GATEWAY CHURCH, POOLE

England & Wales · Charity number 1135330

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07189544
Registered	2010-03-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECT ("OBJECTS") ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO ATTACHED IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF POOLE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF POOLE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(C) TO FURTHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INCLUDING BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION TO CHILDREN OF PRE-SCHOOL AGE IN SUCH PARTS OF POOLE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;(D) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN SUCH PARTS OF POOLE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Gateway Church Poole is a Bible-based, lively church serving Poole and the surrounding area with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also supports and assists mission in other parts of the UK and

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overseas. Being part of the Advance network of churches is its focus for achieving this.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** POOLE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Scotland
- Turkey
- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£680,440	£642,709	£1,508,638	7
2024-03-31	£639,014	£594,343	£1,470,907	7
2023-03-31	£663,229	£489,805	£1,426,236	6
2022-03-31	£690,738	£339,418	£1,252,812	6
2021-03-31	£470,482	£384,196	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr SAMUEL ALLEN McGINLEY	Chair	2018-10-31
Alan Mainstone		2023-11-16
Belinda McArdle		2024-11-07
Jonathan Simon Roberts		2025-11-12
Matthew John Hosier		
Rebecca Clarke		2019-11-13
Richard Andrew Stamp		2019-11-13

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GATEWAY CHURCH, POOLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135330

Accounts

Gateway Church, Poole

(A Company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2025

Company registration number: 07189544
Charity registration number: 1135330

Gateway Church, Poole

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Matthew Hosier Matthew Ashton Dr Samuel McGinley Rebecca Clarke Richard Stamp Belinda McArdle (appointed 7 November 2024) Alan Mainstone
Secretary	Rebecca Bertrand
Principal Office	133 Alder Road Parkstone Poole Dorset BH12 4AA
Company Registration Number	07189544
Charity Registration Number	1135330
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc
Independent Examiner	Adrian Carr AAT The Accounting Bureau Ltd 87 North Road Poole Dorset BH14 0LT
Website	http://www.gatewaychurch.me

Gateway Church, Poole

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees
Matthew Hosier
Matthew Ashton
Dr Samuel McGinley
Rebecca Clarke
Richard Stamp
Belinda McArdle (appointed 7 November 2024)
Alan Mainstone

Structure, Governance and Management
Gateway Church, Poole is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and was incorporated on 15 March 2010.

The charity trustees are all directors of the charitable company and are appointed by ordinary resolution of the members as set out in articles 31 to 35 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Objects and Activities
Gateway Church, Poole is Bible-based, lively church serving BCP and the surrounding area with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also supports and assists mission in other parts of the UK and overseas. Being part of the Advance Movement network of churches is its focus for achieving this.

The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following:

(a) to advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(c) to further Christian education including but not by way of limitation to children of pre-school age in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time think fit;

(d) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for the recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

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Annual Report

Our Vision and Values

We exist to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, to faithfully do justice to the instructions given to us through His word, the Bible, and to see as many people as possible impacted by this good news.

In doing this, three words sum up our values, and our goal is to be a people who live in a way that reflects the values encapsulated in these 3 words. Our plans and goals need to reflect:

Adventure : At the heart of the Christian faith is a great adventure to 'go to the ends of the earth' in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. The bible is jam-packed with stories of adventurous men and women risking all, and at times sacrificing all, to see people come to salvation through Jesus. We desire to live as modern day adventurers for Jesus in just the same way!

Purity : Being people who are committed to honesty, integrity and faithfulness in everything that we do and say. Serving one another and serving God with clean hearts and clean hands.

Compassion : The sound of war, famine, sickness and death in our world should move us to compassion, and therefore action, in offering support and action to those around us. This means serving locally and further afield to see social ills alleviated and people set free from the pain and isolation of social, financial, personal or spiritual hardship.

Summary of Gateway's Activities

The period that covers this annual report was marked by a third Gateway congregation in January 2025 that meets at Parkstone Church on Sundays.

Alongside our two existing congregations on Alder Road and Ashley Road, we are pleased to report that as at the writing of this report, all three locations are well attended on Sunday mornings, and we have seen another year of steady membership growth.

The paragraphs below set out our activities for the period April 2024-March 2025. In addition to this, further information can be found on our annual review.

Sunday Mornings

Usually on Sunday mornings we enjoy meeting together for worship and teaching. Our Sunday meetings are relaxed, informal and relevant to modern life. We have tea and coffee before and after our meetings. We worship God together and give time for a talk applying the truth of the Bible to life following which there is an opportunity for people to respond to what has been taught.

We operate as 'one church on three sites' with a congregation based at Alder Road, another on Ashley Road (known as '502') in Poole and a new one based at Parkstone Church (known as 'Ringwood Road'). As of the end of this reporting period, the church membership was 282 adults (247 last year) and our Sunday attendance was approximately 370 (340 last year).

Kids and Youth on Sundays

Similarly, our Sunday services also provide for under-18's through a rich program of bible teaching, worship, games and activities in their respective age groups. At all three of our locations we offer Sunday morning youth group for secondary school age children, kids group for primary schools ages children, and a toddler group for under-3's. Whilst numbers for these groups vary, on most Sundays we'd expect to cater for 10-15 in the creche, 60-70 in kids work and 20-30 in the youth groups.

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Baptisms
Helping people to know Jesus Christ and to get baptized is a big part of the responsibility and joy of every believer and something we should all participate in fully! In the past year we have had the joy of witnessing seven people baptized.

Life Groups and Courses
Life Groups are our midweek groups that meet in smaller number in people's homes. They are built around five core values: Friendship, 'One-anothering', Outreach, Teaching and Body Life. Life Groups are at the heart of what we do at Gateway, and we want everyone to be involved in one.

Life Groups are a great place for people to learn leadership, and a place where everyone can contribute. Life Groups are where the mission of the church is put into action as we serve one another and seek to bless the world around us.

Throughout the past year our Life Groups have been a vital point of connection for members of Gateway as well as an important point of connection for people newer to the church.

At other times in the year we have run courses aimed at meeting our charitable objectives, specifically enabling people to achieve spiritual, physical and emotional wellbeing, and to equip people in believing, applying and communicating the good news of the gospel to all areas of life. Some of these courses include:

- Alpha Course
- Understanding the End Times
- Summer Socials Program - a series of events, meals and discussion groups aimed at building community cohesion.
- Various men's and women's events and conferences

Christian Education and Equipping
Our charitable objectives involve furthering and teaching the Christian faith, and a core goal of the church is to equip people for Christian living, mission and ministry. To that end we have facilitated the following courses, groups and opportunities:

a) Advance Theology Course
A free, 2-year bible study course open to the church and the wider community. This course, developed by our friends in the Advance Movement UK involves a combination of home study and central gatherings to watch the teaching content and discuss together. There were 90 people signed up to this course in the reporting period.

b) Union School of Theology Learning Community
For students signed up to the 2-year Graduate Diploma run by the Union School of Theology, we have run a weekly learning community attended by delegates within Gateway and other churches as far afield as Cape Town.

c) Advance Church Planting Course
For people with an interest in church planting, we offer a free place on ACPC: a 2-year program of online and in-person teaching, discussion as well as practical and theological study alongside an experienced mentor.

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d) Internships

Gateway offers a 1-year internship for school and University leavers who wish to volunteer a year to serving the church, gaining hands-on ministry experience and attending a year of theological study.

Serving the Community

Alongside Sunday mornings and Life Groups we would expect members of the church to be actively engaged in activities that serve the wider community, and therein we place a disproportionate emphasis on serving the poor, the lonely, the isolated and the marginalised.

The umbrella term we use for this activity is called, 'Gatehouse'. The mission statement of Gatehouse is that we exist to, 'prevent and alleviate isolation and marginalization in the BCP area and beyond.' Further details can be found on our website: https://www.gatewaychurch.me/gatehouse

Outlined below are some of the activities that have been undertaken to this end under the Gatehouse umbrella.

a) Gatehouse Hub

A central plank in our Gateway strategy is having our buildings on Ashley Road and Alder Road open in the midweek to serve the local community in various ways. Since July 2022 we have opened Ashley Road on Thursdays and Fridays, serving free tea, coffee and other refreshments to anyone in the community. At Alder Road we now also have a thriving adults and toddler group, and at both sites combined, we expect to host upwards of 180 people per week through our Gatehouse hubs.

This has served as a de facto 'warm space' and we are part of the National Warm Spaces network. Additionally we have run board game competitions, arts and craft sessions and we offer a free workspace with access to wi-fi for home-workers in the community. This has provided a vital lifeline for the elderly, for young Mums and for the the lonely. The Gatehouse team are trained and equipped to offer practical help and signposting to those experiencing social pressures, including debt, food help, housing advice and domestic violence.

Gateway is a member of the 'We are Here' network - an alliance of local warm spaces, day centres and churches hosting similar midweek social events.

b) IAmConfident

This is a free 10 week course, run as a joint venture between members of Gateway and another local church open to the whole community, signposted by doctors surgeries and other statutory bodies aimed at helping vulnerable women gain confidence in life skills and relationships. We are working with IamConfident for it to become an independent charity.

c) Golden Generations

Golden Generations is a free weekly group for older people, for refreshments, friendship and support that is run from our Gatehouse Hub. We are so pleased to report that this group has been regularly well attended and continues to grow in number, playing an important role in addressing loneliness and social isolation.

Some have reported this group as being their only social outlet and has become a place where the local council have from time to time, recommended people in this demographic to attend.

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d) Students & 20's

Bournemouth and Poole are home to thousands of students. Bournemouth University together with the Arts University College at Bournemouth has a student roll of around 24,000. The main BU & AUCB campus is only 1.5 miles from our church building and an increasing number of students are finding their way to Gateway. During term time we have run student lunches with church families - a great way to meet people as well as get free food! We also encourage students to join Life Groups and become part of the church family.

Given the challenges associated with leaving home for the first time, particularly if coming from another country, this work has also served to sustain the spiritual life of students, as well as alleviating the marginalisation and isolation often experienced within this demographic.

Our students and 20's meet once a week in homes, and organised a successful weekend away to Studland last year. It is a delight to serve this community and this will remain an important part of our service to the BCP area.

e) Truth be Told

Truth be Told is an award-winning independent charity birthed at Gateway and led by a member of our church. The premise of Truth be Told is to host and run activity and song-led toddler groups in care homes. This initiative fits well with our Gatehouse philosophy as it communicates Christian truths and draws together demographic groups who might also be most vulnerable to isolation and marginalization, such as young parents and older people in care homes.

It has been a pleasure to run Truth be Told sessions at Gateway, involving the young and the old, and to make use of the intergenerational element of Truth be Told to help rebuild social cohesion post-Covid. Additionally we have been pleased to have run a Truth be Told Group at a local care home.

f) Home Education Group

On Friday afternoons during school term we run a Home Education group for carers and students who are home educating. The Home Ed group has a curriculum aligned to the National Gallery and is open to anyone in the community for free.

Started in January 2024, this group is now routinely attended by 30+ carers and students each week and continues to grow.

g) Youth

The Gateway Youth group (for ages 11-18) meets every Friday evening and most Sunday mornings, during term time (for ages 11-14). We create a welcoming fun space in which all youth from the area can come and join in activities and have a safe place to hang out.

Our aim during these times is to see people come to know Jesus and to grow in their faith. We disciple the youth, with each youth having the opportunity to have a mentor, provide teaching from the bible, reach the local youth community through outreach events, help the community around us with social action events and generally build friendship and have fun. All youth leaders have had training and are covered by enhanced DBS checks.

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Once a year our youth group attend Newday, a week long Christian camp in Norfolk for other youth from around the country attended by approximately 10,000 young people.

Our youth community continues to grow steadily in terms of number and spiritual depth and play a vital part in the life of the church.

h) Bikers Curry

Once a month we host a curry night for local bikers from our Ashley Road building. This has been a good way of engaging the local biker community, helping people to build relationships and serves under the Gatehouse objective of bringing people out of isolation and marginalisation.

Approximately 50 people attend the bikers curry night.

i) Other

Throughout the year we run and host a variety of other events for the local community, including carol services, Christmas Markets, Taste the Nations - celebrating food and culture of the 25+ nations represented by members of Gateway, beach lunches, walks and board game evenings.

j) Serving other Organisations

A number of our leadership team also sit on various trustee boards (of NGO's and churches) in an effort to help other, similarly minded organisations to flourish, with an eye to serving those in need and bringing the truth of the gospel to light through acts of service.

Advance Movement UK & Europe

Gateway is a partner church of Advance - part of Newfrontiers. Advance is a global network of churches with shared mission and doctrine and has 23 partner churches in the UK, and 2 in Europe with whom we are in apostolic relationship. Advance exists to help plant and strengthen churches around the world in order for people to hear the good news of the gospel and belong to the body of Christ around the world as expressed in local churches.

The vitality of Gateway Church enables the leadership team to volunteer time to lead and serve in various capacities within Advance, and to plan and host a number of conferences aimed at stimulating church planting and growth across the UK and Europe.

As a partner church in Advance, we have benefitted from a number of local and international visiting speakers and leaders over this reporting period. Additionally, we hosted 12 students for a week who served the Gateway youth from an Advance partner church in Texas.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

The trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with Sections G2 and G3 of the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit (January 2008).

