

# ADEYFIELD FREE CHURCH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1131868

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-09-28
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.

**Activities:** RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES WITH ALL AGESUPPORT OF THE ELDERLY IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITYSUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN MISSION WORKERS

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£137,759	£164,117	-	-
2024-03-31	£213,436	£183,596	-	-
2023-03-31	£111,933	£110,093	-	-
2022-03-31	£141,318	£107,188	-	-
2021-03-31	£107,724	£108,452	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Taylor		2026-05-13
PAUL WILLIAM BRADFORD		2026-05-13
Rev Paul Karel Stein		2022-11-12
Tahir Habibah Butwike		2026-05-13
Yvonne Jacqueline Davis		2024-04-26

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# Accounts

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**ADEYFIELD FREE CHURCH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2025**

# Adeyfield Free Church URC

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# Adeyfield Free Church URC

## Directors and Officers

<b>Charity Number</b>	1131868
<b>The board of Trustees</b>	Reverend P Stein H Lewis S Ford P Stuart P Annison D Kerry S Grimsdale Y Davis
<b>Church secretary</b>	H Lewis
<b>Registered office</b>	Adeyfield Free Church Centre Maylands Avenue Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire HP2 4GZ
<b>Accountants</b>	Gilberts Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors Pendragon House 65 London Road St Albans Hertfordshire AL1 1LJ

# **Adeyfield Free Church URC**

## **Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

### **Administrative Information**

Adeyfield Free Church (Registered Charity No. 1131868) is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain (URC), and is a member church of Thames North Synod of the URC. It operates in conformity with their Scheme of Union and Governing Document as well as a local constitution (recently undated). At local level activities are under the direction of church meeting consisting of 45 members who have affirmed their Christian faith and support the objectives of the church.

Adeyfield Free Church continue to feel the impact of the substantial increase in utility costs and the effects of the current Cost of Living on the whole country.

The Church Office telephone number is 01442 260175.

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees. Those who served this year are as follows:

Minister: Rev Paul Stein (50 % scoping with St George's URC, Hemel Hempstead)  
Church Secretary: Heather Lewis  
Elder: Shirley Ford —Treasurer  
Elder: Penny Stuart  
Elder: Pamela Annison  
Elder: Dave Kerry  
Elder: Yvonne Davis  
Elder: Sue Grimsdale

### **Structure and Governance**

Church Meetings are held bi-monthly in addition to an Annual General Meeting. During this year the Trustees (Elders) have held meetings approximately once a month, with additional meetings to update our constitution and to discuss the future of the church and fundraising. These meetings take the format of time for prayer and then the business needed to progress the many tasks required to administer our building alongside any other activities and church related matters.

The Elders are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (contained in Charity Commission publication "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit") and has regard to it in the administration of the Church. The Elders believe 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.

Rev Paul Stein has been our pastor since November 2022. AFC share Paul with our sister church St George's URC.

Public worship is held in person each Sunday in the worship hall and small groups have continued to meet either in individuals houses or using one of the church meeting rooms. The church has seen activities for young people, children and outreach to the community continue to evolve this year and it has been a joy to see more young people once again frequenting the building.

# **Adeyfield Free Church URC**

## **Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

### **Review of Activities**

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Adeyfield Free Church 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 "Love Jesus, Love each other and Love our community".

Members of the church and adherents meet on Sunday mornings for worship, including communion on the second Sunday of the month. Young people's groups meet during the service times. Once a month we hold an all age service, often celebrating occasions like Mother's day, Harvest Sunday, a Nativity and Christingle. Various mid-week small groups, meeting either weekly or fortnightly, encourage people to spend time in a social setting where the Bible is studied and needs are prayed for.

In March 2024 we opened "Meet & Eat" in our Community Space adjacent to the reception area. Originally we only open to the community on two days per week as a community cafe offering refreshments, a warm space, toddler play area, toy library and space for crafts and activities. We have now extended the use of this area to include Saturday mornings, private functions, community activities and refreshments for groups meeting in the Centre. One day per week our 'Senior Pals' group meets in the space for refreshments and activities.

Fingerprints, our well established Christian pre-school and nursery, continues to work with children and families, increasingly from the new housing local to the church centre. Counselling at AFC continues to serve from the centre, establishing itself in the community as an affordable counselling service, serving businesses and individuals.

We continue to support local charity, Playskill, who have their head office in our building and hold weekly sessions in term time working with children 0 to 5 years with physical disability needs. In September 2024 The Boys Brigade moved their local offices into the AFC Centre and have become part of the community. 5th Hemel Cubs and Beavers continue to meet in the building and the groups are well attended, especially the new Squirrels group which cater for 4-6 year olds. The church was asked to run additional events for Easter and Christmas for cubs and beavers from across Hemel Hempstead, as well as hosting the district Squirrels Christmas party.

The church partners with Expressions Academy, a charity which runs various activities from our building including Art socials, Bible journalling, Fitsteps dance classes and a group for young mothers. They have assisted with planning and leading holiday clubs and activities for young people in partnership with the church.

Little Fish, our 'stay and play' group for toddlers and their carers, continues to flourish supporting families from the local community. Little Fish, with the support of the wider church, has collected items to support a charity in Uganda working with orphans and children in poverty. Community events include celebration meals for Christmas and a summer BBQ, community meals and fundraisers for ourselves and other charities. The AFC Centre also provides spaces for many community activities run by outside groups including U3A, a local dance school and two fitness classes. We hope to expand the provision and host more community based activities. We are a collection centre for Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes in November.

Our pastor and the pastoral team oversee pastoral care and support for members and their families, as well as for individuals and groups in the wider community. Several groups sponsored by the church include many people who are not otherwise connected with the church.

Adeyfield Free Church is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead and links with other churches in supporting initiatives including the World Day of Prayer and Pray Hemel, which meets monthly at different venues. Other community projects include Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS), Foodbank and Liberty Tea Rooms and Community Hub. Support continues for individuals and organizations elsewhere in the UK and abroad with similar mission objectives of promoting the Christian gospel and serving those in need.

### **Redevelopment of Adeyfield Church**

We continue to be grateful to North Thames Synod for their ongoing guidance, help and support both financially and in practical matters.

# Adeyfield Free Church URC

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Elders of Adeyfield United Reformed Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 30 April 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 10.

### Respective responsibilities of Elders and examiner

The church's Elders are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's Elders consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Elders concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no audit 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 statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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St. Albans  
Hertfordshire  
AL1 1LJ

*Richard Hattrell*

Richard Hattrell  
Gilberts  
Chartered Accountant

Dated 30 January 2026

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period ended 31st March 2025**

	Note	2025 Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>Income from :</b>					
Donations from regular offerings	2	35,518	9,790	45,307	58,207
Other donations and grants	3	25,425	17,351	42,776	116,097
Charitable activities	4	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	5	49,656	-	49,656	38,765
Investments	6	20	-	20	367
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>110,619</u>	<u>27,141</u>	<u>137,759</u>	<u>213,436</u>
<b>Expenditure on :</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Support of outside causes	8	5,308	-	5,308	8,936
Ministry and mission	9	38,303	-	38,303	45,025
Activities directly relating to					
MANSE running costs	7	559	-	559	2,475
the work of the Church	10	7,405	4,165	11,570	6,021
Church Running costs	11	96,568	11,809	108,377	121,140
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>148,143</u>	<u>15,974</u>	<u>164,117</u>	<u>183,596</u>
<b>Net Income for the Period</b>		(37,525)	11,167	(26,358)	29,840
<b>Gains and Losses on Investments</b>					
Unrealised gains / (losses)		-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		(37,525)	11,167	(26,358)	29,840
Fund transfers	15	-	-	-	2,134
<b>Balance brought forward at 1st April</b>	13	<u>106,250</u>	<u>32,652</u>	<u>138,903</u>	<u>106,929</u>
<b>Balance carried forward at 31st March</b>	13	<u><u>68,725</u></u>	<u><u>43,819</u></u>	<u><u>112,544</u></u>	<u><u>138,903</u></u>

All recognised gains and losses for the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31st March 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks			
Debtors	14	13,538	2,950
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>112,544</u>	<u>138,903</u>
		126,081	141,852
<b>Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
	15	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>126,081</u>	<u>141,852</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>126,081</u></u>	<u><u>141,852</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
	16		
Unrestricted		25,834	60,970
Restricted		<u>100,247</u>	<u>32,776</u>
		<u><u>126,081</u></u>	<u><u>93,746</u></u>

Approved by the Elders on 30 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

P Stein - Elder *Paul Stein*

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

# **Adeyfield Free Church URC**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **For the period ended 31st March 2025**

#### **1 Accounting Policies**

##### **a) Basis of Preparation**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Charities SORP applicable to Smaller Charities. They are prepared under historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

##### **b) Income**

###### *Voluntary income*

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the church.
- Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.
- Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the church are accounted for only when received.
- Funds raised by the church are accounted for gross.

