

ST GEORGE'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St George's United Reformed Church Charity is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain, and is a member church of Thames North Synod of the Church. It was registered on 16th September 2009 as Charity Number 1131706. The members of the Elders and Minister are recognised as the charity trustees.

Trustees

Paul Stein (Minister)
Caryl Horscroft
Bryan Cox
Julia Brown
Tracy Malan
Sarah Adamson
Jeremy O'Mara
Margaret O'Mara

The Church building and the manse at 106 Long Chaulden, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2HX are vested in Synod Trust as trustees and held for the benefit of St George's URC in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The activities of St George's United Reformed Church 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 St George's Church. The governing document of the registered charity is a statement adopted by the Church Meeting on 13th July 2009. 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 and up to twelve members of St George's Church nominated and elected by the members of St George's Church in Church Meeting. Elders serve for three years. They may or choose to continue on a yearly basis or retire and are eligible for re-election in the future. The members of the Elders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as elders.

Since November 2022 we have become a Joint URC pastorate with Adeyfield Free Church Maylands Plaza, Maylands Ave, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4GZ.

The Elders' Meetings 9-10 times during the year. The Church Meetings met three times. Joint Elders meetings quarterly.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, St George's 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 'Making mature and active disciples of Jesus Christ who worship God and show God's love inside and outside the church.'

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

Worship Services are held weekly with an average attendance of 25-40. Joint services at either St George's or Adeyfield free Church average attendance of 50-70

We share worship with Adeyfield free Church and run joint services at both churches at least four times a year.

Toddler Group – Run weekly with average attendance of 40 parents & toddlers

Wednesday Welcome – The group meet weekly and enjoy a range of talks and outings – average attendance 35

Knit N Natter – The group meet weekly. Average attendance 12 also enjoy outings.

Homegroups, Bible Studies and prayer meetings run during the week in members' homes or on Zoom

We work with local schools in in-school assemblies and supporting the teaching staff by running RE lessons and visits to the Church. We also facilitate special event assemblies in Church

We work with other churches for town wide events and we invite people from our community into church activities and one-off events such as Friendship teas, Christmas

socials, games evenings and Church fayres. We also share in joint social events with Adeyfield Free Church.

We support local, national and international charities with time, money and prayer

We engage in worldwide mission through financial support and with people occasionally going abroad to support practically.

We hire out our halls during the week to NHS Mother and baby clinics, karate club, Rehab exercise class, Stroke association, Dementia singing group and WI.

We periodically hold activity clubs during the school holidays for children and young people.

We run Alpha courses and other one-off teaching events periodically.

We have an active membership, and almost everyone is involved in the work of the church in some way.

We have a Building Management Group who oversee the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2024 Total £	Last Year 2023 Total £
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Income		33,993		8,546	42,540.00	38,868
Investment Income						
Activities or Fund Raising				199	199.00	660
Income from Charitable activity				1,170	1,170.00	177
Events				3,591	3,591.00	4,013
Manse Rental				18,000	18,000	14,400
Cash in hand						
Hall Hire				13,386	13,386	14,863
Total receipts		33,993.00		44,892.00	78,885.00	72,981
PAYMENTS						
URC Payments		21,925			21,925.00	4,901
Worship		1,605			1,605.00	80
Outreach		176		4,142	4,319.00	3,661
Fellowship		245		6,979	7,325.00	7,182
Discipleship						
Fund Raising costs						
Ministerial Costs		2,419		50	2,468.00	6,293
Property		4,191		15,561	19,753.00	22,405
Donations		4,167			4,167.00	5,752
Events		127		847	974.00	313
Governance		120			120.00	110
Church Worker						
Total payments		35,076		27,580.00	62,657.00	50,697
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		-793		17,312.00	16,228.00	22,284
TRANSFERS between funds		40,841.00		-1,084.00		0
CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		40,048.00		84,560.00		102,324
CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December		40,048.00		100,788.00	140,836.00	124,608

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Monetary assets

General account		40,048.00		19,110.00	59,158.00	60,382
Property Account				72,286.00	72,286.00	54,350
Youth Work						
Pastoral account				4,244.00	4,244.00	4,134
Wednesday Welcome				2,655.00	2,655.00	3,061
Pilots Account				370.00	370.00	385
Toddlers Account				787.00	787.00	960
Church Worker						
Manse Rental						
Events Account				1,336.00	1,336.00	1,336
Total monetary assets		40,048.00		100,788.00	140,836.00	124,608

Other assets

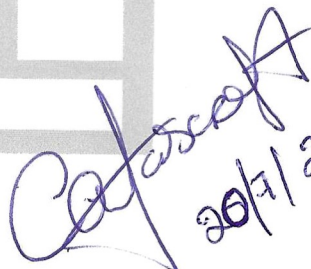
Gift Aid Recoverable		6,700				
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Assets used for church purposes

Buildings	D	Church buildings £3m and manse £1ml				
Church contents	D	church furnishings and equipment £116,000 and manse £10,000				

Liabilities

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APPROVED by the Trustees on
by (name)and signed on its behalf
(signature)


20/7/25

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on page 1 for the year ended 31 December 2023 from the accounting records of the church.

M Beadley

(name)



(signature)

(date) 15/12/25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

Signed by the Independent Examiner:

date: 4th March
2025Name
AddressIAN WOLSTENCROFT
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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS HP2 5UH

To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner:

date:

Name and address of the Independent Examiner: