

IMMANUEL WITH HIGHWORTH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1130794

Details

Other names	IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SWINDON CHARITY, IMMANUEL URC SWINDON CHARITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Immanuel United Reformed Church Upham Road Swindon SN3 1DH
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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£203,053	£189,815	-	-
2024-12-31	£195,340	£189,454	-	-
2023-12-31	£109,370	£112,172	-	-
2022-12-31	£119,035	£101,893	-	-
2021-12-31	£77,381	£82,749	-	-
2020-12-31	£90,035	£91,790	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Kathryn FARROW		2022-05-12
Ceri Bevan		2024-04-21
Dr DONALD EDWIN MACARTHUR		2019-04-11
Elizabeth Ann Gleed		2024-04-21
Elizabeth Louise GIBNEY		2021-04-13
Helen Elizabeth MARSON		2022-05-13
Hilary Willard		2026-04-19
June Smyth		2023-04-27
Maria Kawonga		2015-04-01
Michael Dennis GORDON		2021-04-10
Michael Joseph Dismore		2025-05-18
Vivian Ann Blakesley		2025-05-18

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No significant changes are anticipated for 2026, and the financial prospects for the year are reasonably good.

Unrestricted funds: Ideally, the Elders' Meeting would wish to have in hand for Immanuel an amount equal to at least six months' regular expenditure as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense.

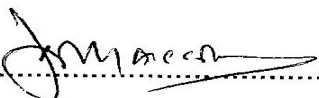
The General Fund is used for the normal running costs of the church, excluding exceptional items such as significant building maintenance projects which are funded from the Memorial Fund which is also an unrestricted fund.

The Immanuel General Fund balance at 31st December 2025 represents seven months of the budgeted 2026 expenditure, and additional funds are available in the Memorial Fund, subject to Church Meeting approval, to meet any major unexpected costs.

In addition Highworth maintains a policy of retaining about £120,000 to manage the substantial repair expenditure needed from time to time to maintain the Highworth building to the appropriate standard for this Grade 2 listed building. This money emanates from a permanent endowment fund.

Designated Funds: There are a total of seven restricted or endowment funds jointly totalling £4,660 at the year end available for various defined purposes.

This report was approved by the Elders' Meeting on 4th June 2026 and is signed on its behalf by the church secretary Dr Donald Edwin Macarthur.


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Receipts and payments accounts 2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2024 £
Receipts					
Voluntary income					-
Offerings	51,245	883	-	52,128	53,955
Harvest appeal		2,425	-	2,425	4,373
Gifts and donations	151	52	-	203	2,345
Investment income	80,125			80,125	71,203
Income tax refunds under Gift Aid	13,489	526	-	14,015	13,973
Legacy	7,500		-	7,500	-
Church flowers	720		-	720	745
Other special appeals	253		-	253	346
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Other income					-
Church lettings	37,813	-	-	37,813	37,940
Income generated by Church groups	6,577	60	-	6,637	7,181
Other	535		-	535	1,699
Interest	689	-	10	699	1,321
Total receipts	199,097	3,946	10	203,053	195,340
Payments					
Ministry & mission fund	62,880		-	62,880	54,359
Maintenance of manse	- 257			- 257	310
Ministerial costs	4,289		-	4,289	5,677
Church running costs	44,725		-	44,725	55,249
Maintenance of church buildings	16,388			16,388	15,900
Worship costs	6,644	32	-	6,676	4,850
Costs of church groups	3,690		-	3,690	3,073
Grants payable and restricted donations passed on	44,313	5,881	-	50,194	47,947
Bank charges	119			119	-
Other	1,111		-	1,111	2,089
Sub-total	183,902	5,913	-	189,815	189,454
Asset purchase		-	-	-	
Total payments	183,902	5,913	-	189,815	189,454
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,195	- 1,967	10	13,238	5,886
Transfers between funds			-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	256,550	4,499	2,118	263,167	257,281
Cash funds this year end	271,745	2,532	2,128	276,405	263,167

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash	264	-		264
Bank and Building Society current and deposit accounts	271,481	2,532	2,128	276,141
Total cash funds	271,745	2,532	2,128	276,405

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Other monetary assets	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
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Tax reclaim due from HMRC	2,439	561	-	3,000
Lettings : U3A	800		-	800
Bank re over charge	40			40

Assets retained for the charity's own use (where the cost net of grants is greater than £2,000)

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost
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Cooker Sept 2019	Unrestricted	2,982
Dishwasher. Purchased June 2008	Unrestricted	2,466
Church buildings and Manse – not owned by the charity		-

Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
Gas charges for December 2025 (Immanuel)	Unrestricted	2,000
Energy costs for 2025 Highworth)	Unrestricted	2,500
Printing costs	Unrestricted	50
Christian Aid	Restricted	20
Minister's expenses	Unrestricted	7
Photocopier charges	Unrestricted	49

Notes to the receipts and payments accounts

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There were no asset or investment sales during the year

Transactions with trustees

No trustees received payment during 2025

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Relationship to charity: Husband of trustee Mrs E Gleed
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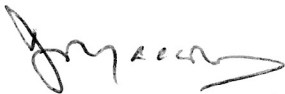

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- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
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Basis of independent examiner's report

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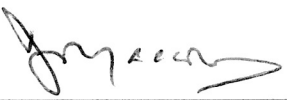

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Unrestricted funds: Ideally, the Elders' Meeting would wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least six months' regular expenditure as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense.

The General Fund is used for the normal running costs of the church, excluding exceptional items such as significant building maintenance projects which are funded from the Memorial Fund which is also an unrestricted fund.

The General Fund balance at 31st December 2024 represents thirteen months of the budgeted 2025 expenditure, and additional funds are available in the Memorial Fund, subject to Church Meeting approval, to meet any major unexpected costs.

The increase in these reserves from eight to thirteen months in the year is largely attributable to a policy of retaining about £120,000 to manage the substantial repair expenditure needed from time to time to maintain the Highworth building to the appropriate standard for this Grade 2 listed building. This money emanates from a permanent endowment fund.

Designated Funds: There are a total of four restricted or endowment funds jointly totalling £3,648 at the year end available for various defined purposes.

This report was approved by the Elders' Meeting on 8th May 2025 and is signed on its behalf by the minister **Rev Robert Jordan**.

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Immanuel with Highworth United Reformed Church

REGISTERED NO: 1130794

Receipts and payments accounts 2024

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2023 £
Receipts					
Voluntary income					
Offerings	53,282	673	-	53,955	64,889
Harvest appeal		4,373	-	4,373	2,893
Gifts and donations	1,095	1,250	-	2,345	936
Income from Highworth Trust Fund	71,203			71,203	74,551
Income tax refunds under Gift Aid	13,594	379	-	13,973	12,377
Legacy	-			-	-
Church flowers	745			745	1,230
Other special appeals	-	346		346	2,880
Fundraising	259			259	-
Other income					
Church lettings	37,940	-	-	37,940	35,057
Income generated by Church groups	7,181	-	-	7,181	6,880
Other	1,699			1,699	82
Interest	1,300	-	21	1,321	871
	-			-	-
Total receipts	188,298	7,021	21	195,340	192,216
Payments					
Ministry & mission fund	67,359		-	67,359	70,965
Maintenance of manse	310			310	3,158
Ministerial costs	5,677			5,677	3,332
Church running costs	55,249			55,249	43,941
Maintenance of church buildings	15,900			15,900	78,167
Worship costs	4,523	327		4,850	5,026
Costs of church groups	3,073			3,073	3,742
Grants payable and restricted donations passed on	29,000	5,947		34,947	40,963
Other	1,989	100		2,089	1,442
Amalgamation legal costs				-	5,400
Total payments	183,080	6,374	-	189,454	256,156
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,218	647	21	5,886	- 63,940
Transfers between funds					
Cash funds last year end	251,332	3,853	2,097	257,282	321,222
Cash funds this year end	256,550	4,500	2,118	263,168	257,282

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	
Cash	380			380
Bank and Building Society current and deposit accounts	256,190	4,500	2,118	262,808
Total cash funds	256,550	4,500	2,118	263,168

Other monetary assets	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	
Tax reclaim due from HMRC	4,106	488	-	4,594
Lettings	990		-	990

Investment assets	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	
Oikocredit BV	25,000		-	25,000

Assets retained for the charity's own use (where the cost net of grants is greater than £2,000)

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost
Heating boilers. Purchased August 2016	Unrestricted	20,243
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Church building and Mense – not owned by the charity		-

Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
Gas charges for December 2024	Unrestricted	3,780
Christian Aid	Restricted	426
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Photocopier charges	Unrestricted	49

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Asset or investment sales

There were no asset or investment sales during the year

Transactions with trustees

No trustees received payment during 2024

Transactions with related parties

Name of the related party:	Rev. G Gleed
Relationship to charity:	Husband of trustee Mrs E Gleed
Description of the transaction:	Organists honorarium £2,640 (2023 £2,640)

