

Pastor's Report

It is always good to look back and recognise the journey we have travelled together in our Lord's service, and how He has richly blessed us as we seek to serve Him both from our building, and in our community. We continue to worship and pray together, share Bible studies together, and fellowship together – which usually involves food and/or cake!

Our weekly Bible studies were enhanced by the introduction of 'Active August' and 'Active Advent,' which involved a short talk on a suggested topic, followed by a craft activity.

Thank you to all who helped lead those sessions.

Pastoral visiting continues to be a major part of my time both responding to those who are in care or hospital, and being invited into your homes; as well as meeting new friends and being involved in organisations beyond our congregation.

Our numerical attendance remains consistent, and as always it is a joy to welcome friends into membership, as we did in February. However, my focus remains on spiritual growth, and sharing God's love and hope as we grow together. During the year it was a privilege to lead the funeral services for two of our friends.

It is always a pleasure to be asked to speak at various activities within our church. I always enjoy being invited to speak to our Pre-school children and their adults at Easter, Harvest, and Christmas; the children are so young, but a joy, and one never knows quite what is going to happen! Please pray for the staff for all their continued hard work.

It was lovely to meet with friends at Wednesday Fellowship and talk about 'Days,' and God's faithfulness 'New every morning...' And, then, later in the year, sharing my holiday snaps, as we looked at things from God's Perspective – from the mountain tops and big hills of various walks I have done.

In June, we welcomed Rev Ian Fall from Flame International, and as he had recently returned from Mission, we got both an Overseas and Home Mission talk. Please continue to pray for them, and their vision of setting people free from the conflict of trauma.

How awesome it was to attend Love Wycombe 2024 with hundreds of our sisters and brothers in Christ on The Rye. Wonderful worship, catching up with friends from around the town, and a real blessing to all, judging from the feedback we received.

We concluded our year by leading Carol services at Hanover and Hughenden Courts and Trinity Place. What a blessing and thank you to all for your welcome. Our own Advent, Carol, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day services were well attended as we celebrated the birth of our Saviour together.

We go into the New Year encouraged by the past, but looking forward to the future together.

As The Body of Christ, we should journey with the expectation that God is moving, and equipping us to join in with His plans. So, we step out with hope and expectancy, confident in the promises of God; and I continue to pray that we would seek to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We all have a part to play in our Church Family here.

God bless,

Pastor Sharon

Charity Trustees Report

A number of repairs to the Church building and the manse were completed this year.

Roof moss was removed from the Church and manse roofs as well as replacing damaged roof tiles, also part of one wall at the manse was repointed.

Radiators for both the ladies and gents toilets were replaced.

A new computer was purchased to upgrade the audio visual in Church and continue streaming the Sunday morning service via Zoom.

Security of the manse was improved by installing a burglar alarm and security camera, this is proving very effective.

Pre-School License renewed for the next five years.

Discussed becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO), however it was decided not to proceed.

Nigel Carpenter

Treasurers Report for Financial Year 1st January to 31st December 2024 For Church AGM 21st May 2025

	2023	2024	Inc / Dec
Bank Balances 31st Dec			
Community Account (Current)	4,786.16	5,787.45	1,001.29
Business Premium (Deposit)	12,401.78	12,588.34	186.56
Nationwide Business Savings	40,027.74	41,862.94	1,835.20
Total	57,215.68	60,238.73	3,023.05

	2023	2024	Inc / Dec
Surplus / Deficit			
Income	71,551.53	69,345.12	-2,206.41
Expenditure	55,360.39	65,141.69	9,781.30
Surplus / Deficit	16,191	4,203.43	-11,987.71

Nationwide and Bank Interest	398.23	2,021.00	1,622.71
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Main sources of income

	2023	2024	Inc / Dec
Offering without Gift Aid	18,640	18,112	-528
Offering with Gift Aid	22,301	23,956	1,655
Hall Use	11,936	13,183	1,247
Gift Aid Return from HMRC	8,824	8,181	-643
Donations received	5,250	205	-5,045
WRU Manse Repair %	115	1,452	1337
Wednesday Fellowship Offering	538	514	-24

Examples of Expenditure

Donations Church Lunch Surplus	2024
Wycombe Homeless Connection	200
Wycombe Women's Aid	200
Wycombe Food Hub	100
Total	500

