

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

M Partridge
Revd. M Bradley
J Warden
B Cavaghan
C Medlock
R Chinnadurai
M Bailey
M Fox
A Law
A Wallace (Appointed 22 May 2023)
R Willcocks (Appointed 22 May 2023)

Charity number

1133944

Independent examiner

Philip Adrian Stallard
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Ash House
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. It also advances education and undertakes other charitable purposes in the UK and other parts of the world.

The activities undertaken include public worship, prayer, bible study, teaching, encouragement, education and pastoral care.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Grant-making Policy

Grants are approved by the church meeting within the approval of the annual budget with any additional items voted by the same body during the year as the need arises.

Achievements and performance

Review of the past year

The year started positively with a popular launch event for our Alpha course, featuring Andy Kind (a Christian comedian). The subsequent Alpha course was very successful, leading to a follow-up group called Stepping Stones for those wishing to explore the Christian faith further

The start of the year also saw a change in the office, with the new role of 'Ministries Support Coordinator' aiming to enable and facilitate members as they use their gifts to start and/or run ministries as God leads them.

Sunday morning services have been well-attended both by existing church members and by an encouraging number of new people. Our children's and youth work on Sunday mornings also thrived, seeing more young people attend and learn more about our faith.

One of our Life Groups, J24 based in North Petherton, became involved in reaching out to asylum seekers housed in a local hotel. Under the guidance of CHARIS (a local Christian charity with close links to our church, caring for asylum seekers and refugees) they started running various groups and activities, as well as enabling those who wish to, to attend church.

2023 also saw the start of a new monthly ministry to Seniors, called Prime Time, with the aim of enabling friendships and conversations for all Seniors in the local community.

We also facilitated the start of a Carers' Support Group, run monthly in our church building by Spark and Somerset Carers Service, offering support, practical advice, and friendship to unpaid carers and the people they care for. This was hosted by members of our church, who offer a warm Christian welcome.

Our Creech Men group, aimed at supporting men in their faith and in supporting each other, has been successfully revitalised and during 2023 held regular events both at church and elsewhere.

Our Parent and Toddler group continued to thrive in 2023, with many parents and carers from our local communities attending with their children.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Easter time also saw our church join together once again with our local Anglican friends in a walk of witness through the village, as well as our usual Easter services and celebrations.

Our Life Café opened on Thursdays and Fridays, welcoming people in to not only share food and drink, but to share encouragement and support. The Life Café also opened for 2 Saturdays per month, often with special events such as Christian book stalls, etc. We also continued to run a weekly Welcome Space, offering a free warm space and a place to meet and make friends, along with a monthly Community Feast, offering a free meal and a warm welcome to anyone in the local community. This was often also attended by the asylum seekers, giving us further opportunities to care for them.

Our Life Groups continued to thrive, with new ones starting, giving members the chance to study the Bible, prayerfully support each other, and have fun.

We continued with our 'pause for prayer', which offered the weekly chance via Zoom for people to take time out to pray. We also continued our monthly prayer for the persecuted church throughout the world, again via zoom. In response to the challenges the school is facing, a small group also started a monthly prayer meeting for our local secondary school.

Shine, a lunchtime club in a local primary school, continued to introduce children to the Christian faith through stories, crafts – and fun. Our pastors and other members were also involved through governing bodies, ethos committees and leading assemblies/collective worship in our local primary schools.

Throughout 2023, our leadership team/trustees continued to meet together in person twice a month for prayer and to discuss the oversight of the church and its ministries. One of those meetings was focussed on prayer and strategic planning and discussion (generally centred on one key issue each month) while the other was focussed on praying for and discussing the practical and spiritual oversight of church life.

Our youth and children's work continued to reach out to young people, with Sunday morning groups for all ages and two weekday youth groups for ages 11 up, along with a monthly 'youth café' – a friendly space based in our café where young people can invite their friends. Some of our young people also went on residential weekends called SPREE and Satellites where they enjoyed meeting other young Christians through various activities and events. As this was so successful, more weekends are planned in 2024 including Luminosity, which is part of New Wine.

Some of our young people also attended 'Movement Worship' evenings once a month, giving them the opportunity to meet and worship with other local young Christians.