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The paragraphs above set our our activities, achievements and performance during the year, which are directly related to the objects and purposes for which the charity exists. The charity achieves its principal objects and purposes through worship, teaching, counseling, group activities and pastoral support. These benefits are directly related to the aims of the charity and are fully compliant with Principles 1 and 2 of the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

Financial Review
During the year ended 31 March 2025 there was a net inflow of funds of £37,731 (year ended 31 March 2024 net inflow of £44,671).

The principal funding sources of the church are via offerings of the church members and regular attendees and the gift aid reclaimed on these gifts. Total funding during the year was £680,440 (year ended 31 March 2024 £639,014).

Reserves Policy
The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the charity. A policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months' of the expenditure has been established. Budgeted non-capital expenditure for 2025/26 is approximately £631,000 and therefore the target is £158,000 to £315,000 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The level of free net current assets at 31 March 2025 was £193,452 (31 March 2024 £229,380). The Trustees meet regularly and review the financial position and will continue to monitor income and expenditure closely over coming months.

Risk Management
The trustees examine the major risks that the church faces each financial year when preparing and updating the strategic plan. The church has developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have to the church in the future.

Trustees
The trustees who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on 18/12/25 And signed on its behalf by:

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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Gateway Church, Poole for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subjects 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 18/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:

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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole Charitable Company ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for the independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement
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:

1 Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 The accounts do not accord with those records; or

3 The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

4 The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

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 accounts to be reached.

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Adrian Carr AAT
The Accounting Bureau Ltd

87 North Road
Parkstone
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18 December 2025

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	664,075	-	664,075
Other income	3	16,365	-	16,365
Total Income		680,440	-	680,440
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	642,709	-	642,709
Total Expenditure		642,709	-	642,709
Net movement in funds		37,731	-	37,731
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,470,907	-	1,470,907
Total funds carried forward	17	1,508,638	-	1,508,638

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	638,568	-	638,568
Other income	3	446	-	446
Total Income		639,014	-	639,014
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	594,343	-	594,343
Total Expenditure		594,343	-	594,343
Net movement in funds		44,671	-	44,671
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,426,236	-	1,426,236
Transfers	18	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	17	1,470,907	-	1,470,907

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2025 is shown in note 17.

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,432,052	2,429,444
Current assets			
Debtors	12	30,271	26,548
Cash at bank and in hand		306,965	350,749
		337,236	377,297
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	- 143,784	- 147,917
Net current assets		193,452	229,380
Total assets less current liabilities		2,625,504	2,658,824
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	- 1,116,866	- 1,187,917
Provisions		-	-
Net assets		1,508,638	1,470,907
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		1,508,638	1,470,907
Total funds	16	1,508,638	1,470,907

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

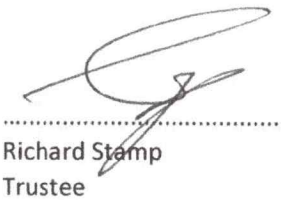
For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 12 to 26 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on .....18/12/25..... and signed on their behalf by:



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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 07189544

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practie applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Gateway Church, Poole is a registered charity, registration number 1135330, company number 07189544, registered in the United Kingdom. The address of the charity is given in the reference and adminstrative details on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are described in the Trustees' annual report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest whole pound.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity has adopted Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies
Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to condition that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Year Ended 31 March 5

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions
Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitiable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated deprecation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Church property and improvements	2% straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs.
Interest- bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at leat twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The company offers a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Gateway Church participated in a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme for Baptist Ministers in the UK which has been closed to new members. Deficit contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable and Gateway Church's liability towards the scheme deficit is included in the financial statements as a provision.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations to major appeals	121,169	-	121,169	187,104
Donations from individuals	430,065	-	430,065	344,289
Grants	29,650	-	29,650	-
Gift aid reclaimed	83,191	-	83,191	107,175
	664,075	-	664,075	638,568

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Employer's NIC rebate	-	-	-	-
Bank interest received	1,366	-	1,366	-
Vision Fund Tithe	14,999	-	14,999	446
	16,365	-	16,365	446

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly	Grant funding of activity	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Mission	53,032	37,882	90,914	39,473
Establishments costs	18,716	-	18,716	14,500
Insurance	5,949	-	5,949	5,786
Repairs and maintenance	14,353	-	14,353	8,413
Printing, postage and stationery	6,439	-	6,439	7,210
Telephone	2,124	-	2,124	2,372
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Equipment repairs and renewals	5,971	-	5,971	8,922
Staff salaries and costs (note 7)	256,123	-	256,123	259,619
Group activities	19,034	-	19,034	27,138
Training, conferences and travel	30,023	-	30,023	16,389
Cleaning	8,963	-	8,963	9,313
IT maintenance and costs	3,160	-	3,160	3,353
Bank charges	435	-	435	432
Legal and professional fees	6,197	-	6,197	9,487
Loan interest	87,517	-	87,517	98,351
Depreciation	76,933	-	76,933	73,479
Sundries	2,327	-	2,327	2,127
Governance costs	3,182	-	3,182	4,589
Subscriptions	4,349	-	4,349	3,390
	604,827	37,882	642,709	594,343

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's remuneration	1,440	1,440	1,440
Bookkeeping and payroll costs	1,742	1,742	3,149
	3,182	3,182	4,589

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6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

Name of Institution	Activity	2025	2024
		£	£
Advance Movement	Mission	20,742	17,342
Social Action	Mission	9,696	2,705
Baptist Union	Mission	1,392	1,412
New Day	Mission	18,059	4,132
Hardship fund	Mission	2,210	1,903
Gatehouse	Mission	3,263	-
Vision Fund Tithe	Mission	29,500	-
Other Grants Paid and Gifts Made	Mission	6,052	11,979
		90,914	39,473

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outcoming resources for the year include:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	76,933	73,479
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,440	1,440
	78,373	74,919

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8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year apart from those disclosed below.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	222,059	226,249
Pension costs	23,223	21,340
Staff health insurance	5,598	5,503
Staff sabatical costs	5,243	6,527
	256,123	259,619

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Staff	7	7

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £180,952 (2024: £174,113).

One member of the key management team received a salary and benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024: 1).

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10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Cycle to work bicycles £	Church property and improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	177,278	1,988	2,595,383	2,774,649
Additions	40,076	-	39,589	79,665
Disposals	-	- 1,988	-	- 1,988
At 31 March 2025	217,354	-	2,634,972	2,852,326
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	101,035	1,864	242,306	345,205
Charge for the year	29,080	-	47,853	76,933
Eliminated on disposal	-	- 1,864	-	- 1,864
At 31 March 2025	130,115	-	290,159	420,274
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	87,239	-	2,344,813	2,432,052
At 31 March 2024	76,243	124	2,353,077	2,429,444

The Alder Road building is held in trust by the Baptist Union, the Ashley Road property is owned by Gateway Church.

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	-	-
Other debtors	30,271	26,548
	30,271	26,548

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans	88,650	88,650
Other taxation and social security	2,239	2,269
Other creditors	51,455	55,558
Accruals	1,440	1,440
	143,784	147,917

Creditors due within one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans	88,650	88,650

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.
A further loan was drawn down during the year ended 31 March 2023 for £1,200,000. These funds were paid to third party developers for work carried out on the Alder Road building project.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans	1,116,866	1,187,917

Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loan 1-2 years	88,650	88,650
Bank loan 2-5 years	265,950	265,950
Bank loan > 5 years	762,266	833,317
	1,116,866	1,187,917

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.

Included in the creditors are the following amounts due after more than five years:

	2025	2024
	£	£
After more than five years	762,666	833,317

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15 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to these schemes and amounted to £23,223 (2024: £21,340).

Defined benefit pension schemes

The Baptist Union have confirmed that the Defined Benefit Plan previously held directly by them has now been moved to a third party organisation. It has also been estimated by the Baptist Union that the scheme is now in surplus so the ongoing contributions of £1 per month are no longer required and since October 2024, Gateway Church, Poole no longer has any further responsibiliy towards this pension scheme.

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	1,470,907	680,440	- 650,011	-	1,501,336
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	1,470,907	680,440	- 650,011	-	1,501,336

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	1,426,236	639,014	- 594,343	-	1,470,907
Designated					
Social action fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	1,426,236	639,014	- 594,343	-	1,470,907
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	1,426,236	639,014	- 594,343	-	1,470,907

GATEWAY CHURCH, POOLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135330

Accounts

Gateway Church, Poole

(A Company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2024

Company registration number: 07189544
Charity registration number: 1135330

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Charity Registration Number	1135330
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees
Matthew Hosier
Matthew Ashton
Dr Samuel McGinley
Rebecca Clarke
Richard Stamp
Stephen Hunter
Alan Mainstone

Structure, Governance and Management
Gateway Church, Poole is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and was incorporated on 15 March 2010.

The charity trustees are all directors of the charitable company and are appointed by ordinary resolution of the members as set out in articles 31 to 35 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Objects and Activities
Gateway Church, Poole is Bible-based, lively church serving BCP and the surrounding area with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also supports and assists mission in other parts of the UK and overseas. Being part of the Advance Movement network of churches is its focus for achieving this.

The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following:

(a) to advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(c) to further Christian education including but not by way of limitation to children of pre-school age in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time think fit;

(d) to provide or assist in the provision of facitilities in the interests of social welfare for the recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

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Our Vision and Values
We exist to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, to faithfully do justice to the instructions given to us through His word, the Bible, and to see as many people as possible impacted by this good news.

In doing this, three words sum up our values, and our goal is to be a people who live in a way that reflects the values encapsulated in these 3 words. Our plans and goals need to reflect:

Adventure : At the heart of the Christian faith is a great adventure to 'go to the ends of the earth' in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. The bible is jam-packed with stories of adventurous men and women risking all, and at times sacrificing all, to see people come to salvation through Jesus. We desire to live as modern day adventurers for Jesus in just the same way!

Purity : Being people who are committed to honesty, integrity and faithfulness in everything that we do and say. Serving one another and serving God with clean hearts and clean hands.

Compassion : The sound of war, famine, sickness and death in our world should move us to compassion, and therefore action, in offering support and action to those around us. This means serving locally and further afield to see social ills alleviated and people set free from the pain and isolation of social, financial, personal or spiritual hardship.

Summary of Gateway's Activities
The period that covers this annual report was marked by a full return to Sunday and midweek meetings in two locations, at Alder Road and Ashley Road following the completion of the Alder Road rebuild in January 2023.

We are please to report that as at the writing of this report, both locations are reaching capacity on Sunday mornings, and we have seen another year of steady membership growth. .

The paragraphs below set out our activities for the period April 2023-March 2024.

Sunday Mornings
Usually on Sunday mornings we enjoy meeting together for worship and teaching. Our Sunday meetings are relaxed, informal and relevant to modern life. We have tea and coffee before and after our meetings. We worship God together and give time for a talk applying the truth of the Bible to life following which there is an opportunity for people to respond to what has been taught.

We operate as 'one church on two sites' with a congregation based at Alder Road, and another on Ashley Road (known as '502') in Poole. As of the end of this reporting period, the church membership was 247 adults (225 last year) and our Sunday attendance was approximately 340 (same as last year).

Baptisms
Helping people to know Jesus Christ and to get baptized is a big part of the responsibility and joy of every believer and something we should all participate in fully! In the past year we have had the joy of witnessing nine people baptized.

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Life Groups and Courses
Life Groups are our midweek groups that meet in smaller number in people's homes. They are built around five core values: Friendship, 'One-anothering', Outreach, Teaching and Body Life. Life Groups are at the heart of what we do at Gateway, and we want everyone to be involved in one.

Life Groups are a great place for people to learn leadership, and a place where everyone can contribute. Life Groups are where the mission of the church is put into action as we serve one another and seek to bless the world around us.

Throughout the past year our Life Groups have been a vital point of connection for members of Gateway as well as an important point of connection for people newer to the church.

At other times in the year we have run courses aimed at meeting our charitable objectives, specifically enabling people to achieve spiritual, physical and emotional wellbeing, and to equip people in believing, applying and communicating the good news of the gospel to all areas of life. Some of these courses include:

- Alpha Course
- Freedom in Christ Course
- Alpha Marriage Course
- Parenting Course
- Understanding the End Times Course
- Various men's and women's events and conferences

In addition to this, we hosted Dawn Gurley from Abu Dhabi - a Masters-level trained biblical counsellor who ran a series of teaching sessions helping people to approach emotional health issues from a biblical perspective.

Serving the Community
Alongside Sunday mornings and Life Groups we would expect members of the church to be actively engaged in activities that serve the wider community, and therein we place a disproportionate emphasis on serving the poor, the lonely, the isolated and the marginalised.

The umbrella term we use for this activity is called, 'Gatehouse'. The mission statement of Gatehouse is that we exist to, 'prevent and alleviate isolation and marginalization in the BCP area and beyond.' Further details can be found on our website: https://www.gatewaychurch.me/gatehouse

Outlined below are some of the activities that have been undertaken to this end under the Gatehouse umbrella.

Gatehouse Hub
A central plank in our Gateway strategy is having our buildings on Ashley Road and Alder Road open in the midweek to serve the local community in various ways. Since July 2022 we have opened Ashley Road on Thursdays and Fridays, serving free tea, coffee and other refreshments to anyone on the community, and similarly on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Alder Road. At Alder Road we now also have a thriving adults and toddler group, and at both sites combined, we expect to host upwards of 180 people per week through our Gatehouse hubs.