Cash Funds at 31 December 2024

	£
Unrestricted funds	
General fund	186,310
Tithe fund	2,323
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Tanner - Immanuel	698
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World concerns emergency	1,635
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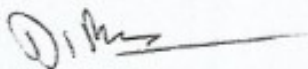
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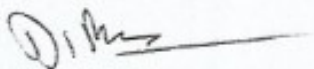
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IMMANUEL WITH HIGHWORTH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130794

Accounts

**IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SWINDON CHARITY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon Charity was throughout the year ending 31st December 2023 a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain and of the South West Synod of the Church. It was registered on 28th July 2009 as Charity Number 1130794. This Charity was renamed as Immanuel with Highworth United Reformed Church Swindon Charity on 1st January 2024, following agreement that from that date this charity will be a single church worshipping in two locations. Details of this change will be reported in the next trustees' report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Immanuel Church is situated in Upham Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN3 1DH, its website is at immanuelurc.org, and its email address is immchurchsec@gmail.com. The Church is normally open for worship on Sundays at 10.30 am, and for other activities at various times during the week.

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees. Those serving from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are: Michael John Denton, Anne Kathryn Farrow, Elizabeth Louise Gibney, Michael Dennis Gordon, Patricia Mary Hayes, Maria Kawonga, Dr Donald Edwin Macarthur, Helen Elizabeth Marson and Edward Gunther Thomas. Stephen Kenneth Brain served from 1st January 2023 until 27th April 2023. June Dorothy Margaret Harvey-Smyth served from 27th April 2023 until the date that this report was approved. The minister throughout the year was Rev Robert Hugh Jordan.

The Church buildings and the manse at 152 Drove Road, Swindon, SN1 3AG are vested in The South Western Synod Trust as trustees and held for the benefit of Immanuel URC Swindon in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The activities of Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon are overseen by the Elders' Meeting of the Church in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, and supplemented by the rules of Immanuel Church Swindon. The governing document of the registered charity is a statement adopted by the Church Meeting on 9th March 2014.

The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises and the manse. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church.

The members of the Elders' Meeting are the minister in pastoral charge (if any) and up to sixteen members of Immanuel Church Swindon nominated and elected by the members of Immanuel Church Swindon in Church Meeting. Elders serve for three years, retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. There is a limit of two (or three in certain circumstances in the case of the Church Secretary) on the number of consecutive periods of service. The members of the Elders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as Elders.

The Elders' Meeting met ten times during the year. The Eldership is assisted in the administration of the Church and its property by committees established for World Concerns, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, and Worship and Outreach. There were seven Church Meetings during 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building, and described more specifically in its mission statement as "Sharing the Love of Jesus, Serving the Community".

The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church.

The Elders' Meeting believes that the Church provides benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Attendance at morning worship has slightly increased during 2023, although in common with other churches this remains lower than pre-pandemic levels. Our worship continues to benefit from choir singing each week. Many members of the congregation now take advantage of the provision of tea and coffee on some Sundays to continue sharing fellowship after worship, as well as a popular monthly Tuesday "tea and chat" time.

During the year our minister took advantage of a United Reformed Church scheme to take a three month sabbatical break from his normal responsibilities. During this period we were blessed by the opportunity to hear from a variety of other ministers and worship leaders, while awaiting the return of our own minister.

We have continued our close connection with the other churches in the Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches, and at the time of this report the three principal offices of the Partnership – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer - are all held by members of the Immanuel fellowship. The continuance and expansion of Partnership activities form a major part of the Eldership's proactive thinking.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General summary: Congregational offerings increased slightly over 2022 levels, and other voluntary giving (leaving a 2022 legacy on one side) remained broadly the same. At the same time income from room bookings showed a further increase. There was again no major maintenance expenditure and no associated grants.

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Designated Funds: There are a total of 5 restricted or endowment funds jointly totalling £4,277 at the year end available for various defined purposes.