A Year 6 group called Kidzone+, running an adapted version of Youth Alpha, ran until the end of the school year.

The beginning of August once again featured our Holiday Club. Approximately 100 primary school-aged children came along for a week of silliness, crafts, games, stories, Bible study, prayer, and laughter, run by dozens of church volunteers.

2023 saw the sad loss of some of our senior church members. Although mourning their loss to us, we gathered together to give thanks for their lives, their faith and witness, and rejoice that they are now with their Lord.

Towards the end of the year, we had the privilege of hosting the ordination of Ali Tinson into Baptist Ministry.

2023 ended with our joyful Christmas events – to name a few: a nativity centred around a large 'campfire' constructed at the centre of the main church, which saw our children retell the Christmas story in an imaginative way, and was warmly enjoyed; a large Christmas community fayre which we helped organise and host; carols by candlelight; carols round the tree at our local pub saw a large number of local people gather and have the chance to hear the truth of the Christmas story

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Financial review

The attached financial statements show the state of finances of the church and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure for the year of £18,447 after charging depreciation of £16,201.

The balance sheet shows an decrease in net assets to £327,307. Of this figure, £62,314 now relates to the general fund, £26,604 relates to the designated funds and £238,389 relates to restricted funds for outreach, love gifts, mission, church property and building funds.

As pointed out at note 1.12, Brookings Cottage and The Arches are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust'. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

Reserves Policy

The church has adopted a minimum level of income reserves of three months of budgeted expenditure excluding restricted or designated expenditure. This reserve is adopted in order for the church to meet its financial obligations should there be a sudden reduction in its income. At the year end, the unrestricted net asset balance amounted to £62,314 which comfortably exceeds three months expenditure..

Investment powers and policy

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover day to day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The church was established by Trust Deed and has a written constitution, last updated 19 May 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

I Kelland	(Resigned 22 May 2023)
M Partridge	
Revd. M Bradley	
J Warden	
B Cavaghan	
I Tremain	(Resigned 22 May 2023)
C Medlock	
R Chinnadurai	
M Bailey	
M Fox	
A Law	
A Wallace	(Appointed 22 May 2023)
R Willcocks	(Appointed 22 May 2023)

The Trustees were appointed by the membership of the church in general meeting. Induction and training needs are provided for by other trustees and external guidance is sought when needed.

The Church is a registered charity under registration number 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5QQ.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge, Mr Bailey and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown within the accounts.

Related Charities

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (charity number 249635), which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M Bradley
Signed on 03/07/24 @ 16:14

Revd. M Bradley

Trustee

Date:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



PA Stallard
Signed on 05/09/24 @ 10:04

Philip Adrian Stallard
Chartered Accountant

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Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	210,199	24,533	19,865	254,597	250,152
Charitable activities	5	26,554	-	-	26,554	17,474
Investments	4	917	-	-	917	269
Total income		237,670	24,533	19,865	282,068	267,895
Charitable activities	6	214,185	26,242	60,088	300,515	286,612
Net income/(expenditure)		23,485	(1,709)	(40,223)	(18,447)	(18,717)
Transfers between funds		(37,620)	6,270	31,350	-	-
Net movement in funds		(14,135)	4,561	(8,873)	(18,447)	(18,717)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		76,449	22,043	247,262	345,754	364,471
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		62,314	26,604	238,389	327,307	345,754

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152
Charitable activities	5	17,474	-	-	17,474
Investments	4	269	-	-	269
Total income		232,037	24,526	11,332	267,895
Charitable activities	6	204,041	26,390	56,181	286,612
Net income/(expenditure)		27,996	(1,864)	(44,849)	(18,717)
Transfers between funds		(65,540)	5,934	59,606	-
Net movement in funds		(37,544)	4,070	14,757	(18,717)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		113,993	17,973	232,505	364,471
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		76,449	22,043	247,262	345,754

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		216,157		232,297
Current assets					
Debtors	12	10,277		9,726	
Cash at bank and in hand		109,431		109,375	
		119,708		119,101	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	8,558		5,644	
Net current assets			111,150		113,457
Total assets less current liabilities			327,307		345,754
The funds of the church					
Restricted income funds	14		238,389		247,262
Unrestricted funds - general			62,314		76,449
Unrestricted funds - designated	15		26,604		22,043
			327,307		345,754