###### *Other income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

###### *Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

###### *Gains and losses on investments*

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

##### **c) Expenditure**

###### *Allocation of expenditure*

Expenditure is charged directly to the appropriate category where possible. Certain items of office overhead costs which cannot be allocated directly are apportioned between the categories on a basis reflecting the estimated split of resources used.

##### **d) Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the church elders in the furtherance of its general objectives.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restriction imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal.

##### **f) Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at the balance sheet date, and are kept up to date such that when investments are sold there is no gain or loss arising. As a result the Statement of Financial Activities only includes unrealised gains and losses arising from the revaluation of the investment portfolio throughout the year.

##### **g) Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the church at the balance sheet date in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Cash at bank includes short term deposits held either with the Lloyds and Santander.

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**For the period ended 31st March 2025**

<b>2 Donations from regular offerings</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted &amp; Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
Planned giving:				
Offerings and gift aid donations	39,158	4,514	43,672	43,912
Income tax recoverable on gift aid	(3,640)	5,276	1,636	14,295
	<u>35,518</u>	<u>9,790</u>	<u>45,307</u>	<u>58,207</u>
<b>3 Other donations and grants</b>				
Donations and grants received	12,594	17,351	29,945	31,611
Monies raised for named causes	12,831	-	12,831	18,470
Synod Support	-	-	-	65,000
Refund Salaries	-	-	-	1,016
	<u>25,425</u>	<u>17,351</u>	<u>42,776</u>	<u>116,097</u>
<b>4 Charitable activities</b>				
Trading Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>5 Other trading activities</b>				
Church lettings	49,656	-	49,656	38,765
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>49,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,656</u>	<u>38,765</u>
<b>6 Income from Investments</b>				
Interest and dividends	20	-	20	367
	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>367</u>
<b>7 MANSE running costs</b>			<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
Council Tax, Water rates, Gas and Electricity	559	-	559	2,475
Manse maintenance & Expenses	-	-	-	-
Manse insurance	-	-	-	-
	<u>559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>2,475</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**  
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	<b>2025 Unrestricted &amp; Designated Funds</b>	<b>2025 Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2025 Total Funds</b>	<b>2024 Total Funds</b>
<b>8 Support of outside causes</b>				
DENS	-	-	-	220
Discovery	1,075	-	1,075	1,075
Expressions	-	-	-	122
Christians Against Poverty	225	-	225	1,800
Youth Across Hemel	-	-	-	700
Evangelical Alliance	90	-	90	80
Hardship	-	-	-	-
Good News for All	-	-	-	150
Tearfund	-	-	-	200
Through the Roof	-	-	-	150
Coffeemates	-	-	-	150
Churches Together	40	-	40	40
Samaritan's Purse	-	-	-	179
Community Action	577	-	577	-
Daniel Gitau	864	-	864	800
Joel & Claire Harri	1,275	-	1,275	1,650
Paul & Rose Harvey	1,163	-	1,163	1,525
Community Hire Donation Refund	-	-	-	95
Named Causes	<u>5,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,308</u>	<u>8,936</u>
	<u>5,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,308</u>	<u>8,936</u>
<b>9 Ministry and mission costs</b>				
Ministry & Mission Fund	36,315	-	36,315	40,084
Ministry expenses	<u>1,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,988</u>	<u>4,940</u>
	<u>38,303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,303</u>	<u>45,025</u>
<b>10 Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>				
Youth & Children's activities	40	-	40	470
Worship and Teaching	746	4,165	4,911	602
Social Ministry & Church Events	663	-	663	1,964
Beavers and Cubs	<u>5,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,956</u>	<u>2,985</u>
	<u>7,405</u>	<u>4,165</u>	<u>11,570</u>	<u>6,021</u>

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**For the period ended 31st March 2025**

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	& Designated			
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<b>11 Church Running costs</b>				
Service Charge	5,255	-	5,255	6,573
Health and Safety	2,116	-	2,116	1,109
General Maintenance + Contracts	13,926	4,930	18,856	6,100
Cleaning	-	-	-	-
Gas/Electricity	28,868	-	28,868	32,208
Insurance	3,371	-	3,371	3,177
Water	1,241	-	1,241	881
Church/Cafe Business Rates	(989)	-	(989)	2,303
Telephone	1,175	-	1,175	1,473
Cleaning Supplies	700	-	700	638
Stationery and photocopying	293	-	293	2,278
Other admin expenses	1,004	-	1,004	491
Website and Social Media	540	-	540	405
Licences and music	711	-	711	723
Payroll / Pension Fees / PAYE Tax	1,894	-	1,894	1,914
Ch Improvements/Café	4,098	6,879	10,976	33,701
Admin/CIn/Ctr Mgr Pay	32,364	-	32,364	27,166
	<u>96,568</u>	<u>11,809</u>	<u>108,377</u>	<u>121,140</u>

**12 Tangible Fixed Assets for Church Use**

The manse at 78 Poynders Hill was sold by the trust in August 2022. The proceeds of this sale are lodged with URC Thames North Synod Trust. The church building at Maylands Avenue was handed over to the church on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The building is vested in URC Thames North Synod Trust as trustees and is not a church asset. The building is held on a 999 year lease from Hightown Housing Association. The Shell and Core of the building is insured by the landlord. Tenant's Improvements to the building is valued for insurance purposes at £5,510,452 and is insured by the church. The church contents are insured, by the church, for £145,290.

**13 MONETARY ASSETS**

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Alliance & Leicester	53,197	83,646
Lloyds TSB Current #1	54,347	55,257
Deposit Account	5,000	-
	<u>112,544</u>	<u>138,903</u>

**14 Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	-	-
Gift Aid recoverable	13,538	2,950
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
	<u>13,538</u>	<u>2,950</u>

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
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<b>15 Statement of Funds</b>	<b>1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Fund trfs</b>	<b>Inv. gains</b>	<b>31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General fund	53,874	107,559	(141,587)	-	-	19,846
Designated funds						
AFCC Inc	-	-	-	-	-	-
Names Causes	7,096	7,882	(8,990)	-	-	5,988
Youth Fund	48,106	-	-	(48,106)	-	-
	<u>60,970</u>	<u>115,441</u>	<u>(150,577)</u>	<u>(48,106)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,834</u>
Total unrestricted funds						
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Grants	-	17,100	-	-	-	17,100
Youth Fund	-	-	-	48,106	-	48,106
Building Fund	32,776	14,819	(12,554)	-	-	35,041
	<u>32,776</u>	<u>31,919</u>	<u>(12,554)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,247</u>
Total restricted funds						
	<u>141,852</u>	<u>147,360</u>	<u>(163,131)</u>	<u>(48,106)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,081</u>

**Designated Funds**

Designated Funds represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes; they can be transferred back into general funds at the church's decision.

The balance brought forward on the Youth Fund, previously classified as a designated fund, has been reclassified as a restricted fund following a review by the trustees which confirmed that the fund is subject to external restrictions.

**Restricted Funds**

The restricted funds all derive from bequests to the church, which had restrictions to be applied to the uses of the funds. These are as follows:-

- Grants - to be used for the activities as specified by the donors.
- Youth fund - to be used for the activities as specified by the donors.
- Building fund - to be used for the maintenance of the church building.

The restricted funds are wholly represented by cash and other net current assets.

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# Accounts

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## Directors and Officers

<b>Charity Number</b>	1131868
<b>The board of Trustees</b>	Reverend P Stein H Lewis S Ford P Stuart P Annison D Kerry B Jackson      Resigned 2023 S Grimsdale Y Davis      Appointed April 2024
<b>Church secretary</b>	H Lewis
<b>Registered office</b>	Adeyfield Free Church Centre Maylands Avenue Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire HP2 4GZ
<b>Accountants</b>	Gilberts Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors Pendragon House 65 London Road St Albans Hertfordshire AL1 1LJ

# Adeyfield Free Church URC

## Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

### Administrative Information

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Elder: Pamela Annison

Elder: Dave Kerry

Elder: Brian Jackson

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### Structure and Governance

Church Meetings are held bi-monthly in addition to an Annual General Meeting. During this year the Trustees (Elders) have held meetings approximately once a month, with additional meetings to update our constitution and to discuss the future of the church and fundraising. These meetings take the format of time for prayer and then the business needed to progress the many tasks required to administer our building alongside any other activities and church related matters.

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# **Adeyfield Free Church URC**

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### **Review of Activities**

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Adeyfield Free Church 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 'Love Jesus, Love each other and Love our community'.

