

CHAWN HILL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1135757

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: 3.1.1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT. 3.2 THE TRUSTEES MUST USE THE INCOME AND MAY USE THE CAPITAL, INCLUDING THE PROPERTY, OF THE CHURCH IN PROMOTING THE OBJECTS.

Activities: The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public: 'to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.'

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Dudley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£267,114	£217,231	-	-
2024-03-31	£231,908	£222,652	-	-
2023-03-31	£204,848	£217,867	-	-
2022-03-31	£220,893	£227,796	-	-
2021-03-31	£196,111	£220,191	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Catherine Rebecca Anderson	Chair	2025-09-16
Brenda Hole		2018-10-24
David Billingsley		2024-03-01
Lynne Tilby		2017-10-31
Nicola Reeves		2022-03-22
Paul Goncalves		2022-03-22

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Accounts



CHAWN HILL CHURCH

Annual Report 2024—2025



OBJECTIVES AND VISION

Objectives

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit. The trustees must use the income and may use the capital, including the property, of the church in promoting the objects.

Vision

The church's vision is to bring God's Story and Your Story Together.

Mission

Our mission as a church is to play our part in making Christ known to all people through a structure of discovery, discipleship and declaration, enabling everyone to become fully devoted followers of Christ and helping to transform communities. **Bringing God's Story and Your Story Together through Discovery, Discipleship and Declaration**

What does success look like?

To be a community of people loved by God who love God and in turn love the world and all who are in it. 1 John 4:11

A community of people in whom God dwells and lives by His Spirit. Eph 2:22

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Chawn Hill Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number: 07215827

Registered Charity number: 1135757

Registered Office

Chawn Hill Church
Chawn Hill
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Trustees/Directors

Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Dr. Catherine Anderson (appointed (as Chair) 15th July 2025)
Mr Paul Goncalves
Miss Brenda Hole
Mrs Nicola Reeve
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mr David Billingsley (Treasurer)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined in the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Trustees

The Trustees are legally responsible for the charity which includes ensuring compliance with statutory obligations, maintenance of the buildings, policies, and financial oversight. The Trustees of the charitable company during this period were:

Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)

Dr Catherine Anderson (appointed 15th July 2025)

Mr Paul Goncalves

Miss Brenda Hole

Mrs Nicola Reeve

Mrs Lynne Tilby

Mr David Billingsley (Treasurer)

The Leadership Team

The Leadership Team consist of trustees and two staff members, the Senior Minister and the Operations Manager. The Leadership Team meet in two capacities, four times a year as trustees and twelve times a year as a church leadership.

The Leadership Team provide the spiritual direction and leadership of the church and are responsible for its vision, values and practices. The Leadership Team during this period were:

Mr Greg Ellis (Senior Minister)

Mr Stephen Knight

Mr Paul Goncalves

Miss Brenda Hole

Mrs Nicola Reeve

Mrs Lynne Tilby

Mr David Billingsley

Mrs Sharon Billingsley (Church Administrator) - Started January 2025

Public Benefit

The trustees have continued to take due regard of the Charity Commission's guidance related to public benefit, and the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion. The benefits arising from the church's activities continue to be related solely to the charity's objectives as confirmed by the review set out in this report.

Responsibilities of Trustees under Company Law

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.

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LETTER FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER, Greg Ellis

2024-25 Report.

It gives me great pleasure at this time of the year to write and say thank you for your love and support of the ministry here at Chawn Hill Church. A ministry to bring God's story and your story together, through discovery, discipleship and declaration. Evidenced by our gatherings and the presence of God among us. Ephesians 2:22 "and in him (Christ) you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." And to a point we measure our success in this way – to be a community of people loved by God who love God and in turn love the world and all who are in it, which is our mission. 1 John 4:11.

The evidence of this success sits in our ministries near and far. We faithfully preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, 1 Cor 15:3-4 who first and foremost died for our sins according to the scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day, again in accordance with the scriptures. We remain very committed to the scripture to inform us of God and the ways of God as we eagerly wait the return of Jesus who will judge the living and the dead and usher his people into eternity with him.

We are informed by the same scriptures that because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy made us alive in Christ – we are saved by grace through faith – to do good works that he has prepared in advance.

At Chawn Hill Church those works include prayer, provision, practical help, and people who serve to accomplish what has been placed before us. **Locally** Safe Families – Replenish – Black Country Foodbank – Street Pastors – Life Debt Advice Centre – Future Outlook – TLC, Bereavement – Peace of Mind – **Nationally** – Saltmine – Zac Ellis YWAM – WTC – **Internationally** – Open Doors – Bless – OM – and Teso Development. All are organisations that fit into the goals and objectives of Chawn Hill Church. We remain committed to giving away a minimum of 10% of our donation's income to these and other good causes.

Back in the life of the church we have considered the issues that come with a full church building on Sunday mornings. Our plan to move 25% of the church to an afternoon meeting once a month has proved a great success and mobilised the church to move in the gifting that has been placed among us. Those who are invested in our vision attend 3 morning services and one afternoon service a month.

Our challenge for this year will be to welcome and disciple the new families that have arrived, to help them find the place where they believe and belong.

We have a lot of vision and opportunities that are opening up and the church is very well placed to move forward into the things that God has prepared for us.

We give God thanksgiving and praise, and we thank You too.

Every blessing and with much gratitude

Greg Ellis

Senior Minister

Highlights

Holiday Club

This year we have had 50 children come to our holiday club along with a year 7 girl who came as a young leader, for the 4 days. We had a great time connecting with the children, sharing our faith and answering the children's questions. We finished with a BBQ for the families and we had about 100 people attend.

Xplosion

We have had a great year learning more about God, we have also increased in numbers which has been exciting. We have had lots of discussions, had time to listen to what God is saying to us and made a board to remind us about what God says about us.

Weekend away

This year we had the children's worker from KCC church help lead our kids at the weekend away. We had a fun, action packed weekend learning all about the stories from Luke Ch 15. There were many highlights from the weekend such as seeing children's friendships with each other growing, hearing from God and also watching them have fun in the play area -which is always a huge

Kids

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

It's a great pleasure to report the health of the church – we are moving in unity to bring God's Story and Your Story Together. We have created a clear structure that we believe God will use to bring people to himself and for people to benefit from the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have continued with our newly created Agape Groups, places where four to twelve people gather and support each other – a place where we learn to love God and love one another. This year we have seen new groups form and people on the fringes of church coming and finding a place to work through their questions, hang ups and discipleship.

Last year we reported on our Unite groups, which are four congregations that we have started once a month that meet in the afternoon. They are a success, in that they have mobilized the church, enable the gifting of the church to be exercised and therefor the people blessed and built up in their faith.

WORSHIP

We continued to deliver our Sunday services. We now have two gatherings, one on Sunday morning at 10.15 and another at 4.00pm on a Sunday afternoon.. The Sunday afternoon service is for our Unite Groups.

We continue to have all age worship in our 10.15am Sunday service which engages the whole church to worship in a child friendly manner (complete with actions of course!)

We have started a mid-week service on a Thursday—a more reflective and traditional approach which goes down very well with some of our people.

Our worship teams continue to produce outstanding songs.