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This has served as a de facto 'warm space' and we are part of the National Warm Spaces network. Additionally we have run board game competitions, we offer free art courses, craft sessions and offer a free workspace with access to wi-fi for home-workers in the community. This has provided a vital lifeline for the elderly, for under 5's and their adults and for the lonely. The Gatehouse team are trained and equipped to offer practical help and signposting to those experiencing social pressures, including debt, food help, housing advice and domestic violence.

Gateway is a member of the 'We are Here' network - an alliance of local warm spaces, day centres and churches hosting similar midweek social events.

Oasis
Oasis is our domestic violence and abuse response team. A number of trained volunteers from Gateway Church serve the residents and children of Poole and Bournemouth domestic violence refuges over the past 10 years. The refuge provides short-medium term emergency housing for women and children who are living in a domestic violence situation.

As with previous years, it has been a delight to host monthly dinner parties for the residents of the refuge (and those who have left the refuge), put on craft activities for the children, provide friendship, signposting, lifts, and advice to various meetings and to host weekly exercise events. These events are all aimed at helping people to re-establish themselves in community, build confidence and to demonstrate the love of Jesus in a practical way.

We have also been able to host various other events for this demographic, including days out and a Christmas party.

IAmConfident
An offshoot of Oasis is the 'IAmConfident' course run by members of the Oasis team. This is a free 10 week course, run several times a year, open to the whole community, signposted by doctors surgeries and other statutory bodies aimed at helping vulnerable women gain confidence in life skills and relationships.

Golden Generations
Golden Generations is a free weekly group for older people, for refreshments, friendship and support that is run from our Gatehouse Hub. We are so pleased to report that this group has been regularly well attended and continues to grow in number, playing an important role in addressing loneliness and social isolation.

Some have reported this group as being their only social outlet and has become a place where the local council have from time to time, recommended people in this demographic to attend.

Students & 20's
Bournemouth and Poole are home to thousands of students. Bournemouth University together with the Arts University College at Bournemouth has a student roll of around 24,000. The main BU & AUCB campus is only 1.5 miles from our church building and an increasing number of students are finding their way to Gateway. During term time we have run student lunches with church families - a great way to meet people as well as get free food! We also encourage students to join Life Groups and become part of the church family.

In the past year we have seen a real growth in numbers from this demographic which is a key part of our growth strategy. Engaging well with this community enabled us to provide food, support and friendship to students from around the world. Given the challenges associated with leaving home for the first time, particularly if coming from another country, this work has also served to sustain the spiritual life of students, as well as alleviating the marginalisation and isolation often experienced within this demographic.

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Our students and 20's meet once a week in homes, and organised a successful weekend away to Studland last year. It is a delight to serve this community and this will remain an important part of our service to the BCP area.

Truth be Told
Truth be Told is an award-winning independent charity birthed at Gateway and led by a member of our church. The premise of Truth be Told is to host and run activity and song-led toddler groups in care homes. This initiative fits well with our Gatehouse philosophy as it communicates Christian truths and draws together demographic groups who might also be most vulnerable to isolation and marginalization, such as young parents and older people in care homes.

It has been a pleasure to run Truth be Told sessions at Gateway, involving the young and the old, and to make use of the intergenerational element of Truth be Told to help rebuild social cohesion post-Covid. Additionally we have been pleased to have run a Truth be Told Group at a local care home.

Home Education Group
On Friday afternoons during school term we run a Home Education group for carers and students who are home educating. The Home Ed group has a curriculum aligned to the National Gallery and is open to anyone in the community for free.

Started in January 2024, this group is now routinely attended by 30+ carers and students each week and continues to grow.

Youth
The Gateway Youth group meets every Wednesday evening and every other Sunday morning, during term time, for youth aged between 11-14 years. We create a welcoming fun space in which all youth from the area can come and join in activities and have a safe place to hang out. Our aim during these times is to see people come to know Jesus and to grow in their faith. We disciple the youth, with each youth having the opportunity to have a mentor, provide teaching from the bible, reach the local youth community through outreach events, help the community around us with social action events and generally build friendship and have fun. All youth leaders have had training and are covered by enhanced DBS checks.

Once a year our youth group attend Newday, a week long Christian camp in Norfolk for other youth from around the country attended by approximately 7,000 young people. In addition, we took a group of youth to Cherbourg for a weekend to serve a local Baptist Church with whom we are in a relationship.

Our youth community continues to grow steadily in terms of number and spiritual depth and play a vital part in the life of the church.

Bikers Curry
Once a month we host a curry night for local bikers from our Ashley Road building. This has been a good way of engaging the local biker community, helping people to build relationships and serves under the Gatehouse objective of bringing people out of isolation and marginalisation.

Approximately 50 people attend the bikers curry night.

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Other
Throughout the year we run and host a variety of other events for the local community, including carol services, Christmas Markets, Taste the Nations - celebrating food and culture of the 25+ nations represented by members of Gateway, beach lunches, walks and board game evenings.

Serving other Organisations
A number of our leadership team also sit on various trustee boards (of NGO's and churches) and serve as school governors in an effort to help other, similarly minded organisations to flourish, with an eye to serving those in need and bringing the truth of the gospel to light through acts of service.

Advance Movement UK & Europe
Gateway is a partner church of Advance - a missional sphere of Newfrontiers. Advance is a global network of churches with shared mission and doctrine and has 23 partner churches in the UK with whom we are in apostolic relationship. Advance exists to help plant and strengthen churches around the world in order for people to hear the good news of the gospel and belong to the body of Christ around the world as expressed in local churches.

At various points of the year, leaders and members of Gateway gather with other Advance leaders for conferences and meetings aimed at equipping one another to start new congregations and to strengthen existing ones. The Gateway staff and leadership team also give a significant lead to the Advance Movement. This is a vital part of our growth and health strategy.

As a partner church in Advance, we have benefitted from a number of local and international visiting speakers and leaders over this reporting period. Additionally, we hosted 12 students for a week who served the Gateway youth from an Advance partner church in Texas.

Public Benefit Statement
The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

The trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with Sections G2 and G3 of the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit (January 2008).

The paragraphs above set our our activities, achievements and performance during the year, which are directly related to the objects and purposes for which the charity exists. The charity achieves its principal objects and purposes through worship, teaching, counseling, group activities and pastoral support. These benefits are directly related to the aims of the charity and are fully compliant with Principles 1 and 2 of the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

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Financial Review
During the year ended 31 March 2024 there was a net inflow of funds of £44,671 (year ended 31 March 2023 net inflow of £173,424).

The principal funding sources of the church are via offerings of the church members and regular attendees and the gift aid reclaimed on these gifts. Total funding during the year was £638,558 (year ended 31 March 2023 £663,229).

Reserves Policy
The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the charity. A policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months' of the expenditure has been established. Budgeted non-capital expenditure for 2024/25 is approximately £572,000 and therefore the target is £143,000 to £286,000 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The level of free net current assets at 31 March 2024 was £2229,380 (31 March 2023 £226,119). The Trustees meet regularly and review the financial position and will continue to monitor income and expenditure closely over coming months.

Risk Management
The trustees examine the major risks that the church faces each financial year when preparing and updating the strategic plan. The church has developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have to the church in the future.

Trustees
The trustees who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on 19 Dec 2024. And signed on its behalf by:

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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Gateway Church, Poole for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subjects 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 DEC 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole Charitable Company ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for the independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement
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:

1 Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 The accounts do not accord with those records; or

3 The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

4 The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

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 accounts to be reached.

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Adrian Carr AAT
The Accounting Bureau Ltd

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19 December 2024

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	638,568	-	638,568
Other income	3	446	-	446
Total Income		639,014	-	639,014
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	594,343	-	594,343
Total Expenditure		594,343	-	594,343
Net movement in funds		44,671	-	44,671
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,426,236	-	1,426,236
Total funds carried forward	17	1,470,907	-	1,470,907

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	661,844	-	661,844
Other income	3	1,385	-	1,385
Total Income		663,229	-	663,229
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	489,805	-	489,805
Total Expenditure		489,805	-	489,805
Net movement in funds		173,424	-	173,424
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,252,812	-	1,252,812
Transfers	18	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	17	1,426,236	-	1,426,236

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 17.

Gateway Church, Poole

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,429,444	2,470,155
Current assets			
Debtors	12	26,548	-
Cash at bank and in hand		350,749	387,615
		377,297	387,615
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	- 147,917	- 161,496
Net current assets		229,380	226,119
Total assets less current liabilities		2,658,824	2,696,274
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	- 1,187,917	- 1,270,038
Provisions	15	-	-
Net assets		1,470,907	1,426,236
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		1,470,907	1,426,236
Total funds	17	1,470,907	1,426,236

Gateway Church, Poole

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 12 to 26 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19 DEC 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 07189544

Gateway Church, Poole

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practie applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Gateway Church, Poole is a registered charity, registration number 1135330, company number 07189544, registered in the United Kingdom. The address of the charity is given in the reference and adminstrative details on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are described in the Trustees' annual report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest whole pound.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity has adopted Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies
Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to condition that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Year Ended 31 March 2024

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions
Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitiable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £200 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated deprecation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Cycle and work bicycles	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Church property and improvements	2% straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs.
Interest- bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at leat twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The company offers a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Gateway Church participated in a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme for Baptist Ministers in the UK which has been closed to new members. Deficit contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable and Gateway Church's liability towards the scheme deficit is included in the financial statements as a provision.

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Year Ended 31 March 2024

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations to major appeals	187,104	-	187,104	288,237
Donations from individuals	344,289	-	344,289	311,753
Grants	-	-	-	20,000
Gift aid reclaimed	107,175	-	107,175	41,854
	638,568	-	638,568	661,844

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Employer's NIC rebate	-	-	-	-
Vision Fund Tithe	446	-	446	1,385
	446	-	446	1,385

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly	Grant funding of activity	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Mission	16,587	22,886	39,473	59,626
Establishments costs	14,500	-	14,500	20,781
Insurance	5,786	-	5,786	2,470
Repairs and maintenance	8,413	-	8,413	2,932
Printing, postage and stationery	7,210	-	7,210	7,452
Telephone	2,372	-	2,372	1,942
Advertising	-	-	-	462
Equipment repairs and renewals	8,922	-	8,922	3,941
Staff salaries and costs	259,619	-	259,619	197,631
Group activities	27,138	-	27,138	31,545
Training, conferences and travel	16,389	-	16,389	15,159
Cleaning	9,313	-	9,313	5,064
IT maintenance and costs	3,353	-	3,353	449
Bank charges	432	-	432	525
Legal and professional fees	9,487	-	9,487	734
Loan interest	98,351	-	98,351	60,975
Depreciation	73,479	-	73,479	72,020
Sundries	2,127	-	2,127	2,495
Governance costs	4,589	-	4,589	2,756
Subscriptions	3,390	-	3,390	846
	571,457	22,886	594,343	489,805

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's remuneration	1,440	1,440	1,440
Bookkeeping and payroll costs	3,149	3,149	1,316
	4,589	4,589	2,756

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6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

Name of Institution	Activity	2024	2023
		£	£
Advance Movement	Mission	17,342	19,232
Social Action	Mission	2,705	12,950
Baptist Union	Mission	1,412	1,000
New Day	Mission	4,132	2,913
Hardship fund	Mission	1,903	1,816
Other Grants Paid and Gifts Made	Mission	11,979	21,715
		39,473	59,626

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outcoming resources for the year include:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	73,479	72,020
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,440	1,440
	74,919	73,460

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8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year apart from those disclosed below.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	226,249	189,402
Pension costs	21,340	20,107
Staff health insurance	5,503	3,622
Staff sabatical costs	6,527	-
Movement in pension contribution provision	-	- 15,500
	259,619	197,631

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No	No
Staff	7	6

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £174,113 (2023: £132,374).

One member of the key management team received a salary and benefits in excess of £60,000.

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10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Cycle to work bicycles £	Church property and improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	144,510	1,988	2,595,383	2,741,881
Additions	32,768	-	-	32,768
At 31 March 2024	177,278	1,988	2,595,383	2,774,649
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	75,620	1,822	194,284	271,726
Charge for the year	25,415	42	48,022	73,479
At 31 March 2024	101,035	1,864	242,306	345,205
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	76,243	124	2,353,077	2,429,444
At 31 March 2023	68,890	166	2,401,099	2,470,155

The Alder Road building is held in trust by the Baptist Union, the Ashley Road property is owned by Gateway Church.

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	-	-
Other debtors	26,548	-
	26,548	-

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	88,650	88,650
Other taxation and social security	2,269	4,725
Other creditors	55,558	66,681
Accruals	1,440	1,440
	147,917	161,496

Creditors due within one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	88,650	88,650

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.
A further loan was drawn down during the year ended 31 March 2023 for £1,200,000. These funds were paid to third party developers for work carried out on the Alder Road building project.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	1,187,917	1,270,038

Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loan 1-2 years	88,650	88,650
Bank loan 2-5 years	265,950	265,950
Bank loan > 5 years	833,317	915,438
	1,187,917	1,270,038

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.

Included in the creditors are the following amounts due after more than five years:

	2024	2023
	£	£
After more than five years	833,317	915,438

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15 Provisions

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pension contributions provision	-	-

See note 16 for details of the defined benefit pension deficit.

16 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to these schemes and amounted to £21,340 (2023: £20,107).