Members of the church and adherents meet on Sunday mornings for worship, including communion on the second Sunday of the month. Young people's groups meet during the service times. Once a month we hold an all age service often celebrating occasions like Mother's day or Harvest Sunday, Nativity and Christingle. Various mid-week small groups, meeting either weekly or fortnightly, encourage people to spend time in a social setting where the Bible is studied and pastoral needs are prayed for.

In March 2024 we opened our Community Space adjacent to the reception area. This is open to the community on two days per week as a 'Meet & Eat' offering refreshments, a warm space, toddler play area, toy library and space for crafts and activities. One day per week a 'Senior Pals' group meets here for refreshments and activities. We hope to extend the use of this area over the next few years.

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We continue to support local charity, Playskill, who have their head office in our building and hold weekly sessions in term time working with children 0 to 5 years with physical disability needs. Cubs and Beavers continue to meet in the building and the groups are well attended. The church was asked to run additional events for Easter and Christmas for cubs and beavers from across Hemel Hempstead. Additional groups are planned, including Squirrels which cater for 4-6 year olds.

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The carers' and toddlers' 'stay and play' group, Little Fish, continues to flourish and has recently started a waiting list for those wishing to attend. They hope to be able to run an additional session soon. This year we have supported Hightown Housing with an event for our local community. Other community events include celebration meals for Christmas and a summer BBQ. It is hoped to open up for more community based activities. The AFC Centre also provides spaces for many community activities run by outside groups including U3A and fitness classes.

Our pastor and the pastoral team oversee pastoral care and support for members and their families as well as for individuals and groups in the wider community. Several groups sponsored by the church include a majority of people who are not otherwise connected with the church.

Adeyfield Free Church is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead and links with other churches in supporting initiatives including Pray Hemel, which meets monthly at different venues. Other community projects include Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS), Foodbank and Liberty Tea Rooms and Community Hub. Support continues for individuals and organizations elsewhere in the UK and abroad with similar mission objectives of promoting the Christian gospel and serving those in need.

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# **Adeyfield Free Church URC**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Elders of Adeyfield United Reformed Church**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 30 April 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 10.

### **Respective responsibilities of Elders and examiner**

The church's Elders are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's Elders consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Elders concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no audit 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 statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Richard Hattrell  
Gilberts  
Chartered Accountant

Dated 31 January 2025

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period ended 31st March 2024**

	Note	2024 Unrestricted & Designated Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
<b>Income from :</b>					
Donations from regular offerings	2	53,232	4,975	58,207	62,254
Other donations and grants	3	85,055	31,041	116,097	16,942
Charitable activities	4	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	5	38,765	-	38,765	32,737
Investments	6	367	-	367	
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>177,419</u>	<u>36,016</u>	<u>213,436</u>	<u>111,933</u>
<b>Expenditure on :</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Support of outside causes	8	8,936	-	8,936	8,743
Ministry and mission	9	45,025	-	45,025	42,564
Activities directly relating to					
MANSE running costs		2,475	-	2,475	2094
the work of the Church	10	6,021	-	6,021	3,836
Church Running costs	11	88,509	32,631	121,140	77,697
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>150,965</u>	<u>32,631</u>	<u>183,596</u>	<u>134,933</u>
<b>Net Income for the Period</b>		26,454	3,385	29,840	(23,000)
<b>Gains and Losses on Investments</b>					
Unrealised gains / (losses)		-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		26,454	3,385	29,840	(23,000)
Fund transfers		1,015	1,119	2,134	10,316
<b>Balance brought forward at 1st April</b>	13	<u>78,781</u>	<u>28,148</u>	<u>106,929</u>	<u>119,613</u>
<b>Balance carried forward at 31st March</b>	13	<u><u>106,250</u></u>	<u><u>32,652</u></u>	<u><u>138,903</u></u>	<u><u>106,929</u></u>

All recognised gains and losses for the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31st March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks			
Debtors	14	2,950	5,161
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>138,903</u>	<u>106,929</u>
		141,852	112,090
<b>Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
	15	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>141,852</u>	<u>112,090</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>141,852</u></u>	<u><u>112,090</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
	16		
Unrestricted		109,076	82,699
Restricted		<u>32,776</u>	<u>29,391</u>
		<u><u>141,852</u></u>	<u><u>112,090</u></u>

Approved by the Elders on 28 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

P Stein - Elder

P Stuart - Elder

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# Adeyfield Free Church URC

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the period ended 31st March 2024

#### 1 Accounting Policies

##### a) Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Charities SORP applicable to Smaller Charities. They are prepared under historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

##### b) Income

###### *Voluntary income*

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the church.
- Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.
- Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the church are accounted for only when received.
- Funds raised by the church are accounted for gross.

###### *Other income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

###### *Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

###### *Gains and losses on investments*

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at the balance sheet date.

##### c) Expenditure

###### *Allocation of expenditure*

Expenditure is charged directly to the appropriate category where possible. Certain items of office overhead costs which cannot be allocated directly are apportioned between the categories on a basis reflecting the estimated split of resources used.

##### d) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the church elders in the furtherance of its general objectives.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restriction imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal.

##### f) Investments

Investments are valued at market value at the balance sheet date, and are kept up to date such that when investments are sold there is no gain or loss arising. As a result the Statement of Financial Activities only includes unrealised gains and losses arising from the revaluation of the investment portfolio throughout the year.

##### g) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the church at the balance sheet date in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Cash at bank includes short term deposits held either with the Lloyds and Santander.

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**For the period ended 31st March 2024**

<b>2 Donations from regular offerings</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Unrestricted &amp; Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
Planned giving:				
Offerings and gift aid donations	41,932	1,980	43,912	53,468
Income tax recoverable on gift aid	11,300	2,995	14,295	8,786
	<u>53,232</u>	<u>4,975</u>	<u>58,207</u>	<u>62,254</u>
<b>3 Other donations and grants</b>				
Donations and grants received	10,569	21,041	31,611	10,742
Monies raised for named causes	8,470	10,000	18,470	6,186
Synod Support	65,000	-	65,000	-
Refund Salaries	1,016	-	1,016	14
	<u>85,055</u>	<u>31,041</u>	<u>116,097</u>	<u>16,942</u>
<b>4 Charitable activities</b>				
Trading Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>5 Other trading activities</b>				
Church lettings	38,765	-	38,765	32,737
Manse income	-	-	-	-
	<u>38,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,765</u>	<u>32,737</u>
<b>6 Income from Investments</b>				
Interest and dividends	367	-	367	-
	<u>367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>7 MANSE running costs</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
Council Tax, Water rates, Gas and Electricity	2,475	-	2,475	2,094
Manse maintenance & Expenses	-	-	-	-
Manse insurance	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>2,094</u>

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
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	<b>2024 Unrestricted &amp; Designated Funds</b>	<b>2024 Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2024 Total Funds</b>	<b>2023 Total Funds</b>
<b>8 Support of outside causes</b>				
DENS	220	-	220	290
Discovery	1,075	-	1,075	1,138
Expressions	122	-	122	340
Christians Against Poverty	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Youth Across Hemel	700	-	700	-
Evangelical Alliance	80	-	80	80
Hardship	-	-	-	-
Good News for All	150	-	150	80
Tearfund	200	-	200	200
Through the Roof	150	-	150	150
Coffeemates	150	-	150	150
Churches Together	40	-	40	-
Samaritan's Purse	179	-	179	-
Community Action	-	-	-	-
Daniel Gitau	800	-	800	800
Joel & Claire Harri	1,650	-	1,650	1,850
Paul & Rose Harvey	1,525	-	1,525	1,525
Community Hire Donation Refund	95	-	95	340
Named Causes	<u>8,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,936</u>	<u>8,743</u>
	<u>8,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,936</u>	<u>8,743</u>
<b>9 Ministry and mission costs</b>				
Ministry & Mission Fund	40,084	-	40,084	35,350
Ministry expenses	<u>4,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,940</u>	<u>7,213</u>
	<u>45,025</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,025</u>	<u>42,564</u>
<b>10 Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>				
Youth & Children's activities	470	-	470	299
Worship and Teaching	602	-	602	442
Social Ministry & Church Events	1,964	-	1,964	451
Beavers and Cubs	<u>2,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,645</u>
	<u>6,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,021</u>	<u>3,836</u>

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**For the period ended 31st March 2024**

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total
	& Designated			
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<b>11 Church Running costs</b>				
Service Charge	6,573	-	6,573	4,715
Health and Safety	1,109	-	1,109	1,650
General Maintenance + Contracts	5,307	793	6,100	7,844
Cleaning	-	-	-	329
Gas/Electricity	32,208	-	32,208	18,739
Insurance	3,177	-	3,177	2,804
Water	881	-	881	597
Church/Cafe Business Rates	2,303	-	2,303	6,862
Telephone	1,473	-	1,473	1,360
Cleaning Supplies	348	290	638	329
Stationery and photocopying	2,278	-	2,278	554
Other admin expenses	491	-	491	2,618
Website and Social Media	405	-	405	536
Licences and music	723	-	723	628
Payroll / Pension Fees / PAYE Tax	1,914	-	1,914	487
Ch Improvements/Café	2,153	31,548	33,701	7,729
Admin/CIn/Ctr Mgr Pay	27,166	-	27,166	19,915
	<u>88,509</u>	<u>32,631</u>	<u>121,140</u>	<u>77,697</u>

**12 Tangible Fixed Assets for Church Use**

The manse at 78 Poynders Hill was sold by the trust in August 2022. The proceeds of this sale are lodged with URC Thames North Synod Trust. The church building at Maylands Avenue was handed over to the church on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The building is vested in URC Thames North Synod Trust as trustees and is not a church asset. The building is held on a 999 year lease from Hightown Housing Association. The Shell and Core of the building is insured by the landlord. Tenant's Improvements to the building is valued for insurance purposes at £3,908,428 and is insured by the church. The church contents are insured, by the church, for £115,452.