We continue to provide a Messy Church experience monthly (see **KIDS** section)

We continue to deliver a KIDS and YOUTH Sunday service ministry with many of the youth contributing to our youth on a Sunday morning..

We have a flourishing Prayer Ministry team who provide prayer support at every service.

We have a stronger participation in our prayer days which meet once a month from 7-9am, 12-2pm & 7-9pm..

"I love the strong and sound biblical teaching"

"Is this a children's church? It great fun here, we love it!" From a new child who has joined with his family recently.

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Discover. Disciple. Declare.

Three Ds at the heart of everything we do at Chawn Hill Church

Discover

We're on a journey of discovery: to discover God's story and find our story in His; to discover true meaning in life and the plans that God has for us; to discover more of God's love, power and presence in our lives.

Disciple

As we journey together, we choose to follow Jesus, His teaching, and become more like Him: to live a life of love and integrity; to grow in faith and relationship with God and encourage one another to do the same.

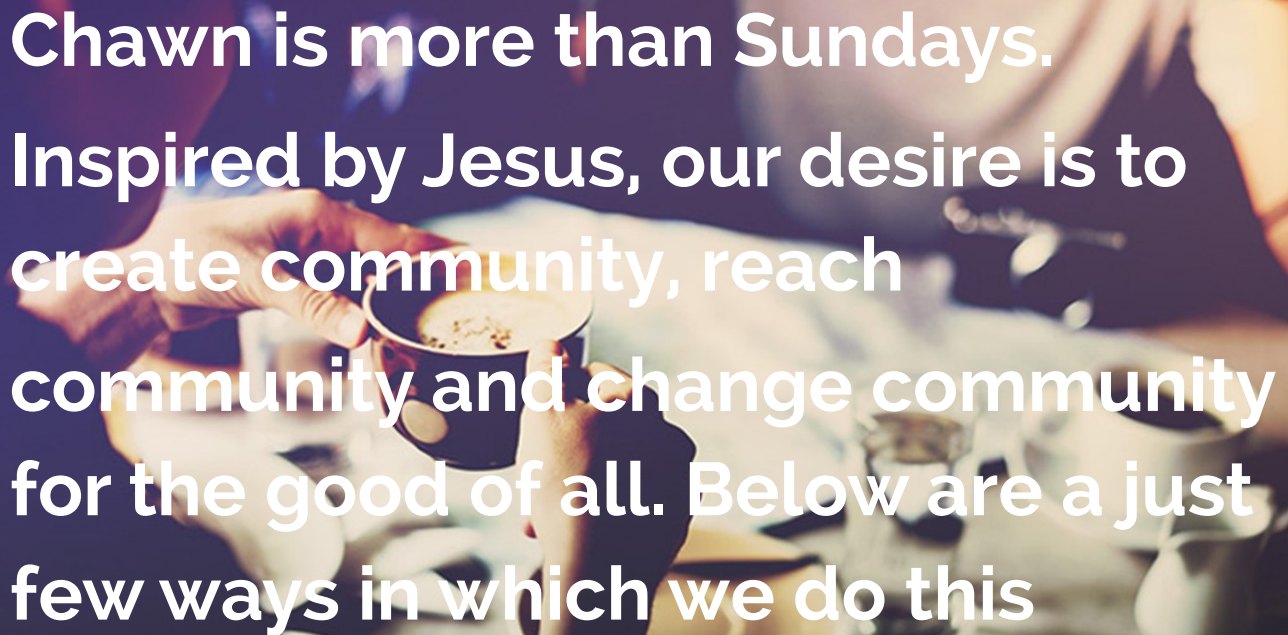
Declare

The more we discover God's greatness and experience His life-changing love, power and presence, the more we respond in worship, declaring His goodness through what we say and do so that others may also discover Him.

DISCIPLESHIP

- * **Our prayer day** on the first Wednesday of every month continues to be a time where we meet with God and are able to share the things on our heart and his heart together..
- * **Our Agape Groups** are spaces where we are learning to love God and love one another. New groups have sprung up and old connections have been renewed. This has had a positive effect on the life of our church.
- * **Our Unite Groups** bring together some of our Agape groups and they hold a meeting on a Sunday afternoon once a month. This has opened up a whole load of opportunity for everyone's gifts to be exercised and each one blessed as they are a blessing to others.
- * The giving in the church exceeded our expectations and we have seen a generous rise in our finances. Our plans are to use them in some refurbishment in the next year.

Discipleship is the major focus for us as a church in the short term. We need to re-discover the skill of making disciples. We are on our way to achieving this but we have some way to go, and we are excited about it!



**Chawn is more than Sundays.
Inspired by Jesus, our desire is to
create community, reach
community and change community
for the good of all. Below are a just
few ways in which we do this**

FELLOWSHIP

- * We ran a number of well-received church events including a '**Saturday Night Takeaway and Quiz**' night led by members of our church congregation.
- * We ran a **Weekend Away** at Cefn Lea in mid Wales attended by over 120 people, a time for gathering, fellowship and teaching spread over 3 days. We welcomed Ed Evans of Salisbury Vine Yard this year as our Guest Speakers with Ben and Emma Shave as our Worship Leaders.
- * **Our social groups remain active** including Chawn Wheelers and Wheelettes (biking groups) and our Golfing group, together with Men's and Ladies nights out too.
- * **We continued to provide ongoing care and support** for many through times of change, loss and decision-making, especially through our **TLC** bereavement group and our **Peace of Mind** mental health group.
- * **We continued to deliver baptisms, weddings and funerals for community members both inside and outside of the Church.**

Our vision is to continue to structure our year of fellowship to include these and new ways to engage the church in fellowship. We look forward to a different 2025/6 where opportunities open up and our togetherness will promote our community spirit both in the church and in our communities.

KIDS



Our Sunday group Mini-Cogs (2-5s) continues to meet once a week on a Sunday morning at 10:15.

Our Sunday group Xplosion (6-11s) meeting once a week on a Sunday morning at 10:15..

We ran a Holiday Club for children during the first week of the Summer Holiday

Messy Church sessions - children and their parents/carers with songs, crafts, food & creative Bible stories every month. We also lead a Christmas Messy Church for Ham Dingle School and an Easter Messy Church for Reception Class here at Chawn Hill Church.

Time For God (T4G) – a group for children in years 5 & 6 at school. They meet on a Thursday night twice a month. It's a time to develop friendships so they can support and encourage each other as disciples of Jesus as well as developing their relationship with God.

Easter — we ran an Easter Egg Hunt in Mary Stevens Park bringing Gods Good news of the resurrection into our community. Very well attended. 120 Easter Eggs were distributed to children who took part in the hunt.

The Children's Team Leader continued to **provide 1-1 support to families in the community**

We continued to run Rainbows and Chawn's Little Hearts - a time and space for carers and their young children to come and make friends and enjoy a morning together. We talk with the adults and offer to pray for them in a relaxed and natural way. This is one way that Chawn can serve and connect with our wider community, families are given invitations to events held at church and are encouraged to come to our Messy Church (preparing young children to discover God).

Lunch-time Club—runs once a week in Oldswinford School and the RE lessons are taken in reception class and KS1, both of which are opportunities for children to learn stories from the bible. The Team Leader also takes part in the Christmas and Summer Fayres at these schools.