Defined benefit pension schemes

The charity participates in the Baptist Union multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme. During 2022/23 the Baptist Union wrote to the Trustees and confirmed that the deficit previously reported has now been rectified and ongoing contributions towards historic liabilities in the pensior scheme have been reduced to £1 per month so that the direct debit facility remains open. If there is a significant detrimental change, employers may be asked to increase their contributions. However, this requirement will cease when a buy-out of the pension fund which is planned for 2024 completes and the Baptist Union move towards the wind-up of the Defined Benefit Plan.
On this basis the provision against this potential liability in the accounts has been reduced to £nil (2023: £nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2024

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	1,426,236	639,014	- 594,343	-	1,470,907
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	1,426,236	639,014	- 594,343	-	1,470,907

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	1,252,812	663,229	- 489,805	-	1,426,236
Designated					
Social action fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	1,252,812	663,229	- 489,805	-	1,426,236
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	1,252,812	663,229	- 489,805	-	1,426,236

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18 Restricted funds

On 10 February 2021 it was agreed at a Trustees meeting that the use of the term "restricted" should be removed from the accounts. Since the inception of the Vision Fund it was always communicated that these funds would be designated rather than restricted.

On this basis from 2021 onwards all funds previously showing as restricted have now been transferred to unrestricted funds.

GATEWAY CHURCH, POOLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135330

Accounts

Gateway Church, Poole

(A Company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2023

Company registration number: 07189544
Charity registration number: 1135330

Gateway Church, Poole

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Gateway Church, Poole

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Matthew Hosier Matthew Ashton Dr Samuel McGinley Rebecca Clarke Richard Stamp Stephen Hunter Alan Mainstone
Secretary	Rebecca Bertrand
Principal Office	133 Alder Road Parkstone Poole Dorset BH12 4AA
Company Registration Number	07189544
Charity Registration Number	1135330
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc
Independent Examiner	Adrian Carr AAT The Accounting Bureau Ltd 87 North Road Poole Dorset BH14 0LT
Website	http://www.gatewaychurch.me

Gateway Church, Poole

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees
Matthew Hosier
Matthew Ashton
Jacqueline Last (resigned 16.11.23)
Matthew Painter (resigned 16.11.23)
Dr Samuel McGinley
Rebecca Clarke
Richard Stamp
Stephen Hunter
Alan Mainstone (appointed 16.11.23)

Structure, Governance and Management
Gateway Church, Poole is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and was incorporated on 15 March 2010.

The charity trustees are all directors of the charitable company and are appointed by ordinary resolution of the members as set out in articles 31 to 35 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Objects and Activities
Gateway Church, Poole is Bible-based, lively church serving Poole and the surrounding area with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also supports and assists mission in other parts of the UK and overseas. Being part of the Newfrontiers network of churches is its focus for achieving this.

The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following:

(a) to advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(c) to further Christian education including but not by way of limitation to children of pre-school age in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time think fit;

(d) to provide or assist in the provision of facitilities in the interests of social welfare for the recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Gateway Church, Poole

Trustees' Report

Annual Report

Our Vision and Values

We exist to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, to faithfully do justice to the instructions given to us through His word, the Bible, and to see as many people as possible impacted by this good news.

In doing this, three words sum up our values, and our goal is to be a people who live in a way that reflects the values encapsulated in these 3 words. Our plans and goals need to reflect:

Adventure: At the heart of the Christian faith is a great adventure to 'go to the ends of the earth' in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. The bible is jam-packed with stories of adventurous men and women risking all, and at times sacrificing all, to see people come to salvation through Jesus. We desire to live as modern day adventurers for Jesus in just the same way!

Purity: Being people who are committed to honesty, integrity and faithfulness in everything that we do and say. Serving one another and serving God with clean hearts and clean hands.

Compassion: The sound of war, famine, sickness and death in our world should move us to compassion, and therefore action, in offering support and action to those around us. This means serving locally and further afield to see social ills alleviated and people set free from the pain and isolation of social, financial, personal or spiritual hardship.

Summary of Gateway's Activities

The period that covers this annual report was marked by a significant building project at our Alder Road site. As a result of significant and steady membership growth over the past decade, coupled with ongoing fabric degradation of our buildings the trustees and leaders felt that this was the right time to enter into such a rebuild project.

Between January 2022 and January 2023 the Alder Road site was closed in order to remove our old 'top hall', to build a brand new auditorium, and to undertake some significant improvements to our existing worship hall. For the duration of this project we met as one congregation, via multiple Sunday meetings at our building on Ashley Road, also known as '502'. We are pleased to have been able to continue to operate and grow as a church throughout the project and are delighted to report that the project is now complete with both of our sites fully operational.

The paragraphs below set out our activities for the period April 2022-March 2023.

Sunday Mornings

Usually on Sunday mornings we enjoy meeting together for worship and teaching. Our Sunday meetings are relaxed, informal and relevant to modern life. We have tea and coffee before and after our meetings. We worship God together and give time for a talk applying the truth of the Bible to life following which there is an opportunity for people to respond to what has been taught.

We operate as 'one church on two sites' with a congregation based at Alder Road, and another on Ashley Road (known as '502') in Poole. As of the end of this reporting period, the church membership was 225 adults (205 last year) and our Sunday attendance was approximately 340 (same as last year).

Given the disruption caused by a building project, we are delighted with these numbers, and look forward to continuing to grow our attendance and membership as we undertake 'normal' life at Gateway now that we are settled back into our two congregations.

Gateway Church, Poole

Trustees' Report

Baptisms
Helping people to know Jesus Christ and to get baptized is a big part of the responsibility and joy of every believer and something we should all participate in fully! In the past year we have had the joy of witnessing seven people baptized.

Life Groups
Life Groups are our midweek groups that meet in smaller number in people's homes. They are built around five core values: Friendship, 'One-anothering', Outreach, Teaching and Body Life. Life Group's are at the heart of what we do at Gateway, and we want everyone to be involved in one.

Life Groups are a great place for people to learn leadership, and a place where everyone can make a contribution. Life Groups are where the mission of the church is put into action as we serve one another and seek to bless the world around us.

Throughout the past year our Life Groups have been a vital point of connection for people as we have regathered as a community, as well as an important point of connection for people newer to the church.

Alongside meeting in people's homes, we have also maintained an online option for those choosing to meet this way.

Serving the Community
Alongside Sunday mornings and Life Groups we would expect members of the church to be actively engaged in activities that serve the wider community, and therein we place a disproportionate emphasis on serving the poor, the lonely, the isolated and the marginalised.

The umbrella term we use for this activity is called, 'Gatehouse'. The mission statement of Gatehouse is that we exist to, 'prevent and alleviate isolation and marginalization in the BCP area and beyond.' Further details can be found on our website: https://www.gatewaychurch.me/gatehouse

Outlined below are some of the activities that have been undertaken to this end under the Gatehouse umbrella.

Gatehouse Hub
A central plank in our Gateway strategy is having our building on Ashley Road open in the midweek to serve the local community in various ways. Since July 2022 we have opened this building on Thursdays and Fridays, serving free tea, coffee and other refreshments to anyone on the community.

This has served as a de facto 'warm space' and we are part of the National Warm Spaces network. Additionally we have run board game competitions, we offer free art courses, craft sessions and a toddler group, as well as offering a free workspace with access to wi-fi for home-workers in the community. This has provided a vital lifeline for the elderly, for young Mums and for the lonely. The Gatehouse team are trained and equipped to offer practical help and signposting to those experiencing social pressures, including debt, food help, housing advice and domestic violence.

Gateway receives approximately 100 visitors per week from all sectors of the community.

Gateway Church, Poole

Trustees' Report

The Table

During the Winter months in this, we ran an initiative called, 'The Table'. Having received assistance from the local council to fund this initiative, Gateway volunteers ran a free weekly evening meal and homework club open to the community.

Hosting up to 30 visitors each week, this again proved a vital lifeline for families, assisting with educational needs, providing a warm space and a nutritous meal.

Oasis

Oasis is our domestic violence and abuse response team. A number of trained volunteers from Gateway Church serve the residents and children of Poole and Bournemouth domestic violence refuges. The refuge provides short-medium term emergency housing for women and children who are living in a domestic violence situation.

As with previous years, it has been a delight to host monthly dinner parties for the residents of the refuge (and those who have left the refuge), put on craft activities for the children, provide friendship, signposting, lifts, and advice to various meetings and to host weekly exercise events. These events are all aimed at helping people to re-establish themselves in community, build confidence and to demonstrate the love of Jesus in a practical way.

We have also been able to host various other events for this demographic, including days out and a Christmas party.

The relationship with the refuge management team has grown over the years and Oasis is regarded as a primary supporter of their work, creating opportunities for increased partnership working in the future. All of these activities are fully funded by the church.

We have also worked closely with the staff and parents of Bishop Aldhelms Primary School to run an initiative called 'The Wishing Tree', where pupils of the school are paired with a child in refuge to purchase a Christmas gift for them.

We are thrilled that a number of residents (past and present) of the refuge were able to attend (and continue to attend) events and services at Gateway.

Golden Generations

Golden Generations is a free weekly group for older people, for refreshments, friendship and support that is run from our Gatehouse Hub. We are so please to report that this group has been regularly well attended and continues to grow in number, playing an important role in addressing loneliness and social isolation.

Some have reported this group as being their only social outlet and has become a place where the local council have from time to time, recommended people in this demographic to attend.

Students & 20's

Bournemouth and Poole are home to thousands of students. Bournemouth University together with the Arts University College at Bournemouth has a student roll of around 22,000. The main BU & AUCB campus is only 1.5 miles from our church building and an increasing number of students are finding their way to Gateway. During term time we have a run of student lunches with church families - a great way to meet people as well as get free food! We also encourage students to join Life Groups and become part of the church family.

In the past year we have seen a real growth in numbers from this demographic which is a key part of our growth strategy. Engaging well with this community enabled us to provide food, support and friendship to students from around the world. Given the challenges associated with leaving home for the first time, particularly if coming from another country, this work has also served to sustain the spiritual life of students, as well as alleviating the marginalisation and isolation often experienced within this demographic.

It is a delight to serve this community and this wil remain an important part of our service to the BCP area.

Gateway Church, Poole

Trustees' Report

Truth be Told
Truth be Told is an award-winning independent charity birthed at Gateway and led by a member of our church. The premise of Truth be Told is to host and run activity and song-led toddler groups in care homes. This initiative fits well with our Gatehouse philosophy as it communicates Christian truths and draws together demographic groups who might also be most vulnerable to isolation and marginalization, such as young parents and older people in care homes.

It has been a pleasure to run Truth be Told sessions at Gateway, involving the young and the old, and to make use of the intergenerational element of Truth be Told to help rebuild social cohesion post-Covid. Additionally we have run a Truth be Told Group at a local care home.

Youth
The Gateway Youth group meets every Wednesday evening and every other Sunday morning, during term time, for youth aged between 11-14 years. We create a welcoming fun space in which all youth from the area can come and join in activities and have a safe place to hang out. Our aim during these times is to see people come to know Jesus and to grow in their faith. We disciple the youth, with each youth having the opportunity to have a mentor, provide teaching from the bible, reach the local youth community through outreach events, help the community around us with social action events and generally build friendship and have fun. All youth leaders have had training and are covered by enhanced DBS checks.

Once a year our youth group attend Newday, a week long Christian camp in Norfolk for other youth from around the country attended by approximately 7,000 young people.

Our youth community has steadily grown throughout the past year, which has precipitated us to recuiting a part time youth leader.

If God Then What?
As a means of offering our community the chance to hear and ask questions about the Christian faith, we offered a series of 10 week online course (via Zoom), open to anyone, to come and hear the central claims of the Christian faith and discuss.

A number of people attended this course from across the UK, some of whom have continued to attend Gateway at least two of whom have been baptized at Gateway.

Wishing Tree
At Christmas we were pleased to be able to work with Bishop Aldhelms Primary School to engage their pupils with our Oasis work. This was done by arranging a 'Wishing Tree' in which pupils were enabled to buy Christmas presents for the children in the domestic violence refuge, and to provide Christmas presents to be distributed via the Poole Food Bank.

Bikers Curry
Once a month we host a curry night for local bikers from our Ashley Road building. This has been a good way of engaging the local biker community, helping people to build relationships and serves under the Gatehouse objective of bringing people out of isolation and marginalisation.

Approximately 30 people attend the bikers curry night.

Serving other Organisations
A number of our leadership team also sit on various trustee or school governor boards in an effort to help other, similarly minded organisations to flourish, with an eye to serving those in need and bringing the truth of the gospel to light through acts of service.

Gateway Church, Poole

Trustees' Report

Public Benefit Statement
The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

The trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with Sections G2 and G3 of the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit (January 2008).

The paragraphs above set our our activities, achievements and performance during the year, which are directly related to the objects and purposes for which the charity exists. The charity achieves its principal objects and purposes through worship, teaching, counseling, group activities and pastoral support. These benefits are directly related to the aims of the charity and are fully compliant with Principles 1 and 2 of the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

Financial Review
During the year ended 31 March 2023 there was a net inflow of funds of £173,424 (year ended 31 March 2022 net inflow of £351,320).

The principal funding sources of the church are via offerings of the church members and regular attendees and the gift aid reclaimed on these gifts. Total funding during the year was £663,229 (year ended 31 March 2022 £690,738).

Reserves Policy
The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the charity. A policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months' of the expenditure has been established. Budgeted non-capital expenditure for 2023/24 is approximately £406,000 and therefore the target is £101,500 to £203,000 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The level of free net current assets at 31 March 2023 was £226,119 (31 March 2022 £608,309). Although these restricted free funds are close to two months expenses the Trustees have considered the situation and have developed an action plan with the aim of increasing unrestricted giving and controlling expenditure as tightly as possible. The Trustees also meet regularly ad review the financial position and will continue to monitor income and expenditure closely over coming months.

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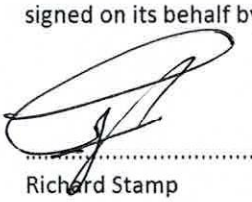
Trustees' Report

Risk Management
The trustees examine the major risks that the church faces each financial year when preparing and updating the strategic plan. The church has developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have to the church in the future.

Trustees
The trustees who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on 20 DECEMBER '23 And signed on its behalf by:



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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

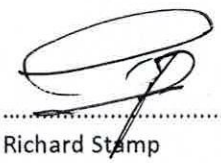
The trustees (who are also the directors of Gateway Church, Poole for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subjects 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/12/23 and signed on its behalf by:



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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole Charitable Company ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for the independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement
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:

1 Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 The accounts do not accord with those records; or

3 The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

4 The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

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 accounts to be reached.

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Adrian Carr AAT
The Accounting Bureau Ltd

87 North Road
Parkstone
Poole
Dorset
BH14 0LT

20 December 2023

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	661,844	-	661,844
Other income	3	1,385	-	1,385
Total Income		663,229	-	663,229
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	489,805	-	489,805
Total Expenditure		489,805	-	489,805
Net movement in funds		173,424	-	173,424
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,252,812	-	1,252,812
Total funds carried forward	17	1,426,236	-	1,426,236

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	690,738	-	690,738
Other income	3	-	-	-
Total Income		690,738	-	690,738
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	339,418	-	339,418
Total Expenditure		339,418	-	339,418
Net movement in funds		351,320	-	351,320
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		901,492	-	901,492
Transfers	18	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	17	1,252,812	-	1,252,812

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 17.

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,470,155	833,994
Current assets			
Debtors	12	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		387,615	659,293
		387,615	659,293
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	- 161,496	- 50,894
Net current assets		226,119	608,399
Total assets less current liabilities		2,696,274	1,442,393
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	- 1,270,038	- 174,081
Provisions	15	-	- 15,500
Net assets		1,426,236	1,252,812
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		1,426,236	1,252,812
Total funds	17	1,426,236	1,252,812

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

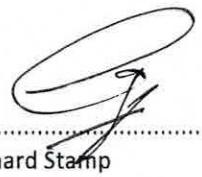
For the financial year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 12 to 26 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20/12/23 and signed on their behalf by:



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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 07189544

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practie applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Gateway Church, Poole is a registered charity, registration number 1135330, company number 07189544, registered in the United Kingdom. The address of the charity is given in the reference and adminstrative details on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are described in the Trustees' annual report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest whole pound.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity has adopted Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies
Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to condition that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions
Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitiable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £200 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated deprecation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Cycle and work bicycles	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Church property and improvements	2% straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs.
Interest- bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at leat twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The company offers a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Gateway Church participated in a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme for Baptist Ministers in the UK which has been closed to new members. Deficit contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable and Gateway Church's liability towards the scheme deficit is included in the financial statements as a provision.

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Year Ended 31 March 2023

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations to major appeals	288,237	-	288,237	324,892
Donations from individuals	311,753	-	311,753	314,010
Grants	20,000	-	20,000	-
Gift aid reclaimed	41,854	-	41,854	51,836
	661,844	-	661,844	690,738

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Employer's NIC rebate	-	-	-	-
Vision Fund Tithe	1,385	-	1,385	-
	1,385	-	1,385	-

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly	Grant funding of activity	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Mission	19,779	39,847	59,626	38,493
Establishments costs	20,781	-	20,781	20,092
Insurance	2,470	-	2,470	3,262
Repairs and maintenance	2,932	-	2,932	3,954
Printing, postage and stationery	7,452	-	7,452	4,832
Telephone	1,942	-	1,942	1,961
Advertising	462	-	462	679
Equipment repairs and renewals	3,941	-	3,941	6,084
Staff salaries and costs	197,631	-	197,631	191,661
Group activities	31,545	-	31,545	14,327
Training, conferences and travel	15,159	-	15,159	13,992
Cleaning	5,064	-	5,064	5,529
Bookkeeping software	449	-	449	396
Bank charges	525	-	525	402
Legal and professional fees	734	-	734	560
Loan interest	60,975	-	60,975	8,547
Depreciation	72,020	-	72,020	20,177
Sundries	2,495	-	2,495	1,034
Governance costs	2,756	-	2,756	2,986
Subscriptions	846	-	846	450
	449,958	39,847	489,805	339,418

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's remuneration	1,440	1,440	1,440
Taxation costs	-	-	120
Payroll costs	1,316	1,316	1,426
	2,756	2,756	2,986

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6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

Name of Institution	Activity	2023	2022
		£	£
Advance Movement	Mission	19,232	19,446
Social Action	Mission	12,950	12,802
Baptist Union	Mission	1,000	1,014
New Day	Mission	2,913	-
Other - Funded by gifts	Mission	1,100	81
Hardship fund	Mission	1,816	-
Other Grants Paid and Gifts Made	Mission	20,615	5,150
		59,626	38,493

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	72,020	20,177
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,440	1,440
	73,460	21,617

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8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Matthew Hosier
Matthew Hosier received remuneration and pension of £59,416 (2022: £56,669) and £212 (2022: £651) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Hosier during the year.

Richard Stamp
Richard Stamp received remuneration and pension of £50,763 (2022: £49,303) and £1,050 (2022: £45) of expenses were reimbursed to Richard Stamp during the year.

Matthew Painter
£nil (2022: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Painter during the year.

Dr Samuel McGinley
£nil (2022: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Dr Samuel McGinley during the year.

Matthew Ashton
£nil (2022: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Ashton during the year.

Rebecca Clarke
£nil (2022: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Rebecca Clarke during the year.

Jacqueline Last
£nil (2022: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Jacqueline Last during the year.

Stephen Hunter
£nil (2022: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Stephen Hunter during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	189,402	195,280
Pension costs	20,107	23,061
Staff health insurance	3,622	3,620
Movement in pension contribution provision	- 15,500	- 30,300
	197,631	191,661

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No	No
Staff	6	6

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £132,374 (2022: £119,588).

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10 *Taxation*

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Cycle to work bicycles £	Church property and improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	62,473	1,988	970,018	1,034,479
Additions	82,037	-	1,625,365	1,707,402
At 31 March 2023	144,510	1,988	2,595,383	2,741,881
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	52,657	1,767	145,282	199,706
Charge for the year	22,963	55	49,002	72,020
At 31 March 2023	75,620	1,822	194,284	271,726
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	68,890	166	2,401,099	2,470,155
At 31 March 2022	9,816	221	824,736	834,773

The Alder Road building is held in trust by the Baptist Union, the Ashley Road property is owned by Gateway Church.

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
	-	-

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	88,650	6,050
Other taxation and social security	4,725	17,618
Other creditors	66,681	27,226
Accruals	1,440	-
	161,496	50,894

Creditors due within one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	88,650	6,050

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.
A further loan was drawn down during the year ended 31 March 2023 for £1,200,000. These funds were paid to third party developers for work carried out on the Alder Road building project.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	1,270,038	174,081

Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loan 1-2 years	88,650	6,050
Bank loan 2-5 years	265,950	18,150
Bank loan > 5 years	915,438	149,881
	1,270,038	174,081

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.

Included in the creditors are the following amounts due after more than five years:

	2023	2022
	£	£
After more than five years	915,438	149,881

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Year Ended 31 March 2023

15 Provisions

	2023	2022
	£	£
Pension contributions provision	-	- 15,500

See note 16 for details of the defined benefit pension deficit.

16 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to these schemes and amounted to £20,107 (2022: £23,061).

Defined benefit pension schemes

The charity participates in the Baptist Union multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme. During 2022/23 the Baptist Union wrote to the Trustees and confirmed that the deficit previously reported has now been rectified and ongoing contributions towards historic liabilities in the pension scheme have been reduced to £1 per month so that the direct debit facility remains open. If there is a significant detrimental change, employers may be asked to increase their contributions. However, this requirement will cease when a buy-out of the pension fund which is planned for 2024 completes and the Baptist Union move towards the wind-up of the Defined Benefit Plan.
On this basis the provision against this potential liability in the accounts has been reduced to £nil (2022: £15,500).

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	1,252,812	663,229	- 489,805	-	1,426,236
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	1,252,812	663,229	- 489,805	-	1,426,236

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	901,492	690,738	- 339,418	-	1,252,812
Designated					
Social action fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	901,492	690,738	- 339,418	-	1,252,812
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	901,492	690,738	- 339,418	-	1,252,812

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18 Restricted funds

On 10 February 2021 it was agreed at a Trustees meeting that the use of the term "restricted" should be removed from the accounts. Since the inception of the Vision Fund it was always communicated that these funds would be designated rather than restricted.

On this basis from 2021 onwards all funds previously showing as restricted have now been transferred to unrestricted funds.

GATEWAY CHURCH, POOLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135330

Accounts

Gateway Church, Poole

(A Company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2022

Company registration number: 07189544
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Gateway Church, Poole

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Matthew Hosier Matthew Ashton Jacqueline Last Matthew Painter Dr Samuel McGinley Rebecca Clarke Richard Stamp Stephen Hunter (appointed 24.11.21)
Secretary	Rebecca Bertrand
Principal Office	133 Alder Road Parkstone Poole Dorset BH12 4AA
Company Registration Number	07189544
Charity Registration Number	1135330
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc
Independent Examiner	Adrian Carr AAT The Accounting Bureau Ltd 87 North Road Poole Dorset BH14 0LT
Website	http://www.gatewaychurch.me

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees
Matthew Hosier
Matthew Ashton
Jacqueline Last
Matthew Painter
Dr Samuel McGinley
Rebecca Clarke
Richard Stamp
Stephen Hunter (appointed 24.11.21)

Structure, Governance and Management
Gateway Church, Poole is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and was incorporated on 15 March 2010.

The charity trustees are all directors of the charitable company and are appointed by ordinary resolution of the members as set out in articles 31 to 35 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Objects and Activities
Gateway Church, Poole is Bible-based, lively church serving Poole and the surrounding area with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also supports and assists mission in other parts of the UK and overseas. Being part of the Newfrontiers network of churches is its focus for achieving this.

The charity's objects are specfically restricted to the following:

(a) to advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(c) to further Christian education including but not by way of limitation to children of pre-school age in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time think fit;

(d) to provide or assist in the provision of facitilities in the interests of social welfare for the recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

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Our Vision and Values

We exist to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, to faithfully do justice to the instructions given to us through His word, the Bible, and to see as many people as possible impacted by this good news.

In doing this, three words sum up our values, and our goal is to be a people who live in a way that reflects the values encapsulated in these 3 words. Our plans and goals need to reflect:

Adventure: At the heart of the Christian faith is a great adventure to 'go to the ends of the earth' in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. The bible is jam-packed with stories of adventurous men and women risking all, and at times sacrificing all, to see people come to salvation through Jesus. We desire to live as modern day adventurers for Jesus in just the same way!

Purity: Being people who are committed to honesty, integrity and faithfulness in everything that we do and say. Serving one another and serving God with clean hearts and clean hands.

Compassion: The sound of war, famine, sickness and death in our world should move us to compassion, and therefore action, in offering support and action to those around us. This means serving locally and further afield to see social ills alleviated and people set free from the pain and isolation of social, financial, personal or spiritual hardship.

Covid-19 and Gateway's Activities

The period that covers this annual report was marked by the national recovery to UK society following the 3 national Covid-19 lockdowns. These lockdowns required churches to shut their doors for significiant periods and ran alongside a 20% shrinkage in the UK economy. Accordingly, self-funding charities like ours have faced significant challenges in recovering from these national measures.

The paragraphs below set out our activities for the period from April 2021 to March 2022.

Sunday Mornings

Usually on Sunday mornings we enjoy meeting together for worship and teaching. Our Sunday meetings are relaxed, informal and relevant to modern life. We have tea and coffee before and after our meetings. We worship God together and give time for a talk applying the truth of the Bible to life following which there is an opportunity for people to respond to what has been taught.

We operate as 'one church on two sites' with a congregation based at Alder Road, and another on Ashley Road in Poole. As we recovered from the impact of the national lockdowns, like many of the churches nationwide, we made it a priority to gather those who are members of the church, as well as being open for guests.

Having instituted a rigorous portfolio of pastoral care activities and online points of connection throughout lockdown, our congregation returned to in-person gatherings relatively quickly, although a small minority have chosen not to return and connect with the church via our weekly live-stream. Largely this has been older or more infirm people who we continue to maintain regular contact with.

At the beginning of 2022 we also entered into a building project to rebuild our Alder Road based buildings. This meant that we had to move both congregations into our facility on Ashley Road, and hold 3 Sunday meetings.

As at the end of this reporting period, the church membership was 205 adults and our Sunday attendance was approximately 340.

We are delighted to report that the church has navigated the challenges of Covid-19 well, and is meeting and operating at full strength again.

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Baptisms
Helping people to know Jesus Christ and to get baptized is a big part of the responsibility and joy of every believer and something we should all participate in fully! In the past year we have had the joy of witnessing nine people baptized.