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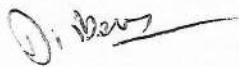
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2022 £
Receipts					
Voluntary income					-
Offerings	46,385		-	46,385	45,226
Harvest appeal		2,893	-	2,893	2,890
Gifts and donations	503	433	-	936	5,262
Income tax refunds under Gift Aid	11,328	1,049	-	12,377	12,987
Legacy	-			-	10,000
Church flowers	1,230		-	1,230	835
Other special appeals		1,295	-	1,295	916
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Other income					
Church lettings	35,057		-	35,057	33,225
Income generated by Church groups	6,860		-	6,860	5,789
Recovery of shared prior year costs	1,199		-	1,199	1,347
Other fundraising	92		-	92	249
Interest	852		19	871	43
Others	175			175	266
Total receipts	103,681	5,670	19	109,370	119,035
Payments					
Ministry & mission fund	41,940		-	41,940	43,736
Maintenance of manse	3,333			3,333	509
Ministerial costs	2,572		-	2,572	4,288
Church running costs	35,958		-	35,958	23,970
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Grants payable and restricted donations passed on	3,287	4,398	-	7,685	6,031
Other	1,442		-	1,442	1,347
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Sub-total	107,774	4,398	-	112,172	101,893
Asset purchase					
				-	
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,093	1,272	19	- 2,802	17,142
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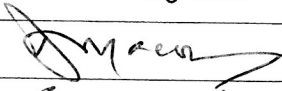

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Liabilities	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
Gas + electric charges for 2023	Unrestricted	2,341
Christmas plates to ministers cost	restricted	437
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	D E. MAGUIRE	4th April 2024
	E. G. THOMAS	4 APRIL 2024.

Notes to the receipts and payments accounts

Ministerial costs

Highworth United Reformed Church contributes 25% of shared Ministerial Costs. The costs are shown gross and the recovery is shown in Other income in the following year.

Asset and investment sales and purchases

There were no investment sales or purchases during the year (in 2022 investment sales were nil)

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Investment assets

The charity holds no investment assets

Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties in 2023 (there were no transactions in 2022)

Cash Funds at 31 December 2023

£

Unrestricted funds

General fund	65,396
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Car fund	10,333
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Restricted funds

Tanner - Immanuel	773
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IMMANUEL WITH HIGHWORTH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130794

Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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The Church building and the manse at 152 Drove Road, Swindon, SN1 3AG are vested in The South Western Synod Trust as trustees and held for the benefit of Immanuel URC Swindon in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties.

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The Elders' Meeting met ten times during the year. The Eldership is assisted in the administration of the Church and its property by committees established for World Concerns, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, and Worship and Outreach. There were seven Church Meetings during 2022.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building, and described more specifically in its mission statement as "Sharing the Love of Jesus, Serving the Community".

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During this first calendar year without Covid 19 restrictions attendance at morning worship has gradually increased, although in common with other churches this remains lower than pre-pandemic levels. Our worship now benefits once more from choir singing each week, and many members now take advantage of the provision of tea and coffee on some Sundays to continue sharing fellowship after worship.

We have continued our close connection with the other churches in the Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches, and at the time of this report the three principal offices of the Partnership – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer - are all held by members of the Immanuel fellowship. The continuance and expansion of Partnership activities form a major part of the Eldership's proactive thinking.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General summary: Voluntary income generally and congregational offerings in particular have increased slightly over 2021 levels. At the same time income from room bookings has tripled in the past year, and as a result now exceeds pre-Covid

levels. Some routine maintenance work which had been postponed during the Covid period was completed during 2022, but there was again no major maintenance expenditure and no associated grants.

In common with most organisations Immanuel suffered a very sizeable rise in fuel costs in 2022, but there are no other significant changes in Receipts and Payments from the previous year to report. The overall general fund outcome for 2022 was a surplus of £7,452.

No significant changes are anticipated for 2023, apart from the likely continued increase in fuel expenditure, and the financial prospects for the year are reasonably good.

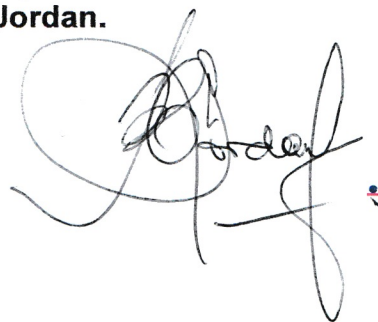
Unrestricted funds: Ideally, the Elders' Meeting would wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least six months' regular expenditure as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense.

The General Fund is used for the normal running costs of the church, excluding exceptional items such as significant building maintenance projects which are funded from the Memorial Fund which is also an unrestricted fund.

The General Fund balance at 31st December 2022 represents eight months of the budgeted 2023 expenditure, although additional funds are available in the Memorial Fund, subject to Church Meeting approval, to meet any major unexpected costs.

Designated Funds: There are a total of 5 restricted or endowment funds jointly totalling £4,138 at the year end available for various defined purposes.

This report was approved by the Elders' Meeting on 2nd March 2023 and is signed on its behalf by the minister Rev Robert Jordan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev Robert Jordan', with a small red mark at the end of the signature.



Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon Charity

REGISTERED NO: 1130794

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2021 £
Receipts					
Voluntary income					-
Offerings	45,226		-	45,226	44,323
Harvest appeal		2,890	-	2,890	3,217
Gifts and donations	1,138	4,124	-	5,262	5,050
Income tax refunds under Gift Aid	11,111	1,876	-	12,987	11,504
Legacy	10,000		-	10,000	-
Church flowers	835		-	835	565
Other special appeals		916	-	916	-
				-	
Other income					
Church lettings	33,225		-	33,225	9,618
Income generated by Church groups	5,789		-	5,789	770
Recovery of shared prior year costs	1,347		-	1,347	1,890
Other fundraising	249		-	249	263
Interest	43		-	43	6
Others	266			266	175
Total receipts	109,229	9,806	-	119,035	77,381
Payments					
Ministry & mission fund	43,736		-	43,736	47,028
Maintenance of manse	509		-	509	3,447
Ministerial costs	4,288		-	4,288	1,765
Church running costs	23,970		-	23,970	14,253
Maintenance of church buildings	8,318	5,000		13,318	4,612
Worship costs	6,276		-	6,276	3,235
Costs of church groups	2,418		-	2,418	1,292
Grants payable and restricted donations passed on	115	5,916	-	6,031	5,717
Other	1,347		-	1,347	1,400
Sub-total	90,977	10,916	-	101,893	82,749
Asset purchase				-	
Total payments	90,977	10,916	-	101,893	82,749
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,252	- 1,110	-	17,142	- 5,368
Transfers between funds				-	
Cash funds last year end	120,250	3,170	2,078	125,498	130,866
Cash funds this year end	138,502	2,060	2,078	142,640	125,498

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Cash	200	-	-	200
Bank and Building Society current and deposit accounts	138,302	2,060	2,078	142,440
Total cash funds	138,502	2,060	2,078	142,640

Other monetary assets	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Highworth United Reformed Church debt	1,199			1,199
Tax reclaim due from HMRC	2,370	360		2,730
Church lettings	60			60

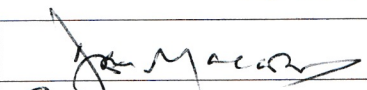

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	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost
Heating boilers. Purchased August 2016	Unrestricted	20,243
Church car. Purchased December 2018 (Immanuel Share)	Unrestricted	6,937
Dishwasher. Purchased June 2008	Unrestricted	2,466
Photocopier. Purchased June 2009	Unrestricted	2,637
Cooker - purchased Sep 2019	Unrestricted	2,982
Church building and Manse - not owned by the charity		-

Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
Gas + electric charges for 2022	Unrestricted	3,755
Big Breakfast - Christmas donation	Unrestricted	1,000
Photocopier charges	Unrestricted	16
Tools for Self Reliance - harvest appeal	Restricted	250
Christmas plates to to Christian Aid	Restricted	102

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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DONALD EDWIN MCARTHUR	2nd March 2023
	ANNE KATHRYN FARROW	2 nd March 2023

Notes to the receipts and payments accounts

Ministerial costs

Highworth United Reformed Church contributes 25% of shared Ministerial Costs. The costs are shown gross and the recovery is shown in Other income in the following year.

Asset and investment sales and purchases

There were no investment sales or purchases during the year (in 2021 investment sales and purchases were nil)
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The charity holds no investment assets

Transactions with related parties

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Cash Funds at 31 December 2022

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
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Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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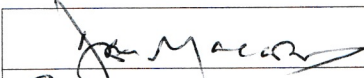

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The Elders' Meeting met twelve times during the year. The meetings from January to July were via Zoom, with face to face meetings resuming as from September. The Eldership is assisted in the administration of the Church and its property by committees established for World Concerns, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, and Worship and Outreach.

As a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic there were only three Church Meetings during 2021. The November meeting approved the transfers of funds from the Memorial Fund which had been authorised by Elders during the period when Church Meetings were unable to be held.

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

As a result of the COVID19 Pandemic and in accordance with Government Regulations and the URC National/Synod recommendations Immanuel's building remained closed for all activities until 16th May 2021. (The only exception was the continuation of NHS Blood Donor Sessions which continued throughout the year as agreed by URC SW Synod and under Covid 19 conditions.)

It was agreed that the Full Covid19 risk assessment carried out on 17th June 2020 remained valid in respect of the reopening of the building on 16th May 2021.