Donations	2024
Love Wycombe	300
Lighthouse	300
Missions Sunday - Flame International	500
Total	1100

Tithe Church Income	2023	2024	
Income to tithe	61,701	64,400	
10%	6,170	6,440	
Donations from Church Income	753	1,100	
Amount to allocate at May AGM	5,417	5,300	
Manse Expenses	2023	2024	Inc / Dec
Including Council Tax, Water Rate			
Broadband and Telephone			
Repairs and Renewals	3,529	7,073	3,544
60/40 WRU Refund on Repairs		1,452	
Actual Increase			2,092
Staff Costs	2023	2024	Inc / Dec
Stipend	21,571	22,865	1,294
Ministers Expenses	230	207	-23
Visiting Preachers	325	300	-25
Church Repairs and Renewals	3,960	4,161	201
Two toilet radiators replaced, both church hoovers replaced. Kitchen decorated			
Roof moss removed and roof repairs. Kitchen water boiler repaired			
Energy	2,274	2,219	-55

I thank everyone for their financial contribution towards the running of the Church.
We continue to thank our Lord for his guidance and support in all aspects of the Church's finances.

Nigel Carpenter

Wednesday Fellowship Report

Our Wednesday Fellowship continues to meet twice a month on a Wednesday afternoon in the Church Hall and the Good Neighbours bus provides transport for these afternoon sessions. We have a short, informal service with hymns, prayers, a Bible reading and a thought. We usually have an interactive activity, so everyone can join in and share their thoughts and experiences.

We have a few outside speakers that come periodically throughout the year, but mostly our team of Sallie, Gill, Bryan and Debbie come up with themes for our afternoons and contribute poems, readings and activities to share God's love with our community. We usually have about 20 people attending and what is so important is the time to sit and chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit, as we get to know each other better and share each other's stories.

This year we donated to the Tearfund Toilet Twinning Initiative, that provides toilets to communities. This support improves the lives of families, as with a safe place for them to go, the family are less likely to contract diseases, and then are able to work more because of their improved health and wellbeing, and lift the family out of poverty.

Debbie Carpenter

Roast Dinner Report

This year the team served Roast Dinner on 9 occasions throughout the year, enabling the Church Family and their invited friends to share a meal together on the first Sunday of the month. We have a great team of vegetable peelers, that come on a Saturday afternoon and prepare the vegetables. We have a good chat while we are doing the task, and then always finish up with a cup of tea afterwards! Another team come in to prepare the tables, and serve the food as well as wash up after the meal. Many thanks to everyone who helps to make this happen. It is such a time of fellowship to share together over a meal, and for so many that eat alone for most of the time, it is a chance to share God's love in a practical way for our community. We have a donation box for the meal and any surplus is sent to local charities, Wycombe Women's Aid, The Food Hub and The Homeless Connection all in Wycombe.

Debbie Carpenter

Tea and Cake in the Afternoon Report

We hold our Tea Party on the second Wednesday of the month, meeting in the Church Hall, usually from February until the summer, and then from September until Christmas.

We serve tea and coffee, and an array of cakes, tea breads and scones, always making sure we cater for anyone who is gluten free. We averaged 34 people during the year and there's always a lovely atmosphere and a buzz of conversation throughout the afternoon. It's lovely to see our regulars, plus new friends who come to join us. Some of our ladies and gentlemen are picked up and taken home again by the Hazlemere Good Neighbours Bus – this makes a huge difference to them and we are grateful both to Debbie for arranging this every year, and to the lovely couple who operate the bus, helping them on and off and looking after them so well.

We have an amazing team. As well as me and Michael, we have Michelle, Antoine, Dot, Sallie, Gill, Diana and Susan. And of course, Sharon! We have cake makers, tea and coffee servers – as well as everyone who arrives to help set up and move the chairs and tables before we start and of course, put everything away at the end! We are grateful to everyone who comes and lends a hand.

But we do have a problem. The Church Insurance stipulates that church organised meetings taking place on the premises should have a minimum of two church members there throughout the whole meeting, taking responsibility for the meeting, setting it up and checking the building at the end. So, although we have a brilliant team, there will be times when we simply have to cancel, if we don't have two church members available to be responsible for running the afternoon.

We held our usual MacMillan Tea Party in September. Forty-two guests came on the day and after late donations had been collected in, we were able to send off £382.75. This is always an amazing amount and we are so grateful to everyone who donated – it's such a privilege to be able to take part in the MacMillan Coffee Morning each year. Even though ours is a Tea Party in the afternoon.