Life Groups
Life Groups are our midweek groups that meet in smaller number in people's homes. They are built around five core values: Friendship, 'One-anothering', Outreach, Teaching and Body Life. Life Group's are at the heart of what we do at Gateway, and we want everyone to be involved in one.

Life Groups are a great place for people to learn leadership, and a place where everyone can make a contribution. Life Groups are where the mission of the church is put into action as we serve one another and seek to bless the world around us.

Throughout the past year our Life Groups have been a vital point of connection for people as we have regathered as a community, as well as an important point of connection for people newer to the church.

Alongside meeting in people's homes, we have also maintained an online option for those choosing to meet this way.

Serving the Community
Alongside Sunday mornings and Life Groups we would expect members of the church to be actively engaged in activities that serve the wider community, and therein we place a disproportionate emphasis on serving the poor, the lonely, the isolated and the marginalised.

The umbrella term we use for this activity is called, 'Gatehouse'. The mission statement of Gatehouse is that we exist to, 'prevent and alleviate isolation and marginalization in the BCP area and beyond.' Further details can be found on our website: https://www.gatewaychurch.me/gatehouse

Outlined below are some of the activities that have been undertaken to this end under the Gatehouse umbrella.

Lifetime
Prior to lockdown Lifetime would meet twice monthly to serve adults with learning disabilities. Our aim is to offer friendship, an opportunity to worship and hear God's word in a simple and engaging way. Some of our members are able to come independently, some come with their carers and some are collected and returned home by volunteer staff, all of whom are covered by enhanced DBS checks.

Following the national lockdowns, it has been difficult to gather this community, but we have run two daytime celebration' events for them, including carers and family which were well attended and appreciated.

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Oasis

Oasis is our domestic violence and abuse response team. A number of trained volunteers from Gateway Church serve the residents and children of Poole and Bournemouth domestic violence refuges. The refuge provides short-medium term emergency housing for women and children who are living in a domestic violence situation. It is thought that the rate of domestic violence increased by 25% during the national lockdowns, highlighting the seriousness of this growing trend and the importance of the church's response to it.

Having served this demographic throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, we were delighted to be able to re-establish this work in-person in the past year. It has been a delight to host monthly dinner parties for the residents of the refuge (and those who have left the refuge), put on craft activities for the children, provide friendship, signposting, lifts, and advice to various meetings and to host weekly exercise events. These events are all aimed at helping people to re-establish themselves in the community, build confidence and to demonstrate the love of Jesus in a practical way.

We have also been able to host various other events for this demographic, including days out and a Christmas party.

The relationship with the refuge management team has grown over the years and Oasis is regarded as a primary supporter of their work, creating opportunities for increased partnership working in the future. All of these activities are fully funded by the church.

We have also worked closely with the staff and parents of Bishop Aldhelms Primary School to run an initiative called 'Wishing Tree', where pupils of the school are paired with a child in refuge to purchase a Christmas gift for them.

We are thrilled that a number of residents (past and present) of the refuge were able to attend (and continue to attend) events and services at Gateway, and that we had the privilege of baptizing someone from the refuge in this reporting period.

Golden Generations

Following the lockdowns of the previous years, there were numerous government reports pointing to the deleterious effects of social distancing, and lonliness. The areas around our congregations are statistically among the loneliest in the UK, especially amongst the older generation.

In response to this, we began a free weekly group for older people, for refreshments, friendship and support. We are so pleased to report that this group has been regularly well attended and continues to grow in number, playing an important role in addressing loneliness and social isolation.

Some have reported this group as being their only social outlet and has become a place where the local council have from time to time, recommended people in this demographic to attend.

Students & 20's

Bournemouth and Poole are home to thousands of students. Bournemouth University together with the Arts University College at Bournemouth has a student roll of around 20,000. The main BU & AUCB campus is only 1.5 miles from our church building and an increasing number of students are finding their way to Gateway. During term time we have a run of student lunches with church families - a great way to meet people as well as get free food! We also encourage students to join Life Groups and become part of the church family.

In the past we have seen a real growth in numbers from this demographic which is a key part of our growth strategy. Engaging well with this community enabled us to provide food, support and other provisions during lockdown, noting that for many students, they were away from home, unable to attend physical lectures, and at risk of the emotional health challenges that have been outlined by researchers exploring the mental health effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is a delight to serve this community and this wil remain an important part of our service to the BCP area.

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Truth be Told
Truth be Told is an award-winning independent charity birthed at Gateway, and led by a member of our church. The premise of Truth be Told is to host and run activity and song-led toddler groups in care homes. This initiative fits well with our Gatehouse philosophy as it communicates Christian truths and draws together demographic groups who might also be most vulnerable to isolation and marginalization, such as young parents and older people in care homes.

It has been a pleasure to run Truth be Told sessions at Gateway, involving the young and the old, and to make use of the intergenerational element of Truth be Told to help rebuild social cohesion post-Covid.

Youth
The Gateway Youth group meets every Wednesday evening and every other Sunday morning, during term time, for youth aged between 11-14 years. We create a welcoming fun space in which all youth from the area can come and join in activities and have a safe place to hang out. Our aim during these times is to see people come to know Jesus and to grow in their faith. We disciple the youth, with each youth having the opportunity to have a mentor, provide teaching from the bible, reach the local youth community through outreach events, help the community around us with social action events and generally build friendship and have fun. All youth leaders have had training and are covered by enhanced DBS checks.

Our youth community has steadily grown throughout the past year, and it has been a delight to welcome new people into this group post-Covid.

If God Then What?
As a means of offering our community the chance to hear and ask questions about the Christian faith, we offered a series of 10 week online course (via Zoom), open to anyone, to come and hear the central claims of the Christian faith and discuss.

A number of people attended this course from across the UK, many of whom have continued to attend Gateway at least two of whom have been baptized at Gateway in the past year.

Wishing Tree
At Christmas we were pleased to be able to work with Bishop Aldhelms Primary School to engage their pupils with our Oasis work. This was done by arranging a 'Wishing Tree' in which pupils were enabled to buy Christmas presents for the children in the domestic violence refuge, and to provide Christmas presents to be distributed via the Poole Food Bank.

Serving other Organisations
A number of our leadership team also sit on various trustee or school governor boards in an effort to help other, similarly minded organisations to flourish, with an eye to serving those in need and bringing the truth of the gospel to light through acts of service.

Numbers
As of 31 March 2022 there were 205 adults in membership. This number has continued a steady upward trend for the past 15 years.

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Public Benefit Statement
The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

The trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with Sections G2 and G3 of the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit (January 2008).

The paragraphs above set our our activities, achievements and performance during the year, which are directly related to the objects and purposes for which the charity exists. The charity achieves its principal objects and purposes through worship, teaching, counseling, group activities and pastoral support. These benefits are directly related to the aims of the charity and are fully compliant with Principles 1 and 2 of the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

Financial Review
During the year ended 31 March 2022 there was a net inflow of funds of £351,320 (year ended 31 March 2021 net inflow of £105,624). In previous years the accounts have shown restricted funds separately. However, it was agreed by the Trustee's at on meeting on 10 February 2021 that there are no genuine restricted funds held by the church. Instead they have only been designated for certain uses so from 2021 onwards the distiction between restricted and unrestricted funds will no longer be used.

The principal funding sources of the church are via offerings of the church members and regular attendees and the gift aid reclaimed on these gifts. Total funding during the year was £690,738 (year ended 31 March 2021 £489,820).

During 2018/19 the Baptist Union pension actuary completed its triennial valuation, confirming the financial position at 31 December 2016. The scheme continues to have a deficit but this has reduced; the liability in respect of Gateway Church was £15,500 as at 31 March 2022 (2021: £45,800).

Reserves Policy
The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the charity. A policy whereby the funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months' of the expenditure has been established. Budgeted non-capital expenditure for 2022/23 is approximately £385,339 and therefore the target is £96,335 to £192,670 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The level of free net current assets at 31 March 2022 was £418,818 (31 March 2021 £140,257).

The Trustees also meet regularly and review the financial position and will continue to monitor income and expenditure closely over the coming months.

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Trustees' Report

Risk Management
The trustees examine the major risks that the church faces each financial year when preparing and updating the strategic plan. The church has developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have to the church in the future.

Trustees
The trustees who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on 20/12/22 And signed on its behalf by:

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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Gateway Church, Poole for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subjects 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/12/22 and signed on its behalf by:

.....

Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole Charitable Company ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for the independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement
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:

1 Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 The accounts do not accord with those records; or

3 The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

4 The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

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 accounts to be reached.

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Adrian Carr AAT
The Accounting Bureau Ltd

87 North Road
Parkstone
Poole
Dorset
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9 December 2022

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	690,738	-	690,738
Other income	3	-	-	-
Total Income		690,738	-	690,738
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	339,418	-	339,418
Total Expenditure		339,418	-	339,418
Net movement in funds		351,320	-	351,320
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		901,492	-	901,492
Total funds carried forward	17	1,252,812	-	1,252,812

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	470,482	-	470,482
Other income	3	19,338	-	19,338
Total Income		489,820	-	489,820
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	384,196	-	384,196
Total Expenditure		384,196	-	384,196
Net movement in funds		105,624	-	105,624
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		557,799	238,069	795,868
Transfers	18	238,069	- 238,069	-
Total funds carried forward	17	901,492	-	901,492

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 17.

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Note	2021 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	761,235	833,994
Current assets			
Debtors	12	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		422,291	659,293
		422,291	659,293
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	- 56,594	- 50,894
Net current assets		365,697	608,399
Total assets less current liabilities		1,126,932	1,442,393
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	- 179,640	- 174,081
Provisions	15	- 45,800	- 15,500
Net assets		901,492	1,252,812
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		901,492	1,252,812
Total funds	17	901,492	1,252,812

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

For the financial year ending 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 12 to 26 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20/12/22 and signed on their behalf by:

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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 07189544

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practie applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Gateway Church, Poole is a registered charity, registration number 1135330, company number 07189544, registered in the United Kingdom. The address of the charity is given in the reference and adminstrative details on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are described in the Trustees' annual report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest whole pound.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity has adopted Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies
Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to condition that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions
Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitiable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £200 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated deprecation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2022

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Cycle and work bicycles	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Church property and improvements	2% straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs.
Interest- bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at leat twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The company offers a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Gateway Church participated in a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme for Baptist Ministers in the UK which has been closed to new members. Deficit contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable and Gateway Church's liability towards the scheme deficit is included in the financial statements as a provision.

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2022

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations to major appeals	324,892	-	324,892	103,048
Donations from individuals	314,010	-	314,010	304,407
Gift aid reclaimed	51,836	-	51,836	63,027
	690,738	-	690,738	470,482

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Employer's NIC rebate	-	-	-	-
Vision Fund Tithe	-	-	-	19,338
	-	-	-	19,338

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2022

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly	Grant funding of activity	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Mission	12,962	25,531	38,493	59,858
Establishments costs	20,092	-	20,092	7,160
Insurance	3,262	-	3,262	4,997
Repairs and maintenance	3,954	-	3,954	6,214
Printing, postage and stationery	4,832	-	4,832	4,916
Telephone	1,961	-	1,961	1,935
Advertising	679	-	679	222
Equipment repairs and renewals	6,084	-	6,084	5,248
Staff salaries and costs	191,661	-	191,661	202,650
Group activities	14,327	-	14,327	11,218
Training, conferences and travel	13,992	-	13,992	1,777
Architects and building planning fees	-	-	-	43,659
Cleaning	5,529	-	5,529	3,890
Bookkeeping software	396	-	396	382
Bank charges	402	-	402	260
Legal and professional fees	560	-	560	965
Loan interest	8,547	-	8,547	5,362
Depreciation	20,177	-	20,177	19,399
Sundries	1,034	-	1,034	1,572
Governance costs	2,986	-	2,986	2,512
Subscriptions	450	-	450	-
	313,887	25,531	339,418	384,196

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's remuneration	1,440	1,440	1,440
Taxation costs	120	120	-
Payroll costs	1,426	1,426	1,072
	2,986	2,986	2,512

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6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

Name of Institution	Activity	2022	2021
		£	£
Advance Movement	Mission	19,446	18,700
Social Action	Mission	12,802	8,843
Baptist Union	Mission	1,014	974
New Day	Mission	-	3,000
Other - Funded by gifts	Mission	81	100
Tithe Fund	Mission	-	17,364
Other Grants Paid and Gifts Made	Mission	5,150	10,877
		38,493	59,858

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	20,177	19,399
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,440	1,440
	21,617	20,839

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8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Matthew Hosier
Matthew Hosier received remuneration and pension of £56,669 (2021: £55,871) and £651 (2021: £231) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Hosier during the year.

Richard Stamp
Richard Stamp received remuneration and pension of £49,303 (2021: £47,904) and £45 (2021: £20) of expenses were reimbursed to Richard Stamp during the year.

Matthew Painter
£nil (2021: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Painter during the year.

Dr Samuel McGinley
£nil (2021: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Dr Samuel McGinley during the year.

Matthew Ashton
£nil (2021: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Ashton during the year.

Rebecca Clarke
£nil (2021: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Rebecca Clarke during the year.

Jacqueline Last
£nil (2021: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Jacqueline Last during the year.