**13 MONETARY ASSETS**

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Alliance & Leicester	83,646	47,601
Lloyds TSB Current #1	55,257	6,583
Deposit Account	-	52,745
	<u>138,903</u>	<u>106,929</u>

**14 Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	-	-
Gift Aid recoverable	2,950	5,161
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
	<u>2,950</u>	<u>5,161</u>

**Adeyfield Free Church URC**  
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**For the period ended 31st March 2024**

15 Statement of Funds	1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund trfs £	Inv. gains £	31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General fund	14,414	157,399	(139,455)	21,516	-	53,874
Designated funds						
AFCC Inc	14,137	7,379	-	(21,516)	-	-
Names Causes	6,042	12,561	(11,507)	-	-	7,096
Youth Fund	48,106	-	-			48,106
	<u>82,699</u>	<u>177,339</u>	<u>(150,962)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,076</u>
Total unrestricted funds						
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Building Fund	29,391	36,016	(32,631)	-	-	32,776
Total restricted funds	<u>29,391</u>	<u>36,016</u>	<u>(32,631)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,776</u>
Total funds	<u><u>112,090</u></u>	<u><u>213,355</u></u>	<u><u>(183,593)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>141,852</u></u>

**Designated Funds**

Designated Funds represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes; they can be transferred back into general funds at the church's decision.

**Restricted Funds**

The restricted funds all derive from bequests to the church, which had restrictions to be applied to the uses of the funds. These are as follows:-

Building fund - to be used for the maintenance of the church building.

The restricted funds are wholly represented by cash and other net current assets.

**ADEYFIELD FREE CHURCH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1131868

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# Accounts

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## **Adeyfield Free Church, Hemel Hempstead, United Reformed Church Charity**

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## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

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Fingerprints, our Christian pre-school, has been open throughout the year and have had a good attendance of children over this time.

It is unfortunate that Messy Church SEN has not started again and this continues to be monitored and if the need arises volunteers will be sought to form the group again.

We have been able to open our building to the charity, Playskill, who meet weekly in term time and work with children 0 to 5 years with physical and mental disability needs. In August 2023 Playskill moved their head office to AFC as well as the charity work with the children on Fridays. It is hoped that Playskill will open another day in the week sometime in the New Year.

Cubs and Beavers continue to meet in the building and the groups are well attended. The leaders are hopeful of opening up a new Beavers group and the Squirrels group which will cater for the 4-6 age range.

The church partners with Expressions Academy, an organisation who runs, among other outreach events, holiday clubs during school holidays. This August Expressions, sponsored by Adeyfield Free Church together with two local Anglian churches, St Barnabas and Holy Trinity, organised a Holiday Club for children 5-11 years which was well attended and enjoyed by all who came. Expressions also ran two further HAPpy Holiday Clubs, a nationwide venture sponsored by the Government.

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Our outreach to the community events, including invites to a Sunday lunch each month have not recommenced but we have been able to welcome people to celebration meals, e.g. Christmas meal and a summer BBQ. It is hoped to open up for more community based activities over the coming months. Our pastor and the pastoral team oversee pastoral care and support for members and their families as well as for individuals and groups in the wider community.

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## **REDEVELOPMENT OF ADEYFIELD FREE CHURCH**

We continue to be grateful to North Thames Synod for their ongoing guidance, help and support both financially and in practical matters.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £53,479  
Total receipts on designated funds were £41,947  
Total receipts on restricted funds were £7,721  
Gift Aid repayments were £8,786  
Total receipts for the year were £111,933

Expenditure from unrestricted funds was £93,195  
Expenditure from designated funds was £9,584  
Expenditure from restricted funds was £7,313  
Total Expenditure was £110,093

### Statement of the reserves policy.

Unrestricted Fund (this is the General Fund): The policy is to retain at least three months' expenditure as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense. As at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 there are not sufficient reserves, mainly due to the increased expenditure relating to the new building we now occupy. This has been added to by the reduction in income due to members passing away or moving to other areas. It is anticipated that these funds will continue to be reduced as we support activities taking place in the church together with the high costs of running our new building.

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### APPROVAL

(Approved by the Trustees on ...31/10/23... and signed on its behalf by Heather Lewis, Church Secretary.)

*Heather M. Lewis*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2023 Total £	Last Year 2022 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Offerings		50,908		2,560	53,468	62,814
Fund raising and donations		2,563	3,024	5,156	10,742	19,756
Monies raised for named causes	3	0	6,186		6,186	6,451
Gift Aid tax repayments		7,370	739	678	8,786	15,847
Property - church/hall users	4	0	32,737		32,737	29,694
Grants/Legacies Received		0	0		0	3,457
Refunds Received		0	0		0	3,531
Bank interest & investment income		9	0	5	14	22
Balance						90
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>60,849</b>	<b>42,685</b>	<b>8,398</b>	<b>111,933</b>	<b>141,318</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Ministry & Mission Fund		28,963	6,388		35,350	32,008
Ministry expenses		6,873	340		7,213	1,570
Admin/Cln/Ctr Mgr Pay + PAYE Tax		17,058	2,857		19,915	12,122
Youth Worker		0	0		0	0
Church running costs	5	22,183			22,183	20,579
Programme activity costs	6	965			965	3,319
Support of outside causes	7	4,232			4,232	11,714
Maintenance of church buildings	8	10,411			10,411	20,366
Maintenance of Manse	9	2,094			2,094	3,115
MAX Exp/Church Improvements		416		7,313	7,729	2,360
Balance						35
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>93,195</b>	<b>9,584</b>	<b>7,313</b>	<b>110,093</b>	<b>107,188</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		<b>-32,346</b>	<b>33,101</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>34,130</b>
<b>TRANSFERS between funds</b>	2	30,000	-30,000	0	0	0
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 April 22</b>		8,204	69,119	8,160	119,613	85,483
<b>CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 March 23</b>		<b>10,357</b>	<b>68,424</b>	<b>28,148</b>	<b>106,929</b>	<b>119,613</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## Monetary assets

Cash		0	0	0	0	0
Bank current account		10,029	20,424	27,639	58,092	70,781
Deposit accounts		328	48,000	509	48,837	48,832
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	10	<b>10,357</b>	<b>68,424</b>	<b>28,148</b>	<b>106,929</b>	<b>119,613</b>

## Assets used for church purposes

Buildings under statutory trusts	11	Church buildings and manse				
Church contents	11	Furnishings and equipment				

## Liabilities

Significant creditors		0				
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APPROVED by the Trustees on 31/10/23 and signed on their behalf

HEATHER LEWIS

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Heather M Lewis

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

## NOTES

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Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments In year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Youth Work Fund	48,106	0	0	0	48,106
Named/AFCC Inc	38,354	42,685	9,584	-30,000	41,455
<b>Totals for designated funds</b>	<b>86,460</b>	<b>42,685</b>	<b>9,584</b>	<b>-30,000</b>	<b>89,561</b>