So, as ever, if you like cake and would like to meet up with old friends or make new ones, please join us. We'd love to see you!

Pippa Wood

Men's Breakfast Report

Men's Breakfast is a monthly event where we always enjoy mouth-watering bacon rolls, tea, coffee and orange juice.

After breakfast (and light-hearted banter!) we settle down to the serious business of watching and then discussing interesting and topical DVDs.

We have just completed a DVD by Max Lucado entitled 'Anxious for Nothing' which dealt with situations that can cause anxiety. We have had some interesting debate on things that can make us anxious.

We are currently viewing a new DVD by Patrick Regan – 'When Faith Gets Shaken'. This DVD brings alive honest reflections on how we can focus on God and keep going when our faith gets shaken. The course consists of 6 sessions for small groups. It is already generating interesting thoughts and opinions.

We extend a very warm welcome to any gentleman to join us at 8.30am on the last Saturday morning of each month (to be advised).

Tony Child

Art and Craft Report

We meet once a month on a Wednesday afternoon and around twelve people attend. We share our craft projects often learning new skills having a good chat as well. Cups of tea and biscuits help us along.

Kathy Dawkings

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024
for
HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number

1132405

Principal address

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Trustees

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Michelle Y. Rouyer Guillet
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Deborah C. Carpenter

Independent Examiner

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

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Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages three to eight.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
	Notes	£	£
Incoming resources and generated funds from			
Voluntary income		64,626	67,736
Investment income	2	2,022	398
Total		<u>66,648</u>	<u>68,134</u>
 Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activity		75,495	64,528
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(8,847)</u>	<u>3,606</u>
 Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		203,293	199,687
 Total funds carried forward		<u><u>194,446</u></u>	<u><u>203,293</u></u>

Continuing operations

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Balance Sheet

31st December 2024

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes		
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	367,117	378,945
Current assets			
Cash at bank		60,238	57,216
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(232,909)	(232,868)
Net current assets		<u>(172,671)</u>	<u>(175,652)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		194,446	203,293
NET ASSETS		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>
Funds	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>
Total funds		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>

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

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Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold Property - 50 years

Improvements to Property - 20 years

Computer Equipments - 3 Years

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

2. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment income	<u>2,022</u>	<u>398</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

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

Trustees' expenses

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1st January 2024	361,181	107,231	-	468,412
Additions	-	-	1,135	1,135
At 31st December 2024	361,181	107,231	1,135	469,547
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2024	50,568	38,899	-	89,467
Charge for year	7,224	5,361	378	12,963
At 31st December 2024	57,792	44,260	378	102,430
Net book value				
At 31st December 2024	303,389	62,971	757	367,117
At 31st December 2023	310,613	68,332	-	378,945

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	720	719
Other creditors	232,189	232,149
	232,909	232,868

6. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	203,293	(8,847)	194,446
TOTAL FUNDS	203,293	(8,847)	194,446

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,648	(75,495)	(8,847)
TOTAL FUNDS	66,648	(75,495)	(8,847)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

6. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,687	3,606	203,293
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,687</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>203,293</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,134	(64,528)	3,606
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,134</u>	<u>(64,528)</u>	<u>3,606</u>

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

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,687	(5,241)	194,446
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,687</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>	<u>194,446</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,782	(140,023)	(5,241)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,782</u>	<u>(140,023)</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>

7. Related party disclosures

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

HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming resources and generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Donation & legacies	51,443	55,800
Hall Rental	13,183	11,936
	<u>64,626</u>	<u>67,736</u>
Investment income		
Investment income	2,022	398
	<u>66,648</u>	<u>68,134</u>
Total incoming resources		
	66,648	68,134
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Running cost of the church	11,680	11,141
Minister and visiting preacher	23,987	22,983
Church services and Sunday Sch	327	170
Donation paid	7,590	1,303
Governance Cost	30,574	25,957
General administration costs	1,337	2,974
	<u>75,495</u>	<u>64,528</u>
Total resources expended	<u>75,495</u>	<u>64,528</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(8,847)</u>	<u>3,606</u>

VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Account	Description	Final	Comparative Year Ended 31/12/23	Variance	% Change
1	Donation & legacies GENERAL	(51,442.79)	(55,798.50)	4,355.71	-7.81
2	Hall Rental GENERAL	(13,183.00)	(11,936.00)	(1,247.00)	10.45
24	Investment income GENERAL	(2,021.76)	(398.23)	(1,623.53)	407.69
169	Running cost of the church GENERAL	11,679.98	11,140.93	539.05	4.84
171	Minister and visiting preacher GENERAL	23,986.87	22,982.58	1,004.29	4.37
172	Church services and Sunday Sch GENERAL	326.51	169.70	156.81	92.40
173	Donation paid GENERAL	7,590.00	1,302.80	6,287.20	482.59
174	Governance Cost GENERAL	30,573.58	25,957.40	4,616.18	17.78
175	General administration costs GENERAL	1,337.01	2,973.75	(1,636.74)	-55.04
	(Profit) / Loss	£8,846.40	(£3,605.57)	£12,451.97	-345.35
512	Freehold prop				
/ 1	Freehold prop Cost/valuation b GENERAL	361,181.09	361,181.09	0.00	0.00
/ 21	Freehold prop Depreciation b/f GENERAL	(50,567.62)	(43,343.62)	(7,224.00)	16.67
/ 22	Freehold prop Charge for year GENERAL	(7,224.00)	(7,224.00)	0.00	0.00
522	Improvmts to prop				
/ 1	Improvmts to prop Cost/valuati GENERAL	107,231.48	107,231.48	0.00	0.00
/ 21	Improvmts to prop Depreciation GENERAL	(38,898.61)	(33,537.04)	(5,361.57)	15.99
/ 22	Improvmts to prop Charge for y GENERAL	(5,361.57)	(5,361.57)	0.00	0.00
526	Computer equipment				
/ 2	Computer equipment Additions GENERAL	1,135.00	-	1,135.00	-
/ 22	Computer equipment Charge for GENERAL	(378.33)	-	(378.33)	-
692	Bank account no. 1 GENERAL	5,787.45	4,786.16	1,001.29	20.92
694	Bank account no. 3 GENERAL	12,588.34	12,401.78	186.56	1.50
695	Bank account no. 4 GENERAL	41,862.94	40,027.74	1,835.20	4.58
755	Social security and other tax GENERAL	(720.00)	(719.45)	(0.55)	0.08
769	WRU Loan GENERAL	(232,000.00)	(232,000.00)	0.00	0.00
785	Accruals and deferred income GENERAL	(190.00)	(150.00)	(40.00)	26.67
968	Surplus and deficit account				
/ 1	Brought forward GENERAL	(203,292.57)	(199,687.00)	(3,605.57)	1.81

VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Account	Description	Final	Comparative Year Ended 31/12/23	Variance	% Change
	Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	-

Funds
GENERAL General fund

Signatures


Date: May 29 2025

Signature: *Nigel Carpenter*
Nigel

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2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Taxassist Accountants
13 The Highway
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Date:

HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
	Notes	£	£
Incoming resources and generated funds from			
Voluntary income		64,626	67,736
Investment income	2	2,022	398
Total		<u>66,648</u>	<u>68,134</u>
 Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activity		75,495	64,528
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(8,847)</u>	<u>3,606</u>
 Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		203,293	199,687
 Total funds carried forward		<u><u>194,446</u></u>	<u><u>203,293</u></u>

Continuing operations

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Balance Sheet

31st December 2024

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes		
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	367,117	378,945
Current assets			
Cash at bank		60,238	57,216
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(232,909)	(232,868)
Net current assets		<u>(172,671)</u>	<u>(175,652)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		194,446	203,293
NET ASSETS		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>
Funds	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>
Total funds		<u>194,446</u>	<u>203,293</u>

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

.....
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold Property - 50 years

Improvements to Property - 20 years

Computer Equipments - 3 Years

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

2. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment income	<u>2,022</u>	<u>398</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

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

Trustees' expenses

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1st January 2024	361,181	107,231	-	468,412
Additions	-	-	1,135	1,135
At 31st December 2024	361,181	107,231	1,135	469,547
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2024	50,568	38,899	-	89,467
Charge for year	7,224	5,361	378	12,963
At 31st December 2024	57,792	44,260	378	102,430
Net book value				
At 31st December 2024	303,389	62,971	757	367,117
At 31st December 2023	310,613	68,332	-	378,945

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	720	719
Other creditors	232,189	232,149
	232,909	232,868