Stephen Hunter
£nil (2021: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Stephen Hunter during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	195,280	197,998
Pension costs	23,061	21,852
Staff health insurance	3,620	-
Movement in pension contribution provision	- 30,300	- 17,200
	191,661	202,650

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Staff	6	6

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £119,588 (2021: £109,977).

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10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Cycle to work bicycles £	Church property and improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	61,434	1,988	877,342	940,764
Additions	1,039	-	92,676	93,715
At 31 March 2022	62,473	1,988	970,018	1,034,479
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	49,385	1,693	128,451	179,529
Charge for the year	3,272	74	16,831	20,177
At 31 March 2022	52,657	1,767	145,282	199,706
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	9,816	221	824,736	834,773
At 31 March 2021	12,049	295	748,891	761,235

The Alder Road building is held in trust by the Baptist Union, the Ashley Road property is owned by Gateway Church.

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
	-	-

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans	6,050	6,050
Other taxation and social security	-	8,775
Other creditors	44,844	32,766
Accruals	-	9,003
	50,894	56,594

Creditors due within one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loan	6,050	6,050

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans	174,081	179,640

Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loan 1-2 years	6,050	6,050
Bank loan 2-5 years	18,150	18,150
Bank loan > 5 years	149,881	155,440
	174,081	179,640

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.

Included in the creditors are the following amounts due after more than five years:

	2022	2021
	£	£
After more than five years	149,881	155,440

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15 Provisions

	2022	2021
	£	£
Pension contributions provision	- 15,500	- 45,800

See note 16 for details of the defined benefit pension deficit.

16 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to these schemes and amounted to £23,061 (2021: £21,852).

Defined benefit pension schemes

The charity participates in the Baptist Union multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme. During 2017/18 the Baptist Union pension actuary completed it's triennial valuation, confirming the financial position at 31 December 2016. The scheme continues to have a substantial deficit, a combination of factors, such as low interest rates, quantative easing and low projected investment returns, have led to the rising deficit. The scheme deficit in respect of Gateway Church is £15,500 (2021: £45,800). The period for which deficit contributions need to be made has been shortened by 6.5 years from June 2035 to December 2028.

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	901,492	690,738	- 339,418	-	1,252,812
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	901,492	690,738	- 339,418	-	1,252,812

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	557,799	489,820	- 384,196	238,069	901,492
Designated					
Social action fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	557,799	489,820	- 384,196	238,069	901,492
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	238,069	-	-	- 238,069	-
Total funds	795,868	489,820	- 384,196	-	901,492

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18 Restricted funds

On 10 February 2021 it was agreed at a Trustees meeting that the use of the term "restricted" should be removed from the accounts. Since the inception of the Vision Fund it was always communicated that these funds would be designated rather than restricted.

On this basis from 2021 onwards all funds previously showing as restricted have now been transferred to unrestricted funds.

19 Acting as agent

As part of the charitable mission of Gateway Church, Poole a new Church has been established in Glasgow. A new charity was established in Scotland on 28 July 2019 but prior to the charity being registered Gateway Church, Poole collected funds and paid expenses on behalf of the fledgling organisation.

These amounts have not been shown in the Statement of Financial Activities of Gateway Church, Poole. Instead, the outstanding balance owed to Glasgow Grace Church is included within creditors. As at 2021 the amount held was £nil (2020: £17,131).

GATEWAY CHURCH, POOLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135330

Accounts

Gateway Church, Poole

(A Company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2021

Company registration number: 07189544
Charity registration number: 1135330

Gateway Church, Poole

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Secretary	Rebecca Bertrand
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Company Registration Number	07189544
Charity Registration Number	1135330
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc
Independent Examiner	Worth Accountants LLP 18 Glen Road Parkstone Poole Dorset BH14 0HF
Website	http://www.gatewaychurch.me

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees
Matthew Hosier
Matthew Ashton
Jacqueline Last
Matthew Painter
Dr Samuel McGinley
Rebecca Clarke
Richard Stamp

Structure, Governance and Management
Gateway Church, Poole is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and was incorporated on 15 March 2010.

The charity trustees are all directors of the charitable company and are appointed by ordinary resolution of the members as set out in articles 31 to 35 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Objects and Activities
Gateway Church, Poole is Bible-based, lively church serving Poole and the surrounding area with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also supports and assists mission in other parts of the UK and overseas. Being part of the Newfrontiers network of churches is its focus for achieving this.

The charity's objects are specfically restricted to the following:

(a) to advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;

(c) to further Christian education including but not by way of limitation to children of pre-school age in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time think fit;

(d) to provide or assist in the provision of facitilities in the interests of social welfare for the recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life in such parts of Poole, the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

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Annual Report

Our Vision and Values
We exist to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, to faithfully do justice to the instructions given to us through His word, the Bible, and to see as many people as possible impacted by this good news.

In doing this, three words sum up our values, and our goal is to be a people who live in a way that reflects the values encapsulated in these 3 words. Our plans and goals need to reflect:

Adventure: At the heart of the Christian faith is a great adventure to 'go to the ends of the earth' in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. The bible is jam-packed with stories of adventurous men and women risking all, and at times sacrificing all, to see people come to salvation through Jesus. We desire to live as modern day adventurers for Jesus in just the same way!

Purity: Being people who are committed to honesty, integrity and faithfulness in everything that we do and say. Serving one another and serving God with clean hearts and clean hands.

Compassion: The sound of war, famine, sickness and death in our world should move us to compassion, and therefore action, in offering support and action to those around us. This means serving locally and further afield to see social ills alleviated and people set free from the pain and isolation of social, financial, personal or spiritual hardship.

Covid-19 and Gateway's Activities
The period that covers this annual report was marked by the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK this included 3 national lockdowns, and the implementation of social distancing which severely impacted church life and associated activities.

We are committed to the faithful teaching of the gospel both in how we teach and present it, and in how we action it in the way that we serve one another and serve the wider community. Accordingly, Covid-19 has caused us to have to adjust almost every part of our operation at Gateway. We are pleased to report that in spite of the challenges posed by the pandemic, we have continued to be able to consistently operate in accordance with our charitable objectives.

The paragraphs below set out our activities for the period from April 2020 to March 2021.

Sunday Mornings
Usually on Sunday mornings we enjoy meeting together for worship and teaching. Our Sunday meetings are relaxed, informal and relevant to modern life. We have tea and coffee before the meeting, then worship God together and give time for a talk applying the truth of the Bible to life. Following the meetings we have more tea and coffee and a chat.

We operate as 'one church on two sites' with a congregation based at Alder Road, and another on Ashley Road in Poole.

Social distancing, the national lockdown and people's personal level of cautiousness about Covid-19 have all contributed to us having to rethink Sundays. In summary this involved:

- Pre-recording services where required for streaming via youtube
- Heavily reduced numbers in our buildings, with a livestream option via youtube
- Post-service coffee and conversation via Zoom
- Implementing a fully risk-assessed system of health and safety procedures for Sunday mornings as restrictions were lifted, in order to enable people to worship together
- Pre-recording all of our children's teaching and resources for streaming via youtube

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Whilst it is not possible to measure attendance by any reliable measure throughout that period, post national lockdown we are delighted to say that the church has grown in number of attendees and by other measures, i.e. income, serving teams, etc.

Baptisms
Helping people to know Jesus Christ and to get baptized is a big part of the responsibility and joy of every believer and something we should all participate in fully! In the past year we have had the joy of witnessing three people baptized, and we would love it to me many more.

Life Groups
Life Groups are our midweek groups that meet in smaller number in people's homes. They are built around five core values: Friendship, 'One-anothering', Outreach, Teaching and Body Life. Life Group's are at the heart of what we do at Gateway, and we want everyone to be involved in one.

Life Groups are a great place for people to learn leadership, and a place where everyone can make a contribution. Life Groups are where the mission of the church is put into action as we serve one another and seek to bless the world around us.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic we have continued to operate Life Groups via Zoom, with the attendance and participation at these being what we would have expected in more usual times.

Serving the Community
Alongside Sunday mornings and Life Groups we would expect members of the church to be actively engaged in activities that serve the wider community, and therein we place a disproportionate emphasis on serving the poor, the lonely, the isolated and the marginalised.

In the weeks prior to the Covid-19 breakout, we created an umbrella department in the church within which to run such activities and to share resources in order to maximise our efforts in this regard. The umbrella term we use for this is called, 'Gatehouse'. The mission statement of Gatehouse is that we exist to, 'prevent and alleviate isolation and marginalization in the BCP area and beyond.' Further details can be found on our website: http://www.gatewaychurch.me/gatehouse

Covid Response
In the first few days of the national lockdown, in partnership with our friends at Faithworks Wessex and the BCP council, we developed a team to triage calls from people in food crisis. Anywhere in BCP, if people called this council developed crisis telephone number, the first voice they heard was a member of Gateway.

The purpose of this team was to help people to both source and be able to collect/have delivered food parcels.

We also immediately set up a food collection and distribution point for local rough sleepers in partnership with Faithworks and the local council. Additionally we gave money, and essential toiletries and clothing to support the local rough sleeper community who had been housed in hotels as a result of the pandemic.

Lifetime
Usually, lifetime is a twice monthly meeting for adults with learning disability. Our aim is to offer friendship, an opportunity to worship and hear God's word in a simple and engaging way. Some of our members are able to come independently, some come with their carers and some are collected and returned home by volunteer staff, all of whom are covered by enhanced DBS checks.

Each evening finishes with light refreshments and we celebrate all the members' birthdays with a cake! We are always happy to welcome newcomers.

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Because of the nature of the differing needs within this group, it was extremely difficult to gather together at any point. Accordingly, this demographic was cared for by telephone calls, doorstep visits and cards. Towards the end of the national lockdowns the Lifetime community met for a garden party and a time of friendship and worship.

Oasis

Oasis is our domestic violence and abuse response team. A number of trained volunteers from Gateway Church serve the residents and children of Poole domestic violence refuges. The refuge provides short-medium term emergency housing for women and children who are living in a domestic violence situation. Ordinarily, our volunteers host 'Adults night off' in the refuge monthly where a takeaway meal is shared amongst parents and children in the refuge, and the children are engaged in a craft activity, giving the parents an 'adults night off'. We remain in touch with these families post-refuge and unofficially befriend and support reintegration into their new communities.

We have also worked closely with the staff and parents of Bishop Aldhelms Primary School to run an initative called 'The Wishing Tree', where pupils of the school are paired with a child in refuge to purchase a Christmas gift for them.

Throughout the period of this report, all of these activities were done - where possible - in a socially distanced way, and to respond to the sense of isolation and poor emotional health that is very often evident in the refuge we also added the following:

- Weekly Zoom 'friendship' sessions
- Weekly whatsapp encouragement videos
- A weekly light jog/exercise
- Food and milk deliveries

We are thrilled that a number of residents (past and present) of the refuge were able to attend (and continue to attend) events and services at Gateway.

Gateway Gatherers and Lunch Club

Ordinarily Gateway Gatherers is a weekly meeting for mainly the over 50s which meets every Thursday morning at 10:30am for a time of fellowship with coffee and biscuits in the Link. At 11:15 a.m. we move into the main church for a 75 minute service and afterwards many of the group enjoy lunch at the Luncheon Club (which provides a 2 course meal followed by tea or coffee for a very reasonable price).

Twice a year we have outings, occasional cream teas and a regular Christmas party all of which have proved very popular.

We also have a team of pastoral visitors who regularly visit the housebound, those who need encouragement and those in hospital and a bi-weekly bible study group.

Throughout the period of this report all of this activity was suspended. Due to the high potential for loneliness and isolation within this demographic, we responded with these additions:

- For some people within the congregation, we purchased devices that enabled them to participate with online church activity
- A 6 weekly letter was sent out with encouragement, information, news, advice on staying healthy through Covid and bible resources
- Termly doorstep visits with cream teas and gifts were delivered
- Technical support was made available to this demographic to enable ongoing participation with online events
- Food and medication shopping was offered, and each member of the pastoral team at Gateway had responsibility for staying in contact through telephone and letter with each member of the church who was classed as 'vulnerable'.

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Little Gators
Little Gators is an exciting group. We gather between 50-100+ 0-4 year olds and their grown-ups each Friday, at our Alder Road site during term time from 10:00-11:30 for fun, games, songs and snacks too! There are areas for babies, craft, exploring, toys and role play, and as with all our groups it's all free!

The Little Gators team doesn't stop there though! They can be found during the Sunday morning service playing games and telling stories whilst mums and dads get to be in the adult service.

Throughout lockdown we suspended this activity, but maintained facebook groups enabling people to stay in touch with each other.

Students & 20's
Bournemouth and Poole are home to thousands of students. Bournemouth University together with the Arts University College at Bournemouth has a student roll of around 20,000. The main BU & AUCB campus is only 1.5 miles from our church building and an increasing number of students are finding their way to Gateway. During term time we run student lunches with church families - a great way to meet people as well as get free food! We also encourage students to join Life Groups and become part of the church family.

In the past year we have seen real growth in numbers from this demographic which is a key part of our growth strategy. As with our older community, much of how we cared for this demographic was via doorstep visits, online meetings and activities (such as quizzes and games in the evenings).

The Life Lounge
In response to (a) the growing number of emotional health needs evident in society, and (b) the anticipated growth of the same in response to Covid, we developed an online library of videos to help people to proactively put plans and lifestyle choices in place to stay healthy and avoid emotional, spiritual and physical complications that arise from loneliness, isolation and/or a lack of basic life skills.