**Restricted Funds** represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Balance c/fwd £
Building Fund	8,250	8,398	7,313	9,335
<b>Totals for restricted funds</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>8,398</b>	<b>7,313</b>	<b>9,335</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2023 Total £	Last Year 2022 Total £
<b>3 MONIES RAISED FOR NAMED CAUSES</b>					
Website Refund	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	1,080	0	1,080	1,120
DENS	0	85	0	85	111
Daniel Gitau	0	409	0	409	150
Good News for All	0	0	0	0	0
Tearfund	0	0	0	0	0
Samaritons Purse	0	55	0	55	170
Janet Fawcett	0	0	0	0	290
Joel & Claire Harri	0	840	0	840	876
Paul & Rose Harvey	0	1,140	0	1,140	1,140
Discovery	0	470	0	470	1,020
Phone Contribution	0	0	0	0	11
Beaver Colony	0	2,107	0	2,107	1,563
<b>Totals raised for named causes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,186</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,186</b>	<b>6,451</b>
<b>4 PROPERTY INCOME</b>					
Other lettings income	0	32,549	0	32,549	29,694
<b>Total property income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,549</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,549</b>	<b>29,694</b>
<b>5 CHURCH RUNNING COSTS</b>					
Gas/Electricity	15,344	3,395	0	18,739	12,315
Insurance	2,243	561	0	2,804	2,606
Water	498	99	0	597	949
Ch Business Rates		6,862	0	6,862	
Telephone	1,106	254	0	1,360	1,322
Cleaning Supplies	307	22	0	329	
Stationery and photocopying	554	0	0	554	733
Other admin expenses	562	2,056	0	2,618	426
Website and Social Media	536	0	0	536	1,236
Licences and music	628	0	0	628	576
Payroll Fees	404	84	0	487	416
<b>Total church running costs</b>	<b>22,183</b>	<b>13,331</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,514</b>	<b>20,579</b>

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2023 Total £	Last Year 2022 Total £
<b>6 PROGRAMME ACTIVITY COSTS</b>					
Youth & Children's activities	299		0	299	797
Worship and Teaching	442		0	442	750
Social Ministry & Church Events	224	226	0	451	1,094
Beavers and Cubs	0	2,645		2,645	678
					0
<b>Total programme activity costs</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>3,319</b>
<b>7 SUPPORT OF NAMED CAUSES</b>					
DENS	200	90	0	290	339
Discovery	542	596	0	1,138	1,799
Expressions	340		0	340	0
Christians Against Poverty	450	1,350	0	1,800	1,945
Youth Across Hemel	0	0	0	0	700
Evangelical Alliance	80	0	0	80	80
Hardship	0	0	0	0	0
Good News for All	80	0	0	80	80
Tearfund	200	0	0	200	200
Through the Roof	150	0	0	150	300
Coffeemates	150	0	0	150	150
Churches Together	0	0	0	0	50
Samaritan's Purse	0	0	0	0	170
Community Action	0	0	0	0	0
Janet Fawcett	0	0	0	0	380
Daniel Gitau	800	0	0	800	955
Joel & Claire Harri	800	1,050	0	1,850	2,993
Paul & Rose Harvey	100	1,425	0	1,525	1,574
Expressions	340		0	340	0
Ladies day	0		0	0	0
<b>Total support of named causes</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,743</b>	<b>11,714</b>
<b>8 MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS</b>					
Service Charge	1,193	3,522		4,715	3,741
Health and Safety	1,650			1,650	2,393
General Maintenance + Contracts	7,261		583	7,844	11,749
Cleaning	307	22		329	2,483
<b>Total maintenance of church buildings</b>	<b>10,411</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>14,538</b>	<b>20,366</b>
<b>9 MAINTENANCE OF MANSE</b>					
Council Tax, Water rates, Gas and Electricity	910	0		910	1,538
Manse maintenance & Expenses	1,184	0		1,184	951
Manse insurance	0	0		0	626
<b>Total maintenance of manse</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>3,115</b>

**10 MONETARY ASSETS**

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.


**11 ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES**

The manse at 78 Poynders Hill was sold by the trust in August 2022. The proceeds of this sale are lodged with URC Thames North Synod Trust.

The church building at Maylands Avenue was handed over to the church on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The building is vested in URC Thames North Synod Trust as trustees and is not a church asset. The building is held on a 999 year lease from Hightown Housing Association. The Shell and Core of the building is insured by the landlord. Tenant's improvements to the building is valued for insurance purposes at £3,908,428 and is insured by the church. The church contents are insured, by the church, for £115,452.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 3 for the year ended 31 March 2023 from the accounting records of the Church.

(name)	(signature)	(date)
Shirley A Ford		15/11/23.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report on the financial statements of Adeyfield Free Church URC for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

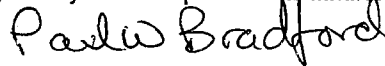
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);

state whether particular matters have come to our attention;

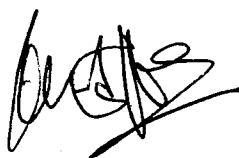
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Signed by the Independent Examiners:



Date: 15/11/2023



Name and address of the Independent Examiners:

PAUL WILLIAM BRADFORD  
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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD  
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<b>Represented by:</b>	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2022
<b>Cash at Bank</b>			
Lloyds TSB Current #1	2,722.69	457.00	3,561.69
Alliance & Leicester	33,762.56	36,300.00	67,219.52
Deposit accounts – BM	48,726.29	48,726.00	48,832.48
URC	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Cash at Bank</b>	<u><u>85,211.54</u></u>	<u><u>85,483.00</u></u>	<u><u>119,613.69</u></u>

<b>Reserves Movement</b>	31 Mar 2020	Surplus 21	31 Mar 2021	Surplus 22	31 Mar 2022
Current	30,409.59	-22205.59	8,204.00	-1876.03	6,327.97
Building Fund	6,276.38	1883.62	8,160.00	19195.44	27,355.44
Named Fund	419.95	357.29	777.24	4767.58	5,544.82
Youth Fund	48,105.62	0.00	48,105.62		48,105.62
AFCC Income			20,236.00		32,279.84
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>85,211.54</u></u>		<u><u>85,482.86</u></u>		<u><u>119,613.69</u></u>

**Restricted Funds:-**

**Building fund**

Income	18,042.00	23341.00
Transfer In	0.00	0.00
Expenditure	19,599.00	4146.00
	<u><u>-1,557.00</u></u>	<u><u>27487.00</u></u>

**Designated Funds:-**

**Youth Fund**

Income	0.00	0.00
Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

**AFCC Income Fund**

Income	20,286.12	29,593.75
Transfer Out		-4,900.00
Expenditure	-649.75	-12,631.28
	<u><u>20,935.87</u></u>	<u><u>47,125.03</u></u>

**ADEYFIELD FREE CHURCH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1131868

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# Accounts

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## **Adeyfield Free Church, Hemel Hempstead, United Reformed Church Charity**

### **Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2022**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Adeyfield Free Church (Registered Charity No. 1131868) is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain (URC) and is a member church of Thames North Synod of the URC. It operates in conformity with their Scheme of Union and Governing Document as well as a local constitution. At local level activities are under the direction of church meeting consisting of 50 members who have affirmed their Christian faith and support the objectives of the church.

Adeyfield Free Church took possession of the newly constructed building in December 2019. In March 2020 all church activities were suspended as part of the COVID-19 regulations. The impact of this on the charity was immense but the trustees actively sought to mitigate the effects on Church life.

The Church Office telephone number is 01442 260175 / 07933 570594

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees. Those who served this year are as follows:

Minister: Vacant

Church Secretary: Heather Lewis

Elder: Shirley Ford – Acting Treasurer since August 2020

Elder: Penny Stuart

Elder: Pamela Annison

Elder: Dave Kerry

Elder: Brian Jackson

#### **STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

Church Meetings are held bi-monthly in addition to an Annual General Meeting. During this year the Trustees (Elders) have been meeting most weeks, mainly face-to-face, for prayer and business meetings to progress the many tasks required to complete the building alongside any other church related matters.

The Elders are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (contained in Charity Commission publication "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit") and has regard to it in the administration of the Church. The Elders believe 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.

The church has been in 'vacancy' since April 2021 but is looking forward to welcoming a new minister, to be shared jointly with our sister URC church in Hemel Hempstead, St George's. Public worship each Sunday has been conducted in person since September 2021 in the worship hall and small groups have continued to meet either using zoom or meeting in individuals' houses. The church has seen some activities for young people, children and outreach to the community recommence this year and it has been a joy to see young people once again frequenting the building. Regular teaching for existing members and adherents as well as opportunities to promote the Christian faith to adults and children has continued.

## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Adeyfield Free Church 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 'Love Jesus, Love each other and Love our community'

Members of the church and adherents meet in small groups, either weekly or fortnightly, to spend time in a social setting where the Bible is studied and pastoral needs are prayed for.

Fingerprints, our Christian pre-school, has been open throughout the year and have had a good attendance of children over this time.

It has not been possible to recommence Messy Church SEND as most of the original members have moved on and we do not currently have the volunteers to start this venture again. This is being closely monitored and as and when the need arises volunteers will be sought to form the group again.

We have been able to open our building to the charity, Playskill, who meet weekly in term time and work with children 0 to 5 years with physical and mental disability needs.

Cubs and Beavers have recommenced meeting in the building and are well attended. It is hoped to start up a further group, Squirrels, for ages 4-6 years in the New Year.