This past year with Lyndsey as youth leader, the youth work has been going from strength to strength. There has been continuity, which has helped enormously. We have seen the youth grow with increased numbers on a Sunday morning and Thursday evening.

Our Main youth work concentrates on:

Sunday morning: the youth have been looking at God and sexuality, spending time in the word, bible journaling, social media and apologetics. This is a safe space where the youth are encouraged to be open and honest about their faith and any questions they may have.

Youth club: Once a month we run a youth club. The evening involves a small amount of teaching/ youth testimonies, karaoke, sports, PlayStation, café and cake. This is a great opportunity for us to open our doors to the youth in the community and for our current youth to invite their friends. We have seen a few new faces from the community who have become regular members of our month youth club.

Transition from kids to youth: To help older kids moving up from Xplosion Lyndsey has been working with Emma to provide some transition activities so the children can get to know their new youth leader, therefore making transition easier.

Mentoring: this involves a team of mentors assigned a number of our youth. They will then mentor and stand along side our youth as they navigate some of the challenges life brings. Mentors will be messaging their assigned young person every couple of months to check and ask if they need any support or prayer. Sometimes this may involve meeting a young person for coffee to help and support them. This is so important as our youth are going through some really challenging things and having a mentor to confide in and pray with can be really valuable.

Discipling: Lyndsey wants to help our young people grow in their giftings. She regularly offers the young people opportunities to lead parts of sessions, to pray for each other or to lead worship in our sessions.

Youth band: Lyndsey and Alex have provided youth band sessions, encouraging those who play musical instruments, sing or have an interest in the technical side of things to take an active part in this.

Moving forward Lyndsey is very excited see God continue to move in the youth. We have some new youth coming up from Xplosion and she cannot wait to see our youth group grow in their faith and commitment to God.

NEAR & FAR.

We held a Mission Weekend

Reach across and Operation Mobilization presented their efforts to preach the gospel in some difficult places of the world.

Christmas performance in partnership with Saltmine Theatre Company at Stourbridge Town hall which we run as an 'outreach' event. This year it was Jack and the Beanstalk which was attended by over 200 people.

At Easter, We went to the local park after our morning service and we set up an Easter Egg hunt for children—telling the story of Easter and handing out chocolate eggs for the kids and toasted hot cross buns, tea and coffee for the grown ups.

We also hosted a Carols by Candlelight Christmas service and Christingle Service which we invited our local community to. Both were well attended

We ran a weekly bereavement group at for the community for 40-50 people providing essential support to the bereaved.

We continued a mental health group every week that met for mutual support for eight to ten people.

We have several people from Chawn Hill Church engaged with a local charity, volunteering with Safe Families, numerous times providing love and support to families in need.



We continued to work with other churches to deliver community projects across the Stourbridge area:

- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers, **Replenish**, the Stourbridge distribution point for **Black Country Food Bank**
- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers, the **Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice**
- * We continued to prayerfully support volunteers of the **Street Pastors** on Saturday nights to help those involved in the nightlife.
- * We continued to support **Safe Families** financially and continued to support them with volunteers

We continued our commitment to give away a minimum of 10% of our unrestricted income to other organisations and individuals who share our objectives:

- * **Local:** **Replenish/ Black Country Food Bank, Further Outlook** (headed up by Steve Buck who has witnessed much of God's grace among minorities and those who have gotten caught up in life's vices) and **Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice** (helping people through financial crisis). **Safe Families** (a charity that links children, young people and families and local volunteers who can offer help and support) and **WTC** (a life giving theology college).
- * **National:** We continue our support of **Saltmine**, and added to that, we hosted a production of Jack n the Beanstalk at Christmas in the Town Hall performed by them also. We also support the work of **Zac Ellis**, who is currently studying theology and involved in outreach in his community, also the **Koh's in Operation Mobilisation** and have started supporting **Living Springs** (a safe place where families experience love and community to enable healing and growth for a better future).
- * **World:** We have also supported '**Bless**', a mission in France among the displaced people from middle east who gather there. We also provide financial support for **Open Doors** – a ministry to the persecuted church and a Church planting team linked to **Operation Mobilisation** in Central Asia.
- * **Short-Term Service & Training:** One person was sent to Greece to attend a bible school and serve on a mission team to trafficked women.



ENABLING The areas of support that enable our activities to happen

Facilities

We continued to resource other community groups with accessible and affordable meeting spaces. Drama Workshop is a regular booking but we also get ad hoc bookings for parties and meetings,

Human Resources

Our staff team consists of 6 members, 4 x part time and 2 x Full-Time Employees (FTE): Greg Ellis (Senior Minister, 1.0 FTE); Janine Goncalves (Office Manager 0.8 FTE), left Aug 24 and was replaced by Sharon Billingsley (Church Administrator 0.6 FTE) Claire Fugill (Church Finance 0.27 FTE) Emma Carling (Children's Team Leader, 1.0 FTE); Elisabeth Shave (Pastoral Lead 0.27 FTE) Lyndsey Sutton (Youth Minister 0.27 FTE.)

Finance

Trustees continue to be delighted by the level of commitment to the church and its clear vision. **God and good governance has kept us very secure financially.** We have **healthy reserves** and **church attendees continue to be our single biggest source of income.** We also continued to make good use Gift Aid. Please see the following section for detailed accounts.

Reserves

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than 3 months of unrestricted expenditure, which is approximately equates to £50,000. The charities unrestricted cash on hand complied with this policy throughout the financial year.

Finance Governance

The Finance Group, consisting of Senior Minister, Treasurer and the finance administrator, meet to review the church's finances, including the drafting of the annual budget for review and approval by the Board. The Board receives an update on the church's financial position at each of its meetings.

Policies

The trustees keep the key church policies under review and update them where appropriate and to ensure they reflect current legislation. In this period, we have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy, Facility Hire Policy, Social Media Policy, Financial Policies (including our Reserves Policy), Data Protection policy and Privacy Notice.





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FINANCE

Review—how are we financing our charitable objectives, vision and mission?

This year our incoming resources increased from £231,908 to £267,114, which is a very healthy increase of £35,207

In the light of these healthy balances, we decided to refurbish the church and bring in some new chairs at a cost of £17,480. We plan to make further improvements in the 2025/26 financial year.

Expenditure fell from £222,652 to £217,231 mostly because of not having a full staff team.

Staff costs came down this year, in the light of not having our office staffed for the full 12 months.

Utilities are up. We are catching up with the increase in gas and electric prices that previously we were locked into more favourable rates.

In light of the accounts presented the trustees are pleased to be in a healthy position going forward.

So what's next?

Discipleship

We have made great progress in becoming a disciple making church. This year we seek to...

- Train up leaders for our agape groups and unite groups.
- Mature and Multiply our groups.

Next Generation

Our children's ministry continues to grow from strength to strength.

- We are developing a family worship part to our gatherings.
- We are connecting with two new schools, and this will bring new families into the Church

Our youth ministry has seen a growth in numbers and new people coming.

- We will be taking our youth to Limitless, again a festival for young people.

Our aim is to invite youth from outside the church to a safe environment where the church is the influence that creates a healthy community for people to benefit.