Throughout the closure we found that a stronger pastoral connection had subsisted between members of the congregation via telephone/online conversations and sharing. Our online activities increased with Zoom Elders Meetings/Coffee mornings/discussions/expanded use of our website. Our Minister produced weekly reflections, and a weekly news sheet continued to involve church members and friends.

We have continued our connection with other churches in the Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches. The continuance and expansion of these activities forms a major part of the Eldership's proactive thinking.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General summary: Naturally the Covid19 pandemic and the need to close the Church buildings had an effect on finances of Immanuel, most noticeably in the Income from room bookings which was £22,552 lower than in the last pre-pandemic year 2019. Congregational offerings were also down on the 2019 totals but only by 9% thanks to the continued generosity of members and associates through the period that services were not held. Unlike 2019 there was again no major maintenance expenditure and no associated grants.

There are no other significant changes in Receipts and Payments from the previous year to report. The overall general fund outcome for 2021 was a deficit of £3,821 although Legacies and other items have contributed to compensating increases to other funds.

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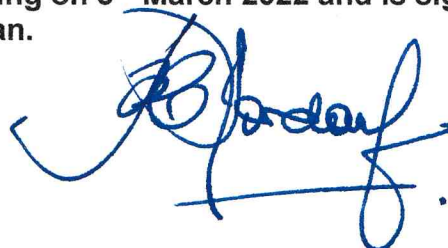
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The General Fund is used for the normal running costs of the church, excluding exceptional items such as significant building maintenance projects which are funded from the Memorial fund which is also an unrestricted fund.

The General Fund balance at 31st December 2021 represents seven months of budgeted expenditure for 2022, although additional funds in the Memorial Fund are available, subject to Church Meeting approval, to meet any major unexpected costs.

Designated Funds: There are a total of 5 restricted or endowment funds jointly totalling £5,248 at the year end available for various defined purposes.

This report was approved by the Elders' Meeting on 3rd March 2022 and is signed on its behalf by the minister Rev Robert Jordan.





Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon Charity

REGISTERED NO: 1130794

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2020 £
Receipts					
Voluntary income					-
Offerings	44,323		-	44,323	45,334
Harvest appeal		3,217	-	3,217	1,912
Gifts and donations	5,050		-	5,050	1,998
Income tax refunds under Gift Aid	11,150	354	-	11,504	13,878
Legacy				-	9,000
Church flowers	565		-	565	482
Other special appeals			-	-	1,717
Other income					
Church lettings	9,618		-	9,618	10,059
Income generated by Church groups	770		-	770	6,526
Recovery of shared prior year costs	1,890		-	1,890	2,826
Other	263		-	263	730
Interest	6		-	6	25
Synod Grant	175		-	175	773
Total receipts	73,810	3,571	-	77,381	95,260
Payments					
Ministry & mission fund	47,028		-	47,028	47,664
Maintenance of manse	3,447		-	3,447	8,483
Ministerial costs	1,765		-	1,765	1,897
Church running costs	14,253		-	14,253	18,061
Maintenance of church buildings	4,612		-	4,612	7,281
Worship costs	3,235		-	3,235	4,285
Costs of church groups	1,292		-	1,292	2,302
Grants payable and restricted donations passed on	1,000	4,717	-	5,717	3,685
Other	1,400		-	1,400	1,567
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Total payments	78,032	4,717	-	82,749	95,225
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,222	- 1,146		- 5,368	35
Transfers between funds	-				-
Cash funds last year end	124,472	4,316	2,078	130,866	130,831
Cash funds this year end	120,250	3,170	2,078	125,498	130,866

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Cash	221	-	-	221
Bank and Building Society current and deposit accounts	120,029	3,170	2,078	125,277
Total cash funds	120,250	3,170	2,078	125,498

Other monetary assets	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Highworth United Reformed Church debt	1,347	-	-	1,347
Tax reclaim due from HMRC	2,555	499	-	3,054

Assets retained for the charity's own use (where the cost net of grants is greater than £2,000)	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost
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Church building and Manse – not owned by the charity		-

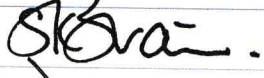
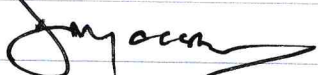
Liabilities	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
Gas charges for 2021	Unrestricted	2,800

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

STEPHEN BRAIN
DON MACARTHUR

3 March 2022.
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Notes to the receipts and payments accounts

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Cash Funds at 31 December 2021

£

Unrestricted funds

General fund	58,735
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Restricted funds

Tanner - Immanuel	773
Tanner - Ecumenical	490
World concerns emergency	1,463
Ministerial training	444
CWM	-
Special appeals	-
Restricted funds	3,170