The church partners with Expressions Academy, an organisation which runs, among other outreach events, holiday clubs during school holidays. This August Expressions, sponsored by Adeyfield Free Church together with a local Anglian church, St Barnabas, organised a Holiday Club for children 5-11 years which was well attended and enjoyed by all who came. Expressions also ran two further HAPpy Holiday Clubs, a nationwide venture sponsored by the Government. -

The church has also seen the restart of a carers' and toddlers' 'stay and play' group called Little Fish which meets weekly in term time only. Due to Covid restrictions this group remains restricted in numbers.

Our outreach to the community events, including invites to a Sunday lunch each month, have not recommenced but we have been able to welcome people to celebration meals, including a weekend of celebration to bless and dedicate the new building. It is hoped to open up for more community based activities over the coming months. A pastoral team oversees pastoral care and support for members and their families as well as for individuals and groups in the wider community.

Several groups which the church sponsors include a majority of people who are not otherwise connected with the church.

Adeyfield Free Church is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead and links with other churches in supporting initiatives including Pray Hemel, which meets monthly at different venues. Other community projects include CAP, DENS, Foodbank and Liberty Tea Rooms and Community Hub. Support continues for individuals and organizations elsewhere in the UK and abroad with similar mission objectives of promoting the Christian gospel and serving those in need.

## **REDEVELOPMENT OF ADEYFIELD FREE CHURCH**

We continue to be grateful to Thames North Synod for their ongoing guidance, help and support both financially and in practical matters.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £75,355  
Total receipts on designated funds were £42,622  
Total receipts on restricted funds were £23,341  
Gift Aid repayments were £15,503  
Total receipts for the year were £141,318

Expenditure from unrestricted funds was £82,231  
Expenditure from designated funds was £20,811  
Expenditure from restricted funds was £4,146  
Total Expenditure was £107,188

Due to a small imbalance in the figures reported in 2020-21 it has been necessary to add an amount of balancing figures to bring the report into line for this year.

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*Heather M Lewis*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Offerings		58,274	0	4,540	62814	57,282
Fund raising and donations		348	1,738	17,670	19756	1,595
Monies raised for named causes	3	0	6,451	0	6451	5,256
Gift Aid tax repayments		13,161	1,317	1,025	15503	15,847
Property - church/hall users	4	100	29594	0	29694	20,886
Grants/Legacies Received		3,457	0	0	3457	6,850
Refunds Received		9	3,522	0	3531	
Bank interest & investment income		6	0	16	22	8
Balance				90	90	0
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>75,355</b>	<b>42,622</b>	<b>23,341</b>	<b>141,318</b>	<b>107,724</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Ministry & Mission Fund		25,400	6,608	0	32,008	34,029
Ministry expenses		1,379	11	180	1,570	1,177
Administrator Pay		11,653	469	0	12,122	11,675
Youth Worker		0	0	0	0	0
Church running costs	5	16,828	3,751	0	20,579	21,140
Programme activity costs	6	1,616	1,703	0	3,319	1,292
Support of outside causes	7	5,268	6,446	0	11,714	10,545
Maintenance of church buildings	8	17,568	1,804	994	20,366	9,192
Maintenance of Manse	9	2,503	0	612	3,115	3,222
MAX Exp/Church Improvements			0	2,360	2,360	16,179
Balance		16	19	0	35	0
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>82,231</b>	<b>20,811</b>	<b>4,146</b>	<b>107,188</b>	<b>108,451</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		<b>-6,876</b>	<b>21,811</b>	<b>19,195</b>	<b>34,130</b>	<b>-728</b>
<b>TRANSFERS between funds</b>	2	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 April 21</b>		<b>8,204</b>	<b>69,119</b>	<b>8,160</b>	<b>85,483</b>	<b>85,211</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 March 22</b>		<b>6,328</b>	<b>85,930</b>	<b>27,355</b>	<b>119,613</b>	<b>84,483</b>

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APPROVED by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf

HEATHER LEWIS

(name)(signature)

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Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Youth Work Fund	48,106	0	0	0	48,106
Named/Synod Loan Fund	21,013	36,045	13,704	-5,000	38,354
<b>Totals for designated funds</b>	<b>69,119</b>	<b>36,045</b>	<b>13,704</b>	<b>-5,000</b>	<b>86,460</b>

**Restricted Funds** represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Balance c/fwd £
Building Fund	8,250	22,210	5,752	24,708
<b>Totals for restricted funds</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>22,210</b>	<b>5,752</b>	<b>24,708</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>3 MONIES RAISED FOR NAMED CAUSES</b>					
Website Refund	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	1,120	0	1,120	525
DENS	0	111	0	111	160
Daniel Gitau	0	150	0	150	950
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0
Good News for All	0	0	0	0	20
Tearfund	0	0	0	0	0
Samaritons Purse	0	170	0	170	0
Janet Fawcett	0	290	0	290	360
Joel & Claire Harri	0	876	0	876	984
Paul & Rose Harvey	0	1,140	0	1,140	1,152
Discovery	0	1,020	0	1,020	495
Phone Contribution	0	11	0	11	81
Beaver Colony	0	1,563	0	1,563	529
<b>Totals raised for named causes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>5,256</b>

**4 PROPERTY INCOME**

Other lettings income	100	29,594	0	29,694	20,886
<b>Total property income</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29,594</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,694</b>	<b>20,886</b>

**5 CHURCH RUNNING COSTS**

Gas and electricity	9,895	2,420	0	12,315	11,471
Insurance	2,085	521	0	2,606	2,488
Water rates	758	191	0	949	50
Telephone	1,069	253	0	1,322	1,322
Stationery and photocopying	683	50	0	733	688
Other admin expenses	198	228	0	426	726
Website and Social Media	1,236	0	0	1,236	3,482
Licences and music	576	0	0	576	539
Payroll Fees	328	88	0	416	374
<b>Total church running costs</b>	<b>18,828</b>	<b>3,751</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,579</b>	<b>21,140</b>

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>6 PROGRAMME ACTIVITY COSTS</b>					
Youth & Children's activities	797	0	0	797	17
Worship and Teaching	750	0	0	750	138
Social Ministry	49	1,045	0	1,094	20
Beavers and Cubs	20	658	0	678	1,117
				0	0
<b>Total programme activity costs</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,319</b>	<b>1,292</b>
<b>7 SUPPORT OF NAMED CAUSES</b>					
DENS	200	139	0	339	395
Discovery	524	1,275	0	1,799	1,225
Bolivier	0	0	0	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	550	1,395	0	1,945	2,145
Youth Across Hemel	700	0	0	700	0
Evangelical Alliance	80	0	0	80	80
Hardship	0	0	0	0	0
Good News for All	80	0	0	80	143
Tearfund	200	0	0	200	300
Through the Roof	300	0	0	300	500
Coffeemates	150	0	0	150	200
Churches Together	50	0	0	50	50
Samaritan's Purse	0	170	0	170	0
Community Action	0	0	0	0	0
Janet Fawcett	0	380	0	380	420
Daniel Gitau	767	188	0	955	1,848
Joel & Claire Harri	1,518	1,475	0	2,993	1,640
Paul & Rose Harvey	149	1,425	0	1,574	1,600
Fingerprints	0	0	0	0	0
Ladies day	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total support of named causes</b>	<b>5,268</b>	<b>6,446</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,714</b>	<b>10,546</b>
<b>8 MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS</b>					
Service Charge	3,741	0	0	3,741	306
Health and Safety	2,249	144	0	2,393	2,386
General Maintenance + Contracts	9,569	1,186	994	11,749	5,676
Cleaning	2,009	474	0	2,483	824
<b>Total maintenance of church buildings</b>	<b>17,568</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>20,366</b>	<b>9,192</b>
<b>9 MAINTENANCE OF MANSE</b>					
Council Tax, Water rates Gas and Electricity	1,538	0	0	1,538	2,522
Manse maintenance/Expenses	339	0	612	951	190
Manse insurance	626	0	0	626	510
<b>Total maintenance of manse</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>3,222</b>

**10 MONETARY ASSETS**

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.

**11 ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES**

The manse at 78 Poynders Hill, HP2 4NT is vested in URC Thames North Synod Trust as trustees and is not a church asset. This is held for the benefit of Adeyfield Free Church in accordance with the statutory trusts applicable to URC properties under the URC Acts. The Manse was insured by the church for £444,581.

The church building at Maylands Avenue was handed over to the church on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The building is vested in URC Thames North Synod Trust as trustees and is not a church assets The building is held on a 999 year lease from Hightown Housing Association. The Shell and Core of the building is insured by the landlord. Tenant's Improvements to the building is valued for insurance purposes at £3,679,722 and is insured by the church. The church contents are insured, by the church, for £196,466.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 3 for the year ended 31 March 2022 from the accounting records of the Church.

