

Shrewsbury URC

Charity No

1135733

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

Receipts

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Collection - standing orders	55,059.00		55,059.00
Envelopes	3,661.70		3,661.70
Loose	6,123.14		6,123.14
Children's buckets	0.00		0.00
Donations	6,580.10		6,580.10
Donations Church Groups	1,164.49		1,164.49
Surplus on Social Events	190.44		190.44
Gift Aid from HMRC	14,721.47	382.50	15,103.97
Fundraising	2,912.64		2,912.64
Income from Investments	8,642.85		8,642.85
Grants Current Year	12,971.10		12,971.10
Toddlers	1,923.55		1,923.55
Catering/coffee	1,284.27		1,284.27
Weddings & Funerals	1,610.00		1,610.00
Members Car Parking	2,385.00		2,385.00
Room Hire	45,297.50		45,297.50
Commercial Car parking	8,888.75		8,888.75
Church House Rent	2,944.73		2,944.73
Church Office Income	162.98		162.98
Commitment for Life		3,172.40	3,172.40
Total Income	176,523.71	3,554.90	180,078.61
			154,395

Payments

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Ministry & Mission	60,156.00		60,156.00
Council Tax	0.00		0.00
Pulpit Supply	120.00		120.00
Ministers expenses	7,230.96		7,230.96
Local Salaries	25,847.39		25,847.39
Catering	571.54		571.54
Office Costs/Printing & Stationary	4,210.14		4,210.14
Outreach & Subscriptions	2,264.77		2,264.77
Residential Synod	0.00		0.00
Fundraising	0.00		0.00
Organ maintenance and music	0.00	655.00	655.00
Youth	743.17		743.17
Messy Church & Holiday Club	480.25		480.25
Messy Vintage	565.48		565.48
Toddlers	228.24		228.24
Training	0.00		0.00
Building repairs/maintenance	11,778.11		11,778.11
Development	0.00		0.00
Gas, Electric & Water	13,923.14		13,923.14
Insurance	12,509.42		12,509.42
Equipment	47.98		47.98
Commitment for Life	0.00		0.00
Bank charges	241.14		241.14
Sundries	1,985.20		1,985.20
Total Payments	142,902.93	655.00	143,557.93
			148,642
Surplus/(Deficit)	33,620.78	2,899.90	36,520.68
Brought Forward	30,469.00	10,387.21	40,856.21
Carried Forward	64,089.78	13,287.11	77,376.89
			40,856

Statement of Assets

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Monetary assets HSBC Shrewsbury			
Current a/c	4,647.76	0.00	4,647.76
Shrewsbury – Deposit a/c –	33,793.60		33,793.60
HSBC Shrewsbury – Donation a/c			0.00
COIF deposit account	25,648.42	13,287.11	38,935.53
	64,089.78	13,287.11	77,376.89
Refunds due from HMRC	5,124.00		5,124.00
Investments	241,593.70		241,593.70
Total Assets	310,807.48	13,287.11	324,094.59
			274,722

Manse

The Church has an interest in the ownership of the minister's manse at 12 Woodwynd Close, Shrewsbury, the Legal title is with United Reformed Church West Midlands Trust Limited.

Details of Funds

Unrestricted	General Unrestricted	Youth	Manse	Messy Vintage	Total Unrestricted
	£	£	£		£
Receipts	176,523.71	-			176,523.71
Payments	- 142,159.76	- 743.17			- 142,902.93
Surplus/(Deficit)	34,363.95	- 743.17			33,620.78

Cashfund Brought Forward	5,138.23	17,475.07	5,755.70	2,100.00	30,469.00
	39,502.18	16,731.90	5,755.70	2,100.00	64,089.78

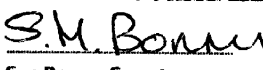
Refunds due from HMRC	5,124.00				5,124.00
Investments	241,593.70				241,593.70
	286,219.88	16,731.90	5,755.70	2,100.00	310,807.48

Restricted	Commitment for Life	Legacy - Organ	Total Restricted
	£	£	
Receipts	3,554.90		3,554.90
Payments	0.00	-655.00	-655.00
Net Receipts/(Payments)	3,554.90	-655.00	2,899.90
Brought Forward	3,998.16	6,389.05	10,387.21
Carried Forward	7,553.06	5,734.05	13,287.11

Approval by Trustees

These accounts were approved by a meeting of the Trustees held on 8 October 2025


Mervyn Davies, Treasurer


Sue Bonny, Secretary



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Shrewsbury United Reformed Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1135733

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

William B Strachan

Date:

6th October 2025

Name:

William Strachan

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address: 22 Rylands

Shrewsbury

SY3 9BZ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No Matters

Shrewsbury United Reformed Church
Trustees Annual Report
For Year ended 31 December 2024

Charity Number 1135733

Purpose

The purpose of the charity is the promotion of religion in accordance with the principles of the General Assembly of United Reformed Church and associated community and mission activities.