6. Movement in funds

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	203,293	(8,847)	194,446
TOTAL FUNDS	203,293	(8,847)	194,446

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,648	(75,495)	(8,847)
TOTAL FUNDS	66,648	(75,495)	(8,847)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

6. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,687	3,606	203,293
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,687</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>203,293</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,134	(64,528)	3,606
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,134</u>	<u>(64,528)</u>	<u>3,606</u>

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

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,687	(5,241)	194,446
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,687</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>	<u>194,446</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,782	(140,023)	(5,241)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,782</u>	<u>(140,023)</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>

7. Related party disclosures

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

HAZLEMERE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming resources and generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Donation & legacies	51,443	55,800
Hall Rental	13,183	11,936
	<u>64,626</u>	<u>67,736</u>
Investment income		
Investment income	2,022	398
	<u>66,648</u>	<u>68,134</u>
Total incoming resources		
	66,648	68,134
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Running cost of the church	11,680	11,141
Minister and visiting preacher	23,987	22,983
Church services and Sunday Sch	327	170
Donation paid	7,590	1,303
Governance Cost	30,574	25,957
General administration costs	1,337	2,974
	<u>75,495</u>	<u>64,528</u>
Total resources expended	<u>75,495</u>	<u>64,528</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(8,847)</u>	<u>3,606</u>

VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Account	Description	Final	Comparative Year Ended 31/12/23	Variance	% Change
1	Donation & legacies GENERAL	(51,442.79)	(55,798.50)	4,355.71	-7.81
2	Hall Rental GENERAL	(13,183.00)	(11,936.00)	(1,247.00)	10.45
24	Investment income GENERAL	(2,021.76)	(398.23)	(1,623.53)	407.69
169	Running cost of the church GENERAL	11,679.98	11,140.93	539.05	4.84
171	Minister and visiting preacher GENERAL	23,986.87	22,982.58	1,004.29	4.37
172	Church services and Sunday Sch GENERAL	326.51	169.70	156.81	92.40
173	Donation paid GENERAL	7,590.00	1,302.80	6,287.20	482.59
174	Governance Cost GENERAL	30,573.58	25,957.40	4,616.18	17.78
175	General administration costs GENERAL	1,337.01	2,973.75	(1,636.74)	-55.04
	(Profit) / Loss	£8,846.40	(£3,605.57)	£12,451.97	-345.35
512	Freehold prop				
/ 1	Freehold prop Cost/valuation b GENERAL	361,181.09	361,181.09	0.00	0.00
/ 21	Freehold prop Depreciation b/f GENERAL	(50,567.62)	(43,343.62)	(7,224.00)	16.67
/ 22	Freehold prop Charge for year GENERAL	(7,224.00)	(7,224.00)	0.00	0.00
522	Improvmts to prop				
/ 1	Improvmts to prop Cost/valuati GENERAL	107,231.48	107,231.48	0.00	0.00
/ 21	Improvmts to prop Depreciation GENERAL	(38,898.61)	(33,537.04)	(5,361.57)	15.99
/ 22	Improvmts to prop Charge for y GENERAL	(5,361.57)	(5,361.57)	0.00	0.00
526	Computer equipment				
/ 2	Computer equipment Additions GENERAL	1,135.00	-	1,135.00	-
/ 22	Computer equipment Charge for GENERAL	(378.33)	-	(378.33)	-
692	Bank account no. 1 GENERAL	5,787.45	4,786.16	1,001.29	20.92
694	Bank account no. 3 GENERAL	12,588.34	12,401.78	186.56	1.50
695	Bank account no. 4 GENERAL	41,862.94	40,027.74	1,835.20	4.58
755	Social security and other tax GENERAL	(720.00)	(719.45)	(0.55)	0.08
769	WRU Loan GENERAL	(232,000.00)	(232,000.00)	0.00	0.00
785	Accruals and deferred income GENERAL	(190.00)	(150.00)	(40.00)	26.67
968	Surplus and deficit account				
/ 1	Brought forward GENERAL	(203,292.57)	(199,687.00)	(3,605.57)	1.81

VARIANCE TRIAL BALANCE

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Account	Description	Final	Comparative Year Ended 31/12/23	Variance	% Change
	Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	-

Funds
GENERAL General fund

Signatures


Date: May 29 2025

Signature: *Nigel Carpenter*
Nigel

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