Near and Far

- To continue to give away more than 10% of our unrestricted giving.
- To support one new ministry locally.

To send out teams on mission, with the idea of building a vision for the nations.

Services

We meet as one congregation at 10:15am on a Sunday and as Unite groups in the afternoon at 4pm.

- We are broadening the scope of people taking part on Sundays from the we see on display in our Unite groups.

Conclusion

Another great year with God's faithfulness shining through so many people involved in activities at Chawn Hill Church.

A personal note from Stephen Knight, who served as the chair of trustees during 2024-2025:

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of Trustees for over 10 years, but this is my last time due to ill health. I want to put on record that it has been a privilege to serve the church and support James Treasure and Greg Ellis.

I am so grateful to hand over the Chair Person role to Catherine Anderson, which again highlights God's faithfulness in equipping the church to bring His Kingdom here on earth.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

C Anderson

C Anderson (Dec 16, 2025 14:25:27 GMT)

Catherine Anderson

Date: Dec 16, 2025

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REGISTERED CHARITY (1135757) AND COMPANY BY LIMITED GUARANTEE IN ENGLAND & WALES (07215827)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHAWN HILL CHURCH
('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 21 to 31 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 24 to 25.

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 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

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

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)].

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.

Sarah Crispin
Sarah Crispin (Dec 17, 2025 08:52:51 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA

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Date: Dec 17, 2025

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	231,168	14,435	245,603	212,596
Charitable activities	4	19,949	-	19,949	17,745
Investments		1,562	-	1,562	1,567
Total income and endowments		<u>252,680</u>	<u>14,435</u>	<u>267,114</u>	<u>231,908</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	196,403	20,828	217,231	222,652
Total expenditure		<u>196,403</u>	<u>20,828</u>	<u>217,231</u>	<u>222,652</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		56,276	(6,393)	49,883	9,256
Transfers between funds	12	(5,674)	5,673	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>50,603</u>	<u>(720)</u>	<u>49,883</u>	<u>9,256</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		888,163	3,186	891,348	882,092
Total funds carried forward	12	<u>938,766</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>941,231</u>	<u>891,348</u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 24 - 30 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	796,356	-	796,356	793,453
		<u>796,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>796,356</u>	<u>793,453</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	7,896	-	7,896	5,852
Cash at bank and in hand	9	140,525	2,465	142,990	100,890
		148,421	2,465	150,886	106,742
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,011)	-	(6,011)	(8,847)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>142,410</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>144,875</u>	<u>97,895</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>938,766</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>941,231</u>	<u>891,348</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>938,766</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>941,231</u>	<u>891,348</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	12				
General funds		870,935	-	870,935	827,383
Designated funds		67,831	-	67,831	60,779
		<u>938,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>938,766</u>	<u>888,162</u>
Restricted Funds		-	2,465	2,465	3,186
		<u>938,766</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>941,231</u>	<u>891,348</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

C Anderson
C Anderson (Dec 16, 2025 14:25:27 GMT)

Catherine Anderson - Chair of Trustees

Date: Dec 16, 2025

Company number: 07215827

Charity number: 1135757

The notes on page 24 - 30 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
CASH FLOW STATEMENT

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	a	<u>58,018</u>	<u>19,091</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		1,562	1,567
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(17,481)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>(15,919)</u>	<u>1,567</u>
Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period		42,099	20,657
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year	b	100,890	80,233
Change in cash and equivalents due to exchange rate movements		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	b	<u>142,989</u>	<u>100,890</u>

Analysis of changes in net debt:

	At start of year £	Non-cash movements £	Cash-flows £	At end of year £
Cash	100,890		42,099	142,990
Total net funds / (debt)	<u>100,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,099</u>	<u>142,990</u>

Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	49,883	9,256
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges and provisions for impairment	14,577	11,081
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(1,562)	(1,567)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,044)	(1,153)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(2,836)	1,474
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>58,018</u>	<u>19,091</u>

Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	87,441	46,903
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	55,549	53,987
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>142,990</u>	<u>100,890</u>

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.
- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from youth, children's and other events and courses as well as rent of the church premises.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

Other income comprises gains arising from the disposal of tangible fixed assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- i) The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.

3 Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	200,989	176,238
Income tax recoverable	44,614	36,358
	<u>245,603</u>	<u>212,596</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Church retreats and events	7,879	6,035
Outreach activities	2,813	1,867
Rental income	9,183	9,773
Book sales	75	70
	<u>19,949</u>	<u>17,745</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff	100,722	111,130
Fellowship	16,348	15,362
Discipleship	556	1,308
Next Generation	8,433	7,532
Worship	3,319	3,187
Enabling	412	618
Mission we do	3,943	6,249
Grants payable: Mission we fund (note 5c)	20,458	26,039
	<u>154,189</u>	<u>171,424</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	3,052	2,940
Other	3,571	2,736
	<u>6,624</u>	<u>5,676</u>
Facilities	36,944	28,822
Office	4,897	5,648
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	14,577	11,081
	<u>63,042</u>	<u>51,227</u>
Total expenditure	<u>217,231</u>	<u>222,652</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £2,940 (2023: £2,820); in addition the charity paid £125 (2023: £120) to Stewardship for other services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions	Individuals	2025
	£	£	£
Training and Short-Term Service	1,900	1,300	3,200
UK Mission	4,790	-	4,790
World Mission	6,823	1,619	8,442
World Development	1,216	-	1,216
Local Mission	2,810	-	2,810
	<u>17,539</u>	<u>2,919</u>	<u>20,458</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2024
	£	£	£
Training and Short-Term Service	1,675	1,100	2,775
UK Mission	4,260	1,325	5,585
World Mission	4,800	-	4,800
World Development	9,469	-	9,469
Local Mission	3,410	-	3,410
	<u>23,614</u>	<u>2,425</u>	<u>26,039</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Hope & Care Ministries	3,242	7,069
Saltmine	3,350	2,500
Teso	2,400	2,400
Operation Mobilisation	2,400	2,400
Safe Families support	1,040	1,760
Amblecote Christian Centre	1,500	1,375
Open Doors	1,200	1,200
Bless Network	1,200	1,200
Black Country Foodbank	960	960
Tearfund refund of grant	-	-
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	247	2,750
	<u>17,539</u>	<u>23,614</u>

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2024: 4). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff outlined in the Trustees' Annual Report. During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £35,073 (2024: £64,388).

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff outlined in the Trustees' Annual Report. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2025 £
Key management connected to trustees:				
Janine Goncalves (spouse of a trustee)	7,912		633	8,544
Sharon Billingsley (spouse of a trustee)	4,256		340	4,596
Other members of key management				-
				<u>13,141</u>

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2025 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	859,466	44,042	903,508
Additions	-	17,481	17,481
At 31 March 2025	<u>859,466</u>	<u>61,523</u>	<u>920,989</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	68,757	41,298	110,055
Charge for the year	8,595	5,983	14,578
At 31 March 2025	<u>77,352</u>	<u>47,281</u>	<u>124,633</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>782,114</u>	<u>14,242</u>	<u>796,356</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>790,709</u>	<u>2,744</u>	<u>793,453</u>

8 Debtors: Falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	57
Tax recoverable	5,659	3,630
Prepayments and accrued income	2,237	2,165
	<u>7,896</u>	<u>5,852</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	87,441	46,903
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	55,549	53,987
	<u>142,990</u>	<u>100,890</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation and social security	46	2,008
Accruals	5,965	2,940
Grant obligations	-	3,899
	<u>6,011</u>	<u>8,847</u>

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11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £6267.69 (2024: £6,934) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2024: £nil).