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on



M Bradley
Signed on 03/07/24 @ 16:14

Revd. M Bradley
Trustee



A Wallace
Signed on 04/09/24 @ 17:51

A Wallace
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	19		(800)		(6,808)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,137)		(31,663)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		1,076		-	
Investment income received		917		269	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			856		(31,394)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			56		(38,202)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			109,375		147,577
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			109,431		109,375

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Church is a registered charity. The charity's registration number is 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5QQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been designated for a particular purpose. These funds may be redesignated at the discretion of the church. An analysis of the unrestricted designated funds is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted Income funds are funds which are subject to specific trusts and objects. These comprise specific love gifts, amounts earmarked out of general giving specifically for Outreach and Mission, and the original amounts used for the re-building of the church building. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Lettings income is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is accounted for when it is receivable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation.

Other Charitable Expenditure

Expenditure that directly relates to a cost category is charged solely to that category. However, where expenditure relates to at least two such categories, the cost is apportioned as necessary. Expenditure is generally recognised when incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1% straight line (Improvements 5%)
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The deacons believe the historic cost of the freehold property to be £250,000 as incurred between 1983 and 1985. This specifically excludes the historic cost of the land which was gifted in the 1860's and is certainly immaterial to these accounts.

The original cost of fixtures and equipment at 31 December 1999 was not known. It was not cost effective to value all of the related assets. Therefore, the cost at that date has been taken at its insurance value as per the September 1999 declaration as allowed by the Charities SORP. Fixtures and equipment purchased since that date have been capitalised at cost and subjected to depreciation as above.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Brookings Cottage and The Arches

Both of these properties are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust', and a separate return is made to the Charity Commission. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	210,199	24,533	19,865	254,597	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152
Donations and gifts								
Offerings	167,806	-	-	167,806	159,421	-	-	159,421
Income tax recoverable	31,445	44	2,248	33,737	29,775	-	-	29,775
Love gifts	-	-	16,099	16,099	-	-	9,118	9,118
Other specified income	10,189	4,758	1,518	16,465	10,934	7,144	2,214	20,292
Outreach income	-	19,731	-	19,731	-	17,382	-	17,382
Sundry receipts	759	-	-	759	14,164	-	-	14,164
	210,199	24,533	19,865	254,597	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	917	269

5 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable rental income	26,554	17,474
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	26,554	

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Unrestricted funds - general	17,474
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2023 £	Charitable activities 2022 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	102,934	83,570
Depreciation and impairment	16,105	13,403
Charitable Giving	75,928	86,648
Property expenditure	64,091	61,671
Church meetings and speaker expenses	5,971	4,960
Youth activities	9,911	6,848
	<u>274,940</u>	<u>257,100</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	25,575	29,512
	<u>300,515</u>	<u>286,612</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	214,185	204,041
Unrestricted funds - designated	26,242	26,390
Restricted funds	60,088	56,181
	<u>300,515</u>	<u>286,612</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	14,684	19,668
Depreciation	96	118
Subscriptions	1,175	1,208
Bank charges	98	129
Catering costs	1,326	2,234
Office running costs	3,068	3,724
Bookkeeping costs	2,550	-
Independent examination	2,578	2,431
	<u>25,575</u>	<u>29,512</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>25,575</u>	<u>29,512</u>

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8 Trustees

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown in the notes to the financial statements.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administrative	1	3
Pastoral	3	3
Total	4	6

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	99,367	90,956
Social security costs	3,735	1,562
Other pension costs	14,516	10,720
	117,618	103,238

A defined contribution pension scheme is made available to all eligible employees. The employer cost of this scheme is shown above. The outstanding liability at the year end was £1,336 (2022: £1,115).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	97,544	81,552

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	300,831	194,928	495,759
Additions	-	1,137	1,137
Disposals	-	(1,076)	(1,076)
	<u>300,831</u>	<u>194,989</u>	<u>495,820</u>
At 31 December 2023	300,831	194,989	495,820
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2023	107,745	155,717	263,462
Depreciation charged in the year	5,042	11,159	16,201
	<u>112,787</u>	<u>166,876</u>	<u>279,663</u>
At 31 December 2023	112,787	166,876	279,663
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2023	<u>188,044</u>	<u>28,113</u>	<u>216,157</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>193,086</u>	<u>39,211</u>	<u>232,297</u>

Generally, all of the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes, though some of the fixtures and equipment are used in the administration function and the church centre is periodically let when under used for other purposes.