Endowment funds

Deep Cap	2,078
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Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon Charity

REGISTERED NO: 1130794

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

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Voluntary income					-
Offerings	44,323		-	44,323	45,334
Harvest appeal		3,217	-	3,217	1,912
Gifts and donations	5,050		-	5,050	1,998
Income tax refunds under Gift Aid	11,150	354	-	11,504	13,878
Legacy				-	9,000
Church flowers	565		-	565	482
Other special appeals			-	-	1,717
Other income					
Church lettings	9,618		-	9,618	10,059
Income generated by Church groups	770		-	770	6,526
Recovery of shared prior year costs	1,890		-	1,890	2,826
Other	263		-	263	730
Interest	6		-	6	25
Synod Grant	175		-	175	773
Total receipts	73,810	3,571	-	77,381	95,260
Payments					
Ministry & mission fund	47,028		-	47,028	47,664
Maintenance of manse	3,447		-	3,447	8,483
Ministerial costs	1,765		-	1,765	1,897
Church running costs	14,253		-	14,253	18,061
Maintenance of church buildings	4,612		-	4,612	7,281
Worship costs	3,235		-	3,235	4,285
Costs of church groups	1,292		-	1,292	2,302
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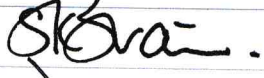
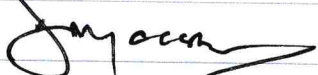
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IMMANUEL WITH HIGHWORTH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1130794

Accounts

**IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SWINDON CHARITY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon Charity is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain, and is a member church of the South West Synod of the Church. It was registered on 28th July 2009 as Charity Number 1130794.

Immanuel Church is situated in Upham Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN3 1DH, and its email address is immchurchsec@gmail.com. The Church is normally open for worship on Sundays at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm, and for other activities at various times during the week.

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees. Those who serving from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are: Edward Gunther Thomas, David Leadbeater, Stephen Kenneth Brain, Rev Roy Lowes, Dr Donald Edwin Macarthur , Glenys Marjorie Walker, Derek John Walker , Frances Strange, Maria Kawonga, Michael John Denton, Patricia Mary Hayes, Thomas Peter Hartshorn,. The minister throughout the year was Rev Robert Hugh Jordan.

The Church building and the manse at 152 Drove Road, Swindon, SN1 3AG are vested in The South Western Synod Trust as trustees and held for the benefit of Immanuel URC Swindon in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The activities of Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon are overseen by the Elders' Meeting of the Church in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, and supplemented by the rules of Immanuel Church Swindon. The governing document of the registered charity is a statement adopted by the Church Meeting on 9th March 2014.

The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises and the manse. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church. The members of the Elders Meeting are the minister in pastoral charge (if any) and up to sixteen members of Immanuel Church Swindon nominated and elected by the members of Immanuel Church Swindon in Church Meeting. Elders serve for three years, retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. There is a limit of two (or three in certain circumstances in the case of the Church Secretary) on the number of consecutive periods of service. The members of the Elders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as Elders.

The Elders' Meeting met 8 times during the year. The meetings in February and March being face to face however as from April 2020 the Elders met on ZOOM platform. The Eldership is assisted in the administration of the Church and its property by committees

established for World Concerns, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, and Worship and Outreach.

As a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic there was on only one Church Meeting during 2020. In these exceptional circumstances the Elders approved a transfer of funds from the Memorial Fund which will be presented at the next Church Meeting

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building, and described more specifically in its mission statement as "Sharing the Love of Jesus, Serving the Community".

The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church.

The Elders' Meeting believes that the Church provides benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

As a result of the COVID19 Pandemic and in accordance with Government Regulation and the URC National/Synod recommendations Immanuel closed its buildings for all activities on March 17th 2020. (The only exception was the continuation of NHS Blood Donor Sessions which have continued throughout the year as agreed by URC SW Synod and under Covid 19 conditions.)

A Full Covid19 risk assessment, using URC National Format, was carried out on 17th June 2020 with the view to re-opening the sanctuary for Worship.

Public Worship under full Covid19 arrangements was recommenced on 9th August 2020 and continued until January 2021 when the Elders decided to close the Church in view of the ongoing risks.

However throughout the closure we have found there has transpired a stronger Pastoral connection between members of the congregation via telephone/online conversations and sharing. Our online activities have increased with Zoom Elders Meetings/Coffee mornings/discussions/expanded use of our website. Our Minister has produced weekly reflections and a weekly news sheet has continued to involve church members and friends.