(name)	(signature)	(date)
Shirley A Ford		26 SEPTEMBER 2022

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Adeyfield Free Church URC for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

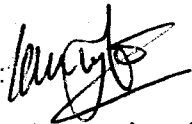
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);

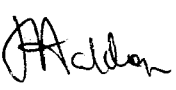
state whether particular matters have come to our attention;

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

Signed by the Independent Examiner:

  
(IAN WOLSTENCROFT)

 Date: 27th September 2022  
(JOANNE HALPEN)

Name and address of the Independent Examiner:

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<b>Represented by:</b>	31 Mar 2019	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2022
<b>Cash at Bank</b>				
Lloyds TSB Current #1	1,913.16	2,722.69	457.00	3,561.69
Alliance & Leicester	48,277.71	33,762.56	36,300.00	67,219.52
Deposit accounts – BM	48,629.04	48,726.29	48,726.00	48,832.48
URC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Cash at Bank</b>	<u>98,819.91</u>	<u>85,211.54</u>	<u>85,483.00</u>	<u>119,613.69</u>

<b>Reserves Movement</b>	31 Mar 2019	Surplus 20	31 Mar 2020	Surplus 21	31 Mar 2021	Surplus 22	31 Mar 2022
Current	47,993.61	-17,584.02	30,409.59	-22205.59	8,204.00	-1876.03	6,327.97
Building Fund	1,725.10	4,551.28	6,276.38	1883.62	8,160.00	19195.44	27,355.44
Named Fund	995.58	-575.63	419.95	357.29	777.24	4767.58	5,544.82
Portakabin Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Youth Fund	48,105.62	0.00	48,105.62	0.00	48,105.62		48,105.62
Synod Loan Fund					20,236.00		32,279.84
<b>Total</b>	<u>98,819.91</u>		<u>85,211.54</u>		<u>85,482.86</u>		<u>119,613.69</u>

**Restricted Funds:-**

**Building fund**

Income	105,035.28	18,042.00	23341.00
Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenditure	100,484.00	19,599.00	4146.00
	<u>4,551.28</u>	<u>-1,557.00</u>	<u>27487.00</u>

**Designated Funds:-**

**Youth Fund**

Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

**Synod Loan Fund**

Income	20,286.12	29,593.75
Transfer Out		-4,900.00
Expenditure	-649.75	-12,631.28
	<u>20,935.87</u>	<u>47,125.03</u>

**ADEYFIELD FREE CHURCH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1131868

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# Accounts

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## **Adeyfield Free Church, Hemel Hempstead, United Reformed Church Charity**

### **Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Adeyfield Free Church (Registered Charity No. 1131868) is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain (URC), and is a member church of Thames North Synod of the URC. It operates in conformity with their Scheme of Union and Governing Document as well as a local constitution. At local level activities are under the direction of church meeting consisting of 51 members who have affirmed their Christian faith and support the objectives of the church.

A new Church Building has been constructed at Maylands Plaza, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4GZ, which was occupied by the church from February 2020. In March 2020 the church activities were suspended as part of the COVID-19 regulations. The impact of this on the charity is unclear at the moment but the trustees are actively mitigating the effects on Church life.

The Church Office telephone number is 01442 260175 / 07933 570594

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees. Those who served this year are as follows:

Minister: Vacant

Church Secretary: Heather Lewis

Elder: Shirley Ford – Acting Treasurer as of August 2020

Elder: Penny Stuart

Elder: Janiel Le Roux

Elder: Pamela Annison

Elder: Dave Kerry

Elder: Brian Jackson

#### **STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

Church Meetings are held bi-monthly in addition to an Annual General Meeting. For most of this year Elders have been formally meeting weekly to progress the many tasks required to complete the building. Trustees (Elders) hold formal business meetings as well as gathering most weeks to pray and discuss church related matters. This past year it has been necessary to hold most of these meeting via zoom due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Elders are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (contained in Charity Commission publication "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit") and has regard to it in the administration of the Church. The Elders believe 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.

The ordained minister, who had been on long term sick since December 2019, was recommended to take early retirement (due to ill health) on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Public worship of one service each Sunday has been conducted via zoom and small groups have continued to meet using zoom. Unfortunately activities for young people, children and outreach to the community have not been able to be held. Regular teaching for existing members and adherents as well as opportunities to promote the Christian faith to adults and children has continued where possible.

## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Adeyfield Free Church 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 'Love Jesus, Love each other and Love our community"

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic we have rarely been able to worship in the church and have been holding regular worship services via zoom. Small groups have also used this medium to continue meeting regularly throughout the year.

Fingerprints, our pre-school, has been able to continue to be open during the year and have had a good attendance over this time.

Messy Church SEND have not been able to meet in the building and will hope to recommence this activity again once government restrictions allow.

Cubs have started to meet in the outside garden area at church and also hope to start meeting indoors once government restrictions allow. Unfortunately we presently do not have sufficient leaders to enable a Beavers groups to be restarted but will look at encouraging this to restart in September for the new academic year.

Two other activities, for parents/carers and toddlers we had hoped to restart when moving into our new church were Who Let The Dad's Out and Scramblers but this has not been able to happen due to the current pandemic. It is hoped to look at recommencing these activities although maybe not in the same format as previously, when we can safely meet inside the building again.

Our outreach to the community events, including invites to a Sunday lunch each month have not been able to take place but the church will look to start these again in the coming year. A pastoral team oversees pastoral care and support for members and their families as well as for individuals and groups in the wider community.

Several groups which the church sponsors include a majority of people who are not otherwise connected with the church serving young people, parents and elderly people.

Adeyfield Free Church is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead and links with other churches in supporting initiatives including Pray Hemel, which meets monthly at different venues. Other community projects include CAP, DENS, Foodbank and Liberty Tea Rooms and Community Hub. Support continues for individuals and organizations elsewhere in the UK and abroad with similar mission objectives of promoting the Christian gospel and serving those in need.

## **REDEVELOPMENT OF ADEYFIELD FREE CHURCH**

We continue to be grateful to North Thames Synod for their ongoing guidance, help and support both financially and in practical matters.

We were much encouraged by the award of a grant from Hobson Charity, in the sum of £5,000 towards the foundation costs for the pre-school canopy.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £61,261  
Total receipts on designated funds were £28,422  
Total receipts on restricted funds were £18,042  
Gift Aid repayments were £ 15,847  
Total receipts for the year were £107,724

Expenditure from unrestricted funds was £83,738  
Expenditure from designated funds was £8,825  
Expenditure from restricted funds was £15,888  
Total Expenditure was £108,452

### Statement of the reserves policy.

Unrestricted Fund (this is the General Fund): The policy is to retain at least three months' expenditure as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense. The balance at 31 March 2021 (£8,204) means there is not sufficient reserves presently. This is due to increased expenditure as we took ownership of the new church alongside a reduction in income due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It is anticipated that these funds will continue to be reduced as we incur start up costs for activities when these are able to recommence.

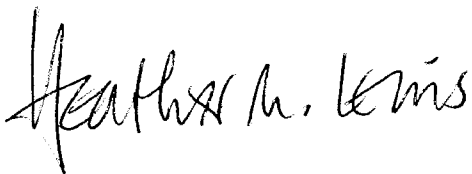
Designated Fund (this is the Named Fund): The policy is not to retain reserves. It is expected that income will balance expenditure during each financial year. However, at the end of the financial year reserves of £777 existed, mainly comprising funds for the Scouts Group and donations not yet passed on to the recipients.

Restricted Funds (these are the Youth and Building Funds): These are funds for specific long term projects so reserves are not held.

## APPROVAL

Approval has been deferred until the trustees can meet.

(Approved by the Trustees on 21/06/2021 and signed on its behalf by Heather Lewis, Church Secretary.)