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,000	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	5,277	4,726
	<u>10,277</u>	<u>9,726</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	2,226	2,096
Trade creditors	332	-
Accruals and deferred income	6,000	3,548
	<u>8,558</u>	<u>5,644</u>

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14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Love Gifts & Mission Fund	8,606	18,114	(42,453)	31,350	15,617
Other Specified Fund	4,454	1,751	(515)	-	5,690
Church Property & Building Fund	232,202	-	(16,105)	-	216,097
New Wine Fund	2,000	-	(1,015)	-	985
	<u>247,262</u>	<u>19,865</u>	<u>(60,088)</u>	<u>31,350</u>	<u>238,389</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Love Gifts & Mission Fund	8,765	9,118	(38,947)	29,670	8,606
Other Specified Fund	4,439	2,214	(2,199)	-	4,454
Church Property & Building Fund	215,301	-	(13,035)	29,936	232,202
New Wine Fund	4,000	-	(2,000)	-	2,000
	<u>232,505</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>(56,181)</u>	<u>59,606</u>	<u>247,262</u>

The Outreach and Mission Funds receive and disburse specified proportions of unspecified offerings received including tax recoverable. The proportions for the current year amounted to 3% for Outreach (2022: 3%) and 15% for Mission (2022: 15%).

The Love Gifts and Other Specified Fund receives and disburses specific gifts.

The Church Property and Building Fund relates to the funds used for the re-building and improvement of the church and the centre.

The New Wine fund and the Ilfracombe BC fund were created in 2019 for specific giving.

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15 Unrestricted funds - designated

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth fund	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Fellowship fund	123	4,802	(4,390)	-	535
Outreach life cafe	2,297	19,062	(17,056)	-	4,303
Outreach/local mission fund	17,830	669	(4,796)	6,270	19,973
	<u>22,043</u>	<u>24,533</u>	<u>(26,242)</u>	<u>6,270</u>	<u>26,604</u>

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth fund	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Fellowship fund	61	7,143	(7,081)	-	123
Outreach life cafe	-	17,169	(14,872)	-	2,297
Outreach/local mission fund	16,119	214	(4,437)	5,934	17,830
	<u>17,973</u>	<u>24,526</u>	<u>(26,390)</u>	<u>5,934</u>	<u>22,043</u>

The Youth Fund receives amounts given to support Youth activities and those families working with young people in the local community. The Special Mission fund is to help individuals with specific training and support.

The Fellowship Fund receives amounts from the General Fund for use in particular cases of need and hardship within the fellowship.

The Outreach Life Cafe was set up in 2016. Surplus funds generated are distributed to good causes.

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16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	76,449	237,670	(214,185)	(37,620)	62,314
	<u>76,449</u>	<u>237,670</u>	<u>(214,185)</u>	<u>(37,620)</u>	<u>62,314</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	113,993	232,037	(204,041)	(65,540)	76,449
	<u>113,993</u>	<u>232,037</u>	<u>(204,041)</u>	<u>(65,540)</u>	<u>76,449</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	-	-	216,157	216,157
Current assets/(liabilities)	62,314	26,604	22,232	111,150
	<u>62,314</u>	<u>26,604</u>	<u>238,389</u>	<u>327,307</u>
	<u>62,314</u>	<u>26,604</u>	<u>238,389</u>	<u>327,307</u>
	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	95	-	232,202	232,297
Current assets/(liabilities)	76,354	22,043	15,060	113,457
	<u>76,449</u>	<u>22,043</u>	<u>247,262</u>	<u>345,754</u>
	<u>76,449</u>	<u>22,043</u>	<u>247,262</u>	<u>345,754</u>

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18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

19 Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
Deficit for the year	(18,447)	(18,717)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(917)	(269)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	16,201	13,521
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(551)	(264)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,914	(1,079)
Cash absorbed by operations	(800)	(6,808)

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

The church had no material debt during the year.