Throughout lockdown, these sessions were livestreamed via a free Zoom meeting, open to the entire community, with people attending from across the UK, open to questions for the 'subject matter expert'. Subjects included:

- Top Tips for dealing with your mental health (by a mental health professional)
- Household Maintenance (by a Chartered Surveyor)
- Basic Exercise Skills (by an international sports coach)
- Basic household budgeting
- Parenting

And others. All available to view at https:www.gatewaychurch.me/the-life-lounge

Additionally we ran 2 online courses (run by a mental health professional) helping people to deal with stress and anxiety.

Truth be Told
Truth be Told is an award-winning independent charity birthed at Gateway, and led by a member of our church. The premise of Truth be Told is to host and run activity and song-led toddler groups in care homes. This initiative fits well with our Gatehouse philosophy as it communicates Christian truths and draws together demographic groups who might also be most vulnerable to isolation and marginalization, such as young parents and older people in care homes.

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Throughout lockdown, much of this activity was done online, although at Christmas a team from Gateway delivered cake at various care homes and sang carols from the care home car parks for the residents.

Additionally, Gateway funded a Christmas Carol video, written and produced by Truth be Told, disseminated and viewed by hundreds of people in care homes across BCP.

Youth
The Gateway Youth group meets every Friday evening and every other Sunday morning during term time, for youth aged between 11-14 years. We create a welcoming fun space in which all youth from the area can come and join in activities and have a safe place to hang out. Our aim during these times is to see people come to know Jesus and to grow in their faith. We disciple the youth, with each youth having the opportunity to have a mentor, provide teaching from the bible, reach the local youth community through outreach events, help the community around us with social action events and generally build friendship and have fun. All youth leaders have had training and are covered by enhanced DBS checks.

We also have an annual trip to NewDay a Newfrontiers organised youth camp, full of great worship, teaching, cafes, and sports.

Throughout the period covered by this report, most of this activity was moved online and smaller groups were created to ensure full inclusion and participation of the youth community.

If God Then What?
As a means of offering our community the chance to hear and ask questions about the Christian faith, we offered a 10 week online course (via Zoom), open to anyone, to come and hear the central claims of the Christian faith and discuss.

A number of people attended this course from across the UK, many of whom have continued to attend Gateway.

Numbers
As of 31 March 2020 there were 198 in membership. This number has continued a steady upward trend for the past 10 years.

Public Benefit Statement
The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

The trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with Sections G2 and G3 of the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit (January 2008).

The paragraphs above set our our activities, achievements and performance during the year, which are directly related to the objects and purposes for which the charity exists. The charity achieves its principal objects and purposes through worship, teaching, counseling, group activities and pastoral support. These benefits are directly related to the aims of the charity and are fully compliant with Principles 1 and 2 of the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

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Financial Review
During the year ended 31 March 2021 there was a net inflow of funds of £105,624 (year ended 31 March 2020 net inflow of £79,627). In previous years the accounts have shown restricted funds separately. However, it was agreed by the Trustee's at on meeting on 10 February 2021 that there are no genuine restricted funds held by the church. Instead they have only been designated for certain uses so from 2021 onwards the distiction between restricted and unrestricted funds will no longer be used.

The principal funding sources of the church are via offerings of the church members and regular attendees and the gift aid reclaimed on these gifts. Total funding during the year was £489,820 (year ended 31 March 2020 £415,031).

Since the end of the financial year the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have been felt across the world. The trustees are pleased to report that donations and funding of the charity have at the date of this report not been negatively impacted by the situation.

During 2018/19 the Baptist Union pension actuary completed its triennial valuation, confirming the financial position at 31 December 2016. The scheme continues to have a substantial deficit; the deficit liability in respect of Gateway Church was £45,800 as at 31 March 2021 (2020: £63,000).

Reserves Policy
The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the charity. A policy whereby the funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months' of the expenditure has been established. Budgeted non-capital expenditure for 2021/22 is approximately £378,877 and therefore the target is £94,719 to £189,438 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The level of free net current assets at 31 March 2021 was £140,257 (31 March 2020 £15,235). Although these restricted free funds are close to two months' expenses the trustees have considered the situation and have developed an action plan with the aim of increasing unrestricted giving and controlling expenditure as tightly as possible. The trustees also meet regularly and review the financial position and will continue to monitor income and expenditure closely over coming months.

Risk Management
The trustees examine the major risks that the church faces each financial year when preparing and updating the strategic plan. The church has developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have to the church in the future.

Trustees
The trustees who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on 21/12/2021 And signed on its behalf by:

.....
Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Gateway Church, Poole for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subjects 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ....21/12/2021..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....

Richard Stamp
Trustee

Gateway Church, Poole

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole Charitable Company ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for the independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement
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:

1 Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 The accounts do not accord with those records; or

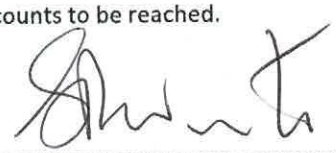
3 The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4 The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Gateway Church, Poole

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 accounts to be reached.



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21 December 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	470,482	-	470,482
Other income	3	19,338	-	19,338
Total Income		489,820	-	489,820
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	384,196	-	384,196
Total Expenditure		384,196	-	384,196
Net movement in funds		105,624	-	105,624
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		557,799	238,069	795,868
Transfers	18	238,069	- 238,069	-
Total funds carried forward	17	901,492	-	901,492

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	357,897	54,134	412,031
Other income	3	3,000	-	3,000
Total Income		360,897	54,134	415,031
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	335,404	-	335,404
Total Expenditure		335,404	-	335,404
Net movement in funds		25,493	54,134	79,627
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		532,306	183,935	716,241
Total funds carried forward	17	557,799	238,069	795,868

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 17.

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	761,235	780,634
Current assets			
Debtors	12	-	3,660
Cash at bank and in hand		422,291	314,859
		422,291	318,519
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	- 56,594	- 51,731
Net current assets		365,697	266,788
Total assets less current liabilities		1,126,932	########
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	- 179,640	- 188,553
Provisions	15	- 45,800	- 63,000
Net assets		901,492	795,868
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		-	238,069
Unrestricted funds		901,492	557,799
Total funds	17	901,492	795,868

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Balance Sheet
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For the financial year ending 31 March 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 12 to 26 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21/12/2021 and signed on their behalf by:

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Richard Stamp
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 07189544

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practie applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Gateway Church, Poole is a registered charity, registration number 1135330, company number 07189544, registered in the United Kingdom. The address of the charity is given in the reference and adminstrative details on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are described in the Trustees' annual report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest whole pound.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity has adopted Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies
Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to condition that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions
Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitiable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £200 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated deprecation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Cycle and work bicycles	25% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Church property and improvements	2% straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs.
Interest- bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at leat twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The company offers a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Gateway Church participated in a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme for Baptist Ministers in the UK which has been closed to new members. Deficit contributions are charged in the income and expenditure account as they become payable and Gateway Church's liability towards the scheme deficit is included in the financial statements as a provision.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations to major appeals	103,048	-	103,048	49,134
Donations from individuals	304,407	-	304,407	293,255
Gift aid reclaimed	63,027	-	63,027	69,642
	470,482	-	470,482	412,031

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Employer's NIC rebate	-	-	-	3,000
Vision Fund Tithe	19,338	-	19,338	-
	19,338	-	19,338	3,000

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly	Grant funding of activity	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Mission	59,858	-	59,858	27,848
Establishments costs	7,160	-	7,160	12,474
Insurance	4,997	-	4,997	3,987
Repairs and maintenance	6,214	-	6,214	23,125
Printing, postage and stationery	4,916	-	4,916	6,412
Telephone	1,935	-	1,935	1,875
Advertising	222	-	222	1,927
Equipment repairs and renewals	5,248	-	5,248	2,918
Minister's salary and staff costs	202,650	-	202,650	165,009
Group activities	11,218	-	11,218	26,283
Training, conferences and travel	1,777	-	1,777	16,494
Architects and building planning fees	43,659	-	43,659	-
Cleaning	3,890	-	3,890	10,169
Payroll software	382	-	382	297
Bank charges	260	-	260	1,438
Legal and professional fees	965	-	965	953
Loan interest	5,362	-	5,362	8,706
Depreciation	19,399	-	19,399	21,081
Sundries	1,572	-	1,572	2,022
Governance costs	2,512	-	2,512	2,387
	384,196	-	384,196	335,405

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's remuneration	1,440	1,440	1,440
Payroll costs	1,072	1,072	947
	2,512	2,512	2,387

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6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

Name of Institution	Activity	2020	2021
		£	£
Advance Movement	Mission	12,563	18,700
Social Action	Mission	8,504	8,843
Baptist Union	Mission	884	974
Evangelical Alliance	Mission	150	-
New Day	Mission	-	3,000
Other - Funded by gifts	Mission	1,300	100
Tithe Fund	Mission	-	17,364
Other Grants Paid	Mission	4,447	10,877
		27,848	59,858

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2020	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	21,081	19,399
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,440	1,440
	22,521	20,839

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8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Matthew Hosier
Matthew Hosier received remuneration and pension of £55,871 (2020: £55,768) and £231 (2020: £1,930) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Hosier during the year.

Richard Stamp
Richard Stamp received remuneration and pension of £47,904 (2020: £52,447) and £20 (2020: £3,256) of expenses were reimbursed to Richard Stamp during the year.

Matthew Painter
£nil (2020: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Painter during the year.

Dr Samuel McGinley
£nil (2020: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Dr Samuel McGinley during the year.

Matthew Ashton
£nil (2020: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Matthew Ashton during the year.

Rebecca Clarke
£nil (2020: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Rebecca Clarke during the year.

Jacqueline Last
£nil (2020: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Jacqueline Last during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2020	2021
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	171,771	197,998
Pension costs	23,238	21,852
Movement in pension contribution provision	- 30,000	- 17,200
	165,009	202,650

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2020	2021
	No	No
Staff	5	6

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £189,535 (2020: £179,515).

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10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Cycle to work bicycles £	Church property and improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	61,434	1,988	877,342	940,764
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	61,434	1,988	877,342	940,764
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	45,368	1,594	113,168	160,130
Charge for the year	4,017	99	15,283	19,399
At 31 March 2021	49,385	1,693	128,451	179,529
Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	12,049	295	748,891	761,235
At 31 March 2020	16,066	394	764,174	780,634

The Alder Road building is held in trust by the Baptist Union, the Ashley Road property is owned by Gateway Church.

12 Debtors

	2020 £	2021 £
Prepayments	3,660	-
Other debtors	-	-
	3,660	-

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2021
	£	£
Bank loans	5,166	6,050
Other taxation and social security	4,904	8,775
Other creditors	32,658	32,766
Accruals	9,003	9,003
	51,731	56,594

Creditors due within one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2020	2021
	£	£
Bank loan	5,166	6,050

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2020	2021
	£	£
Bank loans	188,553	179,640

Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2020	2021
	£	£
Bank loan 1-2 years	5,166	6,050
Bank loan 2-5 years	15,498	18,150
Bank loan > 5 years	167,889	155,440
	188,553	179,640

There is a legal charge in respect of the property mortgage from National Westminster Bank Plc. The mortgage is secured against the Ashley Road property.

Included in the creditors are the following amounts due after more than five years:

	2020	2021
	£	£
After more than five years not by instalments	167,889	155,440

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15 Provisions

	2020	2021
	£	£
Pension contributions provision	- 63,000	- 45,800

See note 16 for details of the defined benefit pension deficit.

16 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to these schemes and amounted to £21,852 (2020: £23,238).

Defined benefit pension schemes

The charity participates in the Baptist Union multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme. During 2017/18 the Baptist Union pension actuary completed it's triennial valuation, confirming the financial position at 31 December 2016. The scheme continues to have a substantial deficit, a combination of factors, such as low interest rates, quantative easing and low projected investment returns, have led to the rising deficit. The scheme deficit in respect of Gateway Church is £45,800 (2020: £63,000). The period for which deficit contributions need to be made has been shortened by 6.5 years from June 2035 to December 2028.

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	557,799	386,772	- 366,832	341,117	918,856
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	238,069	103,048	-	- 341,117	-
Total funds	795,868	489,820	- 366,832	-	918,856

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted fund	532,306	360,897	- 335,404	-	557,799
Designated					
Social action fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	532,306	360,897	- 335,404	-	557,799
Restricted funds					
Vision fund	183,935	54,134	-	-	238,069
Total funds	716,241	415,031	- 335,404	-	795,868

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18 Restricted funds

On 10 February 2021 it was agreed at a Trustees meeting that the use of the term "restricted" should be removed from the accounts. Since the inception of the Vision Fund it was always communicated that these funds would be designated rather than restricted.

On this basis from 2021 onwards all funds previously showing as restricted have now been transferred to unrestricted funds.

19 Acting as agent

As part of the charitable mission of Gateway Church, Poole a new Church has been established in Glasgow. A new charity was established in Scotland on 28 July 2019 but prior to the charity being registered Gateway Church, Poole collected funds and paid expenses on behalf of the fledgling organisation.

These amounts have not been shown in the Statement of Financial Activities of Gateway Church, Poole. Instead, the outstanding balance owed to Glasgow Grace Church is included within creditors. As at 2021 the amount held was £nil (2020: £17,131).

Funds were also held on account for Truth be Told a separate venture which was registered as a charity on 3 August 2020. As at 2021 the amount held on behalf of the organisation was £nil (2020: £6,215).