12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2025 £	Incoming resources 2025 £	Outgoing resources 2025 £	Transfers in the year 2025 £	Gains and losses 2025 £	Closing balance 2025 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Reserve requirement	53,987	1,562	-	-	-	55,549
Near and Far mission giving	1,356	625	(16,110)	21,654	-	7,525
POM Fund	1,281	-	(221)	-	-	1,060
TLC Fund	928	200	(658)	-	-	470
Legacy Fund	3,228	-	-	-	-	3,228
	<u>60,779</u>	<u>2,387</u>	<u>(16,988)</u>	<u>21,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,831</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>827,383</u>	<u>250,293</u>	<u>(179,415)</u>	<u>(27,327)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>870,935</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u><u>888,162</u></u>	<u><u>252,680</u></u>	<u><u>(196,403)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,673)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>938,766</u></u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Youth & Children's Fund	3,448	1,300	(2,595)	-	-	2,152
Mercy	-	-	(150)	150	-	-
Church weekend	(262)	10,694	(13,735)	3,303	-	-
WTC Bursary Fund	-	313	-	-	-	313
Near and Far mission giving	-	-	(400)	400	-	-
Uganda fund	-	2,128	(3,948)	1,820	-	-
	<u>3,186</u>	<u>14,435</u>	<u>(20,828)</u>	<u>5,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,465</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u><u>891,348</u></u>	<u><u>267,114</u></u>	<u><u>(217,231)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>941,231</u></u>

The transfer from the General Fund to the 'Near and Far mission giving' fund to set aside 10% of unrestricted donation income for this purpose.

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2025 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	796,356	-	-	796,356
Debtors	7,896	-	-	7,896
Cash at bank and in hand	72,694	67,831	2,465	142,990
Creditors falling due within one year	(6,011)	-	-	(6,011)
	<u>870,935</u>	<u>67,831</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>941,231</u>

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12 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Gains and losses 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Reserve requirement	52,390	1,567	-	30	-	53,987
Near and Far mission giving	1,113	-	(18,970)	19,213	-	1,356
POM Fund	3,096	-	(215)	(1,600)	-	1,281
TLC Fund	1,413	-	(484)	-	-	928
Legacy Fund	3,578	-	-	(350)	-	3,228
	<u>61,589</u>	<u>1,567</u>	<u>(19,669)</u>	<u>17,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,779</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	818,213	211,537	(183,473)	(18,893)		827,383
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u><u>879,801</u></u>	<u><u>213,103</u></u>	<u><u>(203,142)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,600)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>888,162</u></u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Youth & Children's Fund	2,291	1,400	(243)	-	-	3,448
Church weekend	-	11,335	(12,197)	600		(262)
Uganda fund	-	6,069	(7,069)	1,000		-
	<u>2,291</u>	<u>18,804</u>	<u>(19,509)</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,186</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u><u>882,092</u></u>	<u><u>231,908</u></u>	<u><u>(222,652)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>891,348</u></u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	793,453	-	-	793,453
Debtors	5,852	-	-	5,852
Cash at bank and in hand	33,026	60,779	7,085	100,890
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,948)	-	(3,899)	(8,847)
	<u>827,383</u>	<u>60,779</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>891,348</u>

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12 Funds (continued)

Designated funds

The Reserve requirement fund represents the balance retained within general funds to meet the reserve policy
The Near and Far mission giving fund is money set aside for planned giving to other organisations in support of achieving our
The POM fund is for Peace of Mind, an initiative to support mental health.
The TLC fund is money set aside to be spent on bereavement support.
The Legacy fund relates to a legacy which the trustees have set aside for specific projects to further the gospel

Restricted funds

The Youth & Children's Fund is money given and expended for Youth and Children's work.
The Mercy fund is money given and paid to meet an individuals specific needs.
The Church weekend away fund relates to money donated for and spent on the church weekend away.
The WTC Bursary Fund was to support students attending the Westminster Theology Centre. It was fully utilised in 2023
The Near and Far mission giving fund is money set aside for planned giving to other organisations in support of achieving our
The Uganda fund is the result of an appeal to raise funds to pay for a borehole in Uganda.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £13,861 (2024: £14,342) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) The charity paid for trustees to attend the Fresh Streams Conference at a total cost of £2080 (2024:£960). No other expenses (2024: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- a) paid Saltmine grants totalling £2,500 (2024: £2,500) for UK mission activities and payments relating to specific events totalling £850 (2024: £2,000). The CEO of this charity is closely related to Steven Knight who is a trustee.
- b) Zac Ellis, who is closely related to Greg Ellis who is key management, received £1,300 (2024: £1,100) to support his ministry with YWAM.

Except as disclosed in note 6 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

14 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	230,343	825	14,435	245,603	193,791	-	18,804	212,596
Charitable activities	4	19,949	-	-	19,949	17,745	-	-	17,745
Investments		-	1,562	-	1,562	-	1,567	-	1,567
Total income and endowments		250,293	2,387	14,435	267,114	211,537	1,567	18,804	231,908
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	179,415	16,988	20,828	217,231	183,473	19,669	19,509	222,652
Total Expenditure		179,415	16,988	20,828	217,231	183,473	19,669	19,509	222,652
Net income/(expenditure)		70,878	(14,601)	(6,393)	49,883	28,064	(18,102)	(705)	9,256
Transfers between funds	12	(27,327)	21,653	5,673	-	(18,893)	17,293	1,600	-
Net movement in funds		43,551	7,052	(720)	49,883	9,171	(810)	895	9,256
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		827,383	60,779	3,186	891,348	818,213	61,589	2,291	882,092
Total funds carried forward	12	870,934	67,831	2,465	941,231	827,383	60,779	3,186	891,348

CHAWN HILL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1135757

Accounts



CHAWN HILL CHURCH

Annual Report

2023—2024



OBJECTIVES AND VISION

Objectives

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit. The trustees must use the income and may use the capital, including the property, of the church in promoting the objects.

Vision

The church's vision is to bring God's Story and Your Story Together.

Mission

Our mission as a church is to play our part in making Christ known to all people through a structure of discovery, discipleship and declaration, enabling everyone to become fully devoted followers of Christ and helping to transform communities. **Bringing God's Story and Your Story Together through Discovery, Discipleship and Declaration**

What does success look like?

To be a community of people loved by God who love God and in turn love the world and all who are in it. 1 John 4:11

A community of people in whom God dwells and lives by His Spirit. Eph 2:22

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number: 07215827

Registered Charity number: 1135757

Registered Office

Chawn Hill Church
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Trustees/Directors

Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mr Paul Goncalves
Miss Brenda Hole
Mrs Nicola Reeve
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mr David Billingsley (Treasurer 1st March 2024)
Mark Titheridge (retired January 2024)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined in the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Trustees

The Trustees are legally responsible for the charity which includes ensuring compliance with statutory obligations, maintenance of the buildings, policies, and financial oversight. The Trustees of the charitable company during this period were:

Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mr Paul Goncalves
Miss Brenda Hole
Mrs N Reeve
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mark Titheridge—retired January 2024
Mr David Billingsley (Treasurer)

The Leadership Team

The Leadership Team consist of trustees and two staff members, the Senior Minister and the Operations Manager. The Leadership Team meet in two capacities, four times a year as trustees and twelve times a year as a church leadership.