One area of change in 2020 was that our Harvest Appeal which normally involved a Specific Project was focussed on International Disasters Funds.

We have continued our maintenance of connection with other churches in the Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches. The continuance and expansion of these activities forms a major part of the Eldership's proactive thinking.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General summary: Naturally the Covid19 pandemic and the need to close the Church buildings has had an effect on finances of Immanuel, most noticeably in the Income from room bookings which was £22,119 lower than in 2019. Congregational Offerings were also down but only by £4,721 or 9% thanks to the continued generosity of members and associates through the period that services have not been held. Unlike 2019 there was no major maintenance expenditure and no associated grants.

There are no other significant changes in Receipts and Payments from the previous year to report. The overall general fund outcome for 2020 was a deficit of £5,288 although Legacies and other items have contributed to compensating increases to other funds.

Apart from the continual social distancing impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on our Finances, which is currently uncertain, no other significant changes are anticipated for 2021, and the financial prospects for the year are reasonably good.

Unrestricted funds: Ideally, the Elders' Meeting would wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least six months' regular expenditure as "free" reserves, to meet future short-falls in income or unexpected expense.

The General Fund is used for the normal running costs of the church, excluding exceptional items such as significant building maintenance projects which are funded from the Memorial fund which is also an unrestricted fund.

The General Fund balance at 31st December 2020 represents eight months of budgeted expenditure for 2021, although the church has additional funds in the Memorial Fund are available, subject to Church Meeting approval, to meet any major unexpected costs.

Designated Funds: There are a total of 5 restricted or endowment funds jointly totalling £6,394 at the year end available for various defined purposes.

This report was approved by the Elders' Meeting on 4th March 2021 and is signed on its behalf by David Leadbeater Church Secretary



Immanuel United Reformed Church Swindon

REGISTERED NO: 1130794

Receipts and payments accounts


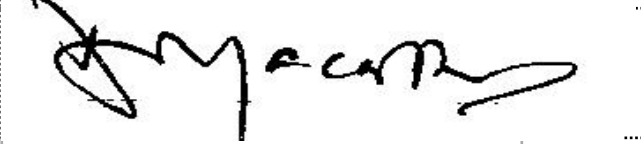
For the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary income					-
Offerings	45,334		-	45,334	50,055
Harvest appeal		1,912	-	1,912	4,025
Gifts and donations	1,998		-	1,998	6,412
Income tax refunds under Gift Aid	12,282	1,596	-	13,878	13,862
Legacy	9,000		-	9,000	11,000
Church flowers	482		-	482	1,610
Other special appeals		1,717	-	1,717	217
Other income					
Church lettings	10,059		-	10,059	32,170
Income generated by Church groups	6,526		-	6,526	10,601
Recovery of shared prior year costs	2,826		-	2,826	4,286
Other	730		-	730	1,304
Interest	25		-	25	32
Synod Grant	773			773	12,375
Total receipts	90,035	5,225	-	95,260	147,949
Payments					
Ministry & mission fund	47,664		-	47,664	50,316
Maintenance of manse	8,483			8,483	7,414
Ministerial costs	1,897		-	1,897	2,034
Church running costs	18,061		-	18,061	20,915
Maintenance of church buildings	7,281			7,281	57,428
Worship costs	4,285		-	4,285	6,606
Costs of church groups	2,302		-	2,302	4,742
Grants payable and restricted donations passed on	250	3,435	-	3,685	7,831
Other	1,567		-	1,567	1,982
Sub-total	91,790	3,435	- 0	95,225	159,268
Asset purchase					
Cooker	- 0			-	2,982
Total payments	91,790	3,435	- 0	95,225	162,250
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,755	1,790		35	14,301
Transfers between funds	- 0			-	-
Cash funds last year end	126,227	2,526	2,078	130,831	145,132
Cash funds this year end	124,472	4,316	2,078	130,866	130,831

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				

Cash	383	-	-	383
Bank and Building Society current and deposit accounts	124,089	4,316	2,078	130,483
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(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK
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	Photocopier charges		Unrestricted	25
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Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
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Investment assets				
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Transactions with trustees							
No trustees received payment during 2020 (no trustees received payment during 2019).							
Transactions with related parties							
There were no transactions with related parties in 2020; Mrs Gleed was a trustee until April 2019							
Name of the related party:	Rev. G Gleed						
Relationship to charity:	Husband of trustee Mrs E Gleed						
Description of the transaction:	No transactions with related parties in 2020 (organist's honorarium £2,640 in 2019)						
Cash Funds at 31 December 2020							
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