<u>21,926</u>	<u>21,820</u>
Net book value carried forward		<u>329</u>	<u>435</u>
Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:			
Buildings		0% per year	
Fixtures and Fittings		10% per year	
8. Sundry Debtors:	notes	2021	2020
HMRC - Gift Aid		<u>7,700</u>	<u>8,042</u>
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Special Donations	6	605	605
Other taxation and social security		250	251
Other creditors and accruals		817	786
		<u>1,672</u>	<u>1,641</u>
10. Upkeep of and improvements to Church & Manse			
General Upkeep		4,547	5,481
Repairs and Renewals		3,802	1,508
Replacement Dorma Window		<u>5,376</u>	
		<u>13,725</u>	<u>6,989</u>

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