Governing Document

The charity was established by trust deed dated 16 September 2009.

Trustees

Elders are selected by a the church membership, from amongst the elder Trustees are nominated to serve as Trustees. The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Sue Bonny

Mervyn Davies

Jean Fox

Margaret Barnard

Sandra Kelly

Principal Address

Church House, Coleham Head, Shrewsbury, SY3 7BJ

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they note the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and further confirm that they seek to undertake activities of benefit to the public and the community both local and distant.

Achievements during the year

2024 was a busy year for church members. In addition to fellowship on a Sunday there were many opportunities to share with each other during the year.

In January, Mark started a course on Art and the Bible, which was appreciated and enjoyed by those who attended. This was followed later in the year by a Photography and Faith Course.

The lent talks and lunches began in February 2024. It was interesting and inspiring to hear about the faith of different members and to then be able to chat over a delicious lunch of soup and rolls. Our thanks go to all who shared with us and those who made the soup.

In March, Elders considered the responsibilities of Elders regarding Health & Safety Training under guidance of Grant Brackley. Elders were also asked to complete Level 1 URC Foundation Safeguarding Training (online) if they had not done this previously.

Also in March, we were delighted to hold a service in which one of our members, Rachel Coward was commissioned as a Lay Preacher and later in 2025 when Nathanael Paul was also commissioned. Both are a real blessing for the church and the Area Pastorate.

May saw the first joint area event. Members travelled to Oakengates URC for Songs of Praise and a cream tea. It is always interesting to hear the reasons why certain hymns are chosen and the cream tea was delicious. It was a good opportunity for members from the different churches to meet. Hopefully this is just the start of many future events together.

In June there was a wedding, and we hosted the interfaith funday which was a super occasion and a great success. Thank you to all those involved in its organisation.

In July we welcomed members of Wirksworth URC to Shrewsbury and Richard Breakell gave a short introductory talk about the town.

Church was open in September for the annual Ride and Stride event which brought a number of visitors to our church. Thank you to all those who made it possible by volunteering to man the church throughout the day.

We held our Harvest Festival in September. The Harvest Supper was well attended and once again were able to support the local food bank and The Ark with the food donated.

We had our first Fish and Chip Supper in October combined with a quiz. This proved to be a very popular and fun event, and our thanks go to Di and Phil Scoggins for organising this.

In November, we welcomed the Revd Ashley Evans to our service. Elders had been considering mission and the "Leading your Church into Growth" initiative. Ashley had been seconded to lead and advise the West Midlands Synod on the initiative and during a service and church meeting gave members an outline of the scheme. This was followed by an area event in 2025 and will be looked at in more detail throughout the coming year.

Christmas was again a busy time of year, with the advent reflections, the Gift Service for young carers, the Christingle, the Nativity service with Junior Church (always a delight to see our young people taking part), Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Day worship.

It was a pleasure to welcome eight new members to our fellowship during 2024. We also celebrated several milestone events with members such as wedding anniversaries and birthdays. Sadly, there were a number of bereavements, and we remember those families in our thoughts and prayers.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have served our fellowship in any way during 2024, enabling us to worship, maintain fellowship and grow spiritually. There have been challenges but many joyful occasions too. I would like to thank you for all the support I receive from Elders and the congregation, it is very much appreciated.

Elders have continued to meet monthly during the year with Elders leading devotions, chairing the meeting, and providing refreshments. A variety of topics were discussed throughout the year including Church Meeting frequency, the Area Constitution, hopes and dreams for the pastorate, safeguarding, ministry with the elderly, Health and Safety and evening communion.

At various times in the year, we experienced and took part in many special services, including those at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were well attended.

During the year we celebrated many milestone events with members of our fellowship such as Golden Weddings and birthdays and we remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have had family bereavements.

Throughout the year there have been challenges and joys and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have served our church in anyway, enabling us to worship together, maintain fellowship, and to grow spiritually. We would also like to thank you for all the support received from Elders and the congregation, especially during the period of the vacancy, it has been much appreciated.

Financial Review

Our total income increased to £180,079 thanks to an increase in congregational giving and donations, increased investment income, and grants received. We controlled our expenditure as a result of a large increase in fuel costs but we invested in improving the energy efficiency of our buildings helped by external grants. By careful control of expenditure we managed a surplus on unrestricted funds.

At the year end we had cash funds of £77,377 plus a further £241,594 of investments held in Ethical Investments with CCLA.

Reserves

Unrestricted Funds are held for General Purposes plus funds for Youth work, Maintenance of Manses and a grant to Messy Vintage to support ministry with senior members of our community. Restricted Funds are held for donations to Commitment for Life appeal and maintenance of the church organ.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves are held to support the ongoing work of the church and to have funds available should the opportunity present itself to undertake projects for Mission or in relation to our buildings. We seek to hold 26 weeks running costs, current reserves amount to approximately 32 weeks which the Trustees believe acceptable.

The trustees approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Date 8 October 2025