The Leadership Team provide the spiritual direction and leadership of the church and are responsible for its vision, values and practices. The Leadership Team during this period were:

Mr Greg Ellis (Senior Minister)
Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mr Paul Goncalves
Miss Brenda Hole
Mrs Nicola Reeve
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mark Titheridge—retired January 2024
Sara Sarjeant— left October 2023
Mrs Janine Goncalves (Office Manager) - Started January 2024

Treasurer

Paul Goncalves stepped down as Treasurer in January 2024 and David Billingsley was appointed Treasurer in March 2024 as his replacement.

Public Benefit

The trustees have continued to take due regard of the Charity Commission's guidance related to public benefit, and the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion. The benefits arising from the church's activities continue to be related solely to the charity's objectives as confirmed by the review set out in this report.

Responsibilities of Trustees under Company Law

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.

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LETTER FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER, **Greg Ellis**

It gives me great pleasure at this time of the year to write and say thank you for your love and support of the ministry here at Chawn Hill Church. A ministry to bring God's story and your story together, evidenced by our gatherings and the presence of God among us. Ephesians 2:22 "and in him (Christ) you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." And to a point we measure our success in this way - To be a community of people loved by God who love God and in turn love the world and all who are in it. 1 John 4:11.

The evidence of this success sits in our ministries near and far. We faithfully preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, 1 Cor 15:3-4 who first and foremost died for our sins according to the scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day again in accordance with the scriptures. We remain very committed to the scripture to inform us of God and the ways of God.

We are informed by the same scriptures that because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy made us alive in Christ - we are saved by grace through faith - to do good works that he has prepared in advance. At Chawn those works include prayer - provision - practical help - and people to accomplish what has been placed before us. **Locally** - Safe Families - Replenish - Black Country Foodbank - Street Pastors - Life Debt Advice Centre - Future Outlook - TLC, Bereavement - POM peace of mind - **Nationally** - Saltmine - The Newtons - Zac Ellis - WTC - **Internationally** - Open Doors - Bless - OM - Teso development. While we are committed to giving away 10% of our income the reality this year is much greater, on top of this we helped fund our young people on mission, we were able to fund a bore hole in Uganda now providing fresh clean water to a town that had none. We had someone whose life circumstances changed dramatically, and we were able to help with the financial needs he was faced with, and we witnessed how touched he was when we offered to help.

We have seen a rise in our Agape groups (mid-week fellowship) and we launched the Unite groups to combat the issues we faced with a growing attendance on Sunday morning. We are delighted with the new growth, but we are committed to making disciples who make disciples and to that end we continue to press on. Only this Sunday we saw a lady come to faith – her journey with Jesus has begun and we are committed to building her up to walk well with God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. We have had the joy of celebrating – dedications – baptisms – weddings and lives that were lived among us.

We give God thanksgiving and praise, and we thank You too.

Every blessing and with much gratitude

Greg Ellis

Senior Minister

Highlights

Lunchtime Clubs - I have really enjoyed going into both Amblecote and OldSwinford school to run a lunch time club once a week. It has been great to connect with so many children and to teach them about God.

T4G - We have had another great year having fun together during our socials - our favourite was definitely going to Boing Zone. But also and more importantly learning about God and learning to hear his voice. One highlight being having Nic Reeves coming in to tell us how she hears from God and then praying for us.

Messy Church - We have had a great year connecting with lots of families and learning about God. One highlight was having Paul Willmott and Twist coming in to tell us all about Christmas :)

Highlights

Moving forward I am very excited see God continue to move in our youth. We have some new youth coming up from explosion and I can not wait to see our youth group grow in their faith and commitment to God.

“I love the fact that there are so many opportunities in youth to hang out with friends who share your faith. It is great that we now have opportunities to grow in our giftings through discipleship” (Young person)

Youth Events: Alongside youth club once a month we run a youth event. We have so far taken the youth bowling, held a nerf party in the centre, movie nights using the big screen in the centre, Worship nights, games nights and an Easter youth breakfast which resulted in the youth worshipping and taking communion together in church. The youth are really looking forward to our up-and-coming Youth Take Over event.

Highlights

Over £7000 has been raised to provide a borehole in the village of Kalonga in Uganda, commissioning was arranged for 14th June 2024, this will help to give better health , food and sanitation.

Over the past year Faith has supported a number of children with additional needs to access support and education. (Ben and Faith have just heard that a child they advocated for has just got a place at a special school which he was denied before their help.) Faith has spiritual conversations with many mums in her community and has explored different ways of doing spiritual community with those who can't access church due to their children's disabilities e.g. prayer and bible reflection via WhatsApp. She also encourages other Christians locally who are interested in disciple making with neurodivergent families and asylum seekers.

- Ben & Faith Newton

We had a Mission Weekend which involved finding out what it was like to be in a underground Church.

“Client 1

“I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. It's so helpful to see things written down, and to share things with others about my circumstances. I feel better now than when I arrived, I have hope, and feel it was good to be able to talk openly. Really good, thank you”

This year, and in direct response to the progressive increase in demand for our services, LCDA have been able to recruit key staff to support our work and as we have stepped out in faith to increase our activities, and expenditure, so we have been subsequently blessed to receive the needed finances to support us.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Life Centre Debt Advice

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

It's a great pleasure to report the health of the church – we are moving in unity to bring God's Story and Your Story Together. We have created a clear structure that we believe God will use to bring people to himself and for people to benefit from the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have created Agape Groups, places where four to six people gather and support each other – a place where we learn to love God and love one another.

We have seen the congregation grow and we had to address the issue of space on a Sunday morning. We placed people into four **Unite groups**, each consisting of about 25% of the church. They meet once a month in the afternoon. These have created spaces for every member to exercise their gifts in a more appropriate setting. It's been a blast to discover that God has placed so many gifted people in our church and seeing them grow in their gifts and being blessed by the whole body as each plays its part.

WORSHIP

We continued to deliver our Sunday services. We now have two gatherings, one on Sunday morning at 10.15 and another at 4.00pm on a Sunday afternoon.. The Sunday afternoon service is for our Unite Groups.

We continue to have the children's section to our 10.15am Sunday service which engages the whole church to worship in a child friendly manner (complete with actions of course!)

Our worship teams continue to produce outstanding songs keeping us up to date and on the pulse with new songs. There has been a change of leadership with Mark & Laura Titheridge, who did an outstanding job, moving to another part of the country, Alex and Amy have started to take leadership responsibility.

We continue to provide a Messy Church experience monthly (see KIDS section)

We continue to deliver a KIDS and YOUTH Sunday service ministry with many of the youth contributing to our youth on a Sunday morning..