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2021 Total £	Last Year 2020 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Offerings		50,527	124	6,631	57,282	72,584
Fund raising and donations		0	887	708	1,595	3,389
Monies raised for named causes	3	0	5,256	0	5,256	9,910
Gift Aid tax repayments		10,726	1,269	3,853	15,847	18,922
Property - church/hall users	4	0	20,886	0	20,886	0
Grants Received		0		6,850	6,850	79,352
Bank interest & investment income		8	0	0	8	105
Balance					0	50
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>61,261</b>	<b>28,422</b>	<b>18,042</b>	<b>107,724</b>	<b>184,312</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Ministry & Mission Fund		33,629	400	0	34,029	32,210
Ministry expenses		1,073	104	0	1,177	803
Administrator Pay		10,663	1,012	0	11,675	7,244
Youth Worker		0	0	0	0	0
Church running costs	5	20,496	644	0	21,140	18,310
Programme activity costs	6	175	1,117	0	1,292	5,547
Support of outside causes	7	5,169	5,376	0	10,545	17,954
Maintenance of church buildings	8	9,192	0	0	9,192	6,769
Maintenance of Manse	9	3,222	0	0	3,222	6,905
MAX Expenses		119	172	15,888	16,179	102,128
Balance					0	50
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>83,738</b>	<b>8,825</b>	<b>15,888</b>	<b>108,452</b>	<b>197,920</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		<b>-22,478</b>	<b>19,596</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>-728</b>	<b>-13,608</b>
<b>TRANSFERS between funds</b>	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 April</b>		<b>30,409</b>	<b>48,526</b>	<b>6,276</b>	<b>85,211</b>	<b>98,819</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 March</b>		<b>8,204</b>	<b>69,119</b>	<b>8,160</b>	<b>85,483</b>	<b>85,211</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

<b>Monetary assets</b>						
Cash		0	0	0	0	0
Bank current account		7,876	21,119	7,762	36,757	36,485
Deposit accounts		328	48,000	398	48,726	48,726
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	10	<b>8,204</b>	<b>69,119</b>	<b>8,160</b>	<b>85,483</b>	<b>85,211</b>
<b>Assets used for church purposes</b>						
Buildings under statutory trusts	11	Church buildings and manse				
Church contents	11	Furnishings and equipment				
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Significant creditors		0				

APPROVED by the Trustees on 21st June 2021 and signed on their behalf

HEATHER MARY LEWIS (name)(signature) Heather M. Lewis

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

## NOTES

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities, and the United Reformed Church guidance.

**2 FUND ACCOUNTING**

**Unrestricted Funds** may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

**Designated Funds** represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes; they can be transferred back into general funds at the church's decision.

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Youth Work Fund	48,106	0	0	0	48,106
Named Fund and Synod Loan Fund	420	28,422	8,178	0	20,664
<b>Totals for designated funds</b>	<b>48,526</b>	<b>28,422</b>	<b>8,178</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68,770</b>

**Restricted Funds** represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Balance c/fwd £
Building Fund	8,276	18,042	15,888	8,430
<b>Totals for restricted funds</b>	<b>8,276</b>	<b>18,042</b>	<b>15,888</b>	<b>8,430</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2021 Total £	Last Year 2020 Total £
<b>3 MONIES RAISED FOR NAMED CAUSES</b>					
Website Refund	0	0	0	0	59
Christians Against Poverty	0	525	0	525	2,600
DENS	0	160	0	160	0
Daniel Gitau	0	950	0	950	0
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0
Gideons	0	20	0	20	26
Tearfund	0	0	0	0	0
Fingerprints	0	0	0	0	0
Janet Fawcett	0	360	0	360	360
Joel & Claire Harri	0	984	0	984	984
Paul & Rose Harvey	0	1,152	0	1,152	1,140
Discovery	0	495	0	495	2,220
Phone Contribution	0	81	0	81	68
Beaver Colony	0	529	0	529	2,453
<b>Totals raised for named causes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,256</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,256</b>	<b>9,910</b>
<b>4 PROPERTY INCOME</b>					
Other lettings income	0	20,886	0	20,886	0
<b>Total property income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,886</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,886</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5 CHURCH RUNNING COSTS</b>					
Gas and electricity	11,273	198	0	11,471	7,635
Insurance	2,488	0	0	2,488	2,561
Water rates	50	0	0	50	149
Telephone	1,311	11	0	1,322	1,702
Stationery and photocopying	688	0	0	688	580
Other admin expenses	294	432	0	726	180
Website and Social Media	3,482	0	0	3,482	4,586
Licences and music	539	0	0	539	508
Payroll Fees	371	3	0	374	409
<b>Total church running costs</b>	<b>20,496</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,140</b>	<b>18,310</b>

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2021 Total £	Last Year 2020 Total £
<b>6 PROGRAMME ACTIVITY COSTS</b>					
Youth & Children's activities	17			17	735
Worship and Teaching	138			138	620
Social Ministry	20			20	990
Beavers and Cubs	0	1,117		1,117	3,202
				0	0
<b>Total programme activity costs</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>5,547</b>
<b>7 SUPPORT OF NAMED CAUSES</b>					
DENS	200	195		395	200
Discovery	500	725		1,225	4,355
Bolivier	0	0		0	0
Christians Against Poverty	1,494	651		2,145	3,359
Youth Across Hemel	0	0		0	0
Evangelical Alliance	80	0		80	80
Hardship	0	0		0	0
Gideons	100	43		143	115
Tearfund	300			300	425
Through the Roof	500	0		500	500
Coffeemates	200	0		200	200
Churches Together	50	0		50	50
Samaritan'a Purse	0	0		0	0
Community Action	0	0		0	0
Ken & Denise Abrahall	0	0		0	0
Janet Fawcett	0	420		420	420
Daniel Gitau	750	1,098		1,848	750
Joel & Claire Harri	820	820		1,640	2,460
Paul & Rose Harvey	175	1,425		1,600	1,600
Fingerprints		0		0	3,011
Ladies day	0	0		0	429
<b>Total support of named causes</b>	<b>5,169</b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,545</b>	<b>17,954</b>
<b>8 MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS</b>					
Service Charge	306			306	2,973
Health and Safety	2,386			2,386	1,920
General Maintenance	5,676			5,676	1,852
Cleaning	824			824	24
<b>Total maintenance of church buildings</b>	<b>9,192</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,192</b>	<b>6,769</b>
<b>9 MAINTENANCE OF MANSE</b>					
Council Tax, Water rates	2,522	0		2,522	2,465
Manse maintenance	190	0		190	3,949
Manse insurance	510	0		510	491
<b>Total maintenance of manse</b>	<b>3,222</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,222</b>	<b>6,905</b>

**10 MONETARY ASSETS**

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.

**11 ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES**

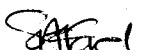
The manse at 78 Poynders Hill, HP2 4NT is vested in URC Thames North Synod Trust as trustees and is not a church asset. This is held for the benefit of Adeyfield Free Church in accordance with the statutory trusts applicable to URC properties under the URC Acts. The Manse was insured by the church for £427,769

The church building at Maylands Avenue was handed over to the church on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The building is vested in URC Thames North Synod Trust as trustees and is not a church assets The building is held on a 999 year lease from Hightown Housing Association. The Shell and Core of the building is insured by the landlord. Tenant's Improvements to the building is valued for insurance purposes at £3,268,488 and is insured by the church. The church contents are insured, by the church, for £187,110

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 3 for the year ended 31 March 2021 from the accounting records of the Church.

(name)	(signature)	(date)
Shirley A Ford		14 June 2021

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Adeyfield Free Church URC for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);

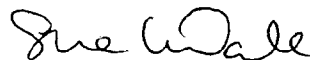
state whether particular matters have come to our attention;

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

Signed by the Independent Examiner/s:

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Name and address of the Independent Examiner/s:

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<b>Represented by:</b>	31 Mar 2018	31 Mar 2019	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021
<b>Cash at Bank</b>				
Lloyds TSB Current #1	2,414.16	1,913.16	2,722.69	457.00
Alliance & Leicester	40,091.92	48,277.71	33,762.56	36300.00
Deposit accounts – BM	48,578.20	48,629.04	48,726.29	48726.00
URC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Cash at Bank</b>	<u>91,084.28</u>	<u>98,819.91</u>	<u>85,211.54</u>	<u>85483.00</u>

<b>Reserves Movement</b>	31 Mar 2018	Surplus 19	31 Mar 2019	Surplus 20	31 Mar 2020		
Current	33,258.27	14,735.34	47,993.61	-17,584.02	30,409.59	-22205.59	8204.00
Building Fund	1,360.12	364.98	1,725.10	4,551.28	6,276.38	1883.62	8160.00
Named Fund	7,030.27	-6,034.69	995.58	-575.63	419.95	357.05	777.00
Portakabin Replacement	1,330.00	-1,330.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Fund	48,105.62	0.00	48,105.62	0.00	48,105.62	0.00	48105.62
Synod Loan Fund						0.00	20236.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>91,084.28</u>		<u>98,819.91</u>		<u>85,211.54</u>		<u>85482.62</u>

**Restricted Funds:-**

<b>Building fund</b>				
Income	107,501.25		105,035.28	18042.00
Transfer In	7,330.00		0.00	0.00
Expenditure	114,504.01		100,484.00	15888.00
	<u>327.24</u>		<u>4,551.28</u>	<u>2154.00</u>

**Designated Funds:-**

<b>Youth Fund</b>				
Income	0.00		0.00	0.00
Expenditure	0.00		0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

<b>Synod Loan Fund</b>				
Income				20286.12
Expenditure				649.75
				<u>19636.37</u>

<b>Portakabin Replacement</b>				
Income	0.00		0.00	0.00
Transfer Out	1,330.00		0.00	0.00
Expenditure	0.00		0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>