"A highlight for me over the last year has been when I shared a prophetic message to the congregation one Sunday morning which also challenged me and transformed my life! As a result, when I received my cancer diagnosis I was singing and praising the LORD and so full of the joy of the LORD because He has shown me that He is MY STRENGTH"

"Knowing just how many situations our Heavenly Father has intervened in and being thankful for a team of people who have stood in the gap, interceding on behalf of those who are facing challenges in life"

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Discover. Disciple. Declare.

Three Ds at the heart of everything we do at Chawn Hill Church

Discover

We're on a journey of discovery: to discover God's story and find our story in His; to discover true meaning in life and the plans that God has for us; to discover more of God's love, power and presence in our lives.

Disciple

As we journey together, we choose to follow Jesus, His teaching, and become more like Him: to live a life of love and integrity; to grow in faith and relationship with God and encourage one another to do the same.

Declare

The more we discover God's greatness and experience His life-changing love, power and presence, the more we respond in worship, declaring His goodness through what we say and do so that others may also discover Him.

DISCIPLESHIP

- * **Our prayer day** on the first Wednesday of every month continues to be a time where we meet with God and are able to share the things on our heart and his heart together..
- * **Our Agape Groups** are new spaces where we are learning to love God and love one another. New groups have sprung up and old connections have been renewed. This has had a positive effect on the life of our church.
- * **Our Unite Groups** bring together some of our Agape groups and they hold a meeting on a Sunday afternoon once a month. This has opened up a whole load of opportunity for everyone's gifts to be exercised and each one blessed as they are a blessing to others.
- * Both the number of regular donors, **74 on average**, and the amount they gave on average **£11,110** per month remained stable throughout the year.

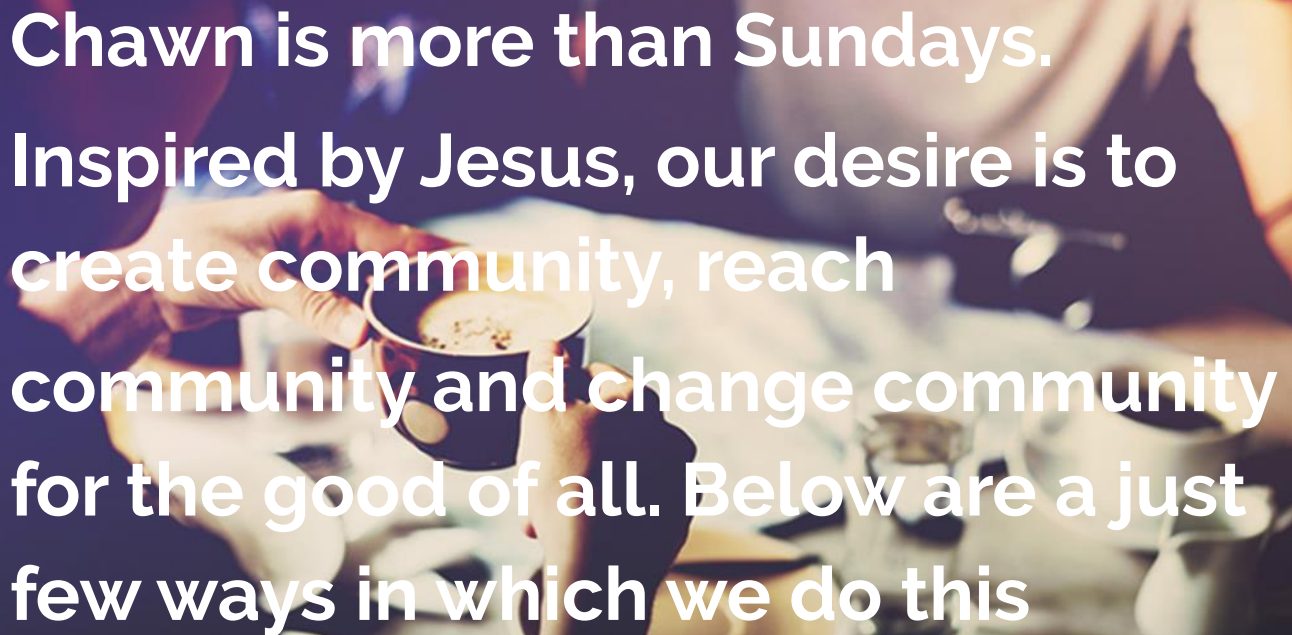
Discipleship is the major focus for us as a church in the short term. We need to re-discover the skill of making disciples. We are on our way to achieving this but we have some way to go, and we are excited about it!



NEW MINISTRY!

We have restructured the way we relate to each other, creating Agape Groups where we are learning to love God and love each other and creating Unite Groups where we are learning to use our gifts to serve and bless one another. In the period between March 2023 and April 2024, we began Spud Sundays, fellowshiping at each others houses over jacket potatoes and this really began to connect new people with old people.

“Learning that I was born into the kingdom of darkness and through Jesus Christ I have been born again into the Kingdom of Light has been the biggest highlight of the last year for me and it has TRANSFORMED my life. Now I put on the ‘armour of God’ everyday and pray for other people and enjoy helping with the teas and coffees on a Sunday morning ”



**Chawn is more than Sundays.
Inspired by Jesus, our desire is to
create community, reach
community and change community
for the good of all. Below are a just
few ways in which we do this**

FELLOWSHIP

- * We ran a number of well-received church events including a '**Saturday Night Takeaway and Quiz**' night led by members of our church congregation.
- * We ran a '**Weekend Away**' at Cefn Lea in mid Wales attended by over 120 people, a time for gathering, fellowship and teaching spread over 3 days. We welcomed Steve & Esther Uppal this year as our Guest Speakers with Millie & Dan Ferguson as our Worship Leaders.
- * **Our social groups remain active** including Chawn Wheelers and our Golfing group, together with Men's and Ladies nights out too.
- * **We continued to provide ongoing care and support** for many through times of change, loss and decision-making, especially through our **TLC** bereavement group and our **Peace of Mind** mental health group.
- * **We continued to deliver weddings and funerals for community members both inside and outside of the Church.**

Our vision is to continue to structure our year of fellowship to include these and new ways to engage the church in fellowship. We look forward to a different 2024/5 where opportunities open up and our togetherness will promote our community spirit both in the church and in our communities.

"My highlight has been being together this year as a CHURCH FAMILY especially during tea and coffee time on a Sunday when the kids are running around like crazy!"

KIDS



Our Sunday group Mini-Cogs (2-5s) continues to meet once a week on a Sunday morning at 10:15.

Our Sunday group Xplosion (6-11s) meeting once a week on a Sunday morning at 10:15..

We ran a Holiday Club for children during the first week of the Summer Holiday

Messy Church sessions - children and their parents/ carers with songs, crafts, food & creative Bible stories every month. We also lead a Christmas Messy Church for Ham Dingle School and an Easter Messy Church for Reception Class here at Chawn Hill Church.

Time For God (T4G) – a group for children in years 5, 6 & 7 at school. They meet on a Thursday night twice a month. It's a time to develop friendships so they can support and encourage each other as disciples of Jesus as well as developing their relationship with God. This replaced 'Love Alive'.

Easter — we ran an Easter Egg Hunt in Mary Stevens Park bringing Gods Good news of the resurrection into our community. Very well attended. 120 Easter Eggs were distributed to children who took part in the hunt.

The Children's Team Leader continued to **provide 1-1 support to families in the community**

We continued to run Rainbows and **Chawn's Little Hearts** - a time and space for carers and their young children to come and make friends and enjoy a morning together. We talk with the adults and offer to pray for them in a relaxed and natural way. This is one way that Chawn can serve and connect with our wider community, families are given invitations to events held at church and are encouraged to come to our Messy Church (preparing young children to discover God).

Lunch-time Clubs—are run once a week in both Oldswinford and Amblecote Schools, which is an opportunity for children to learn stories from the bible. The Team Leader also takes part in the Christmas and Summer Fayres at these schools.





The youth had a difficult couple of years of uncertainty and change, with regards to youth leaders. In November 2023 Lyndsey took on the role of youth leader with the support of Emily. Since then, we have seen the youth grow with increased numbers on a Sunday morning, we have also seen youth from previous years who had walked away coming back and beginning to get involved in youth events. The youth have also benefited from an increased number of volunteers helping on both Sunday morning and mid-week gatherings. This has been a real answer to prayer.

Our Main youth work concentrates on:

Sunday morning: here the youth are taught in line with what the church is studying. We use Gregs notes and the Youth for Christ resources as a basis for this teaching. This is a safe space where the youth are encouraged to be open and honest about their faith and any questions they may have.

Youth club: Once a month we run a youth club. This evening involves a small amount of teaching/ youth testimonies, karaoke, sports, PlayStation, café and cake. This is a great opportunity for us to open our doors to the youth in the community and for our current youth to invite their friends. We have seen a few new faces from the community who have become regular members of our month youth club.

Transition from kids to youth: To help older kids moving up from explosion I have been working with Emma to plan some transition activities so the older kids can get to know their new youth leader, therefore making transition easier. I have led some activities in time for God and we have invited the older Time For God kids to join the youth in some of our youth events.

Mentoring: A big focus for me this year was to launch a mentoring system. This involves a team of mentors assigned a number of our youth. They will then mentor and stand along side our youth as they navigate some of the challenges life brings. Mentors will be messaging their assigned young person every couple of months to check and ask if they need any support or prayer. Sometimes this may involve meeting a young person for coffee to help and support them. This is so important as our youth are going through some really challenging things and having a mentor to confide in and pray with can be really valuable.

Discipling: As part of my role as youth leader I want to help our young people grow in their giftings. I am regularly offering our young people opportunities to lead parts of sessions, to pray for each other or to lead worship in our sessions.

Youth update Vlog: Quarterly I plan on releasing a youth update video, which will be available on the website. Its enables the rest of the church to have a glimpse into what the youth have been doing. Our most recent one is available on the website in the youth section.

Youth band: I plan on starting the youth band and I have been in conversations with Alex on how we can make this possible.

Website/podcast: In the future I plan to utilise the website more so the youth can use it as a resource for their bible study and to answer any difficult questions they may have.

Sunday morning sessions

Here is a snapshot of what the youth have been covering over the last few months.

January 2024 -February 2024 10 week series on Discipleship- resources and session planned based on Gregs notes and Sunday morning sermons. We looked at what Discipleship is, and explored what makes a good disciple.

Moving forward I am very excited see God continue to move in our youth. We have some new youth coming up from explosion and I can not wait to see our youth group grow in their faith and commitment to God.

NEAR & FAR.

We held a Mission Weekend

To help us obey this command, we are bringing you a LIVE simulation experience to provide a small taste of what life is like for believers in countries where Christians face religious persecution.

How...

- do you meet?
- does it feel?
- do you sing when you can't make any noise?
- do you react, and what do you say when challenged?

Christmas performance in partnership with Saltmine Theatre Company at Stourbridge Town hall which we run as an 'outreach' event. This year it was Little Red Riding Hood which was attended by 219 people. Saltmine also performed Neverland for 2 local schools, which was performed at and funded by Chawn Hill church.

At Easter, Saltmine performed The Rhyming Bible—there were 2 performances, 1 for local schools and 1 for the Church. This was funded by Chawn Hill Church

We also hosted a Carols by Candlelight Christmas service and Christingle Service which we invited our local community to. Both were well attended

We ran a weekly bereavement group at for the community for 30-40 people providing essential support to the bereaved.

We continued a mental health group every week that met for mutual support for eight to ten people.

We have several people from Chawn Hill Church engaged with a local charity, volunteering with Safe Families, many times providing love and support to families in need.



We continued to work with other churches to deliver community projects across the Stourbridge area:

- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers, **Replenish**, the Stourbridge distribution point for **Black Country Food Bank**
- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers, the **Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice**
- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers **Street Pastors** on Saturday nights to help those involved in the night-time economy
- * We started to support **Safe Families** financially and continued to support them with volunteers

We continued our commitment to give away/invest 10% of our unrestricted income to other organisations and individuals who share our objectives:

- * **Local:** **Replenish/ Black Country Food Bank, Further Outlook** (headed up by Steve Buck who has witnessed much of God's grace among minorities and those who have gotten caught up in life's vices), **Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice** (helping people through financial crisis) and **Stourbridge Street Pastors**.
- * **National:** We continue our support of **Saltmine**, and added to that, we hosted a production of Little Red Riding Hood at Christmas in the Town Hall performed by them also. We also support the work of the **Newtons in Gloucester** and the **Koh's in Operation Mobilisation**.
- * **World:** We raised the funds to provide a Borehole in Kalonga Uganda. We have also supported '**Bless**', a mission in France among the displaced people from middle east who gather there. We also provide financial support for **Open Doors** – a ministry to the persecuted church and a Church planting team linked to **Operation Mobilisation** in Central Asia
- * **Short-Term Service & Training:** one person through a **YWAM DTS**

Our vision moving forward is to continue supporting our mission and causes and in the year we have increased our giving from 10% of our unrestricted giving to 12%



Serving the Community



John 14:27



The past 12 months have further deepened the challenges that increasing numbers of households are facing nationally, as well as locally, and with these come also the need for LCDA to respond with ever increasing improvements and creativity. It remains the case that there has yet again been:

- a rise in demand for the services we offer
- a further reduction in the capacity to support the demand
- a deterioration in the complexity of the circumstances facing those seeking help and support (expressed in terms of debt structure (priority debts), monetary value (priority debt levels up tenfold), and client mental health impact including the rising incidence of suicidal expressions)

This year, and in direct response to the progressive increase in demand for our services, LCDA have been able to recruit key staff to support our work and as we have stepped out in faith to increase our activities, and expenditure, so we have been subsequently blessed to receive the needed finances to support us.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Thanks be to God for His wondrous blessing.



Our biggest highlight of the year has been the development of our exploring faith group, which though small, we have seen a real change in those that attend, the Holy Spirit is definitely at work. Also more and more people in the main group are openly expressing a faith and many ask for prayer. We have been blessed by the new members of our team, who share our passion for the bereaved and are a great support to them and to us.

Blessings, Anita & Maureen xx



MEALS PROVIDED

The number of meals provided is our strongest indicator of the demand on our foodbanks. We record a meal based on the weight of the food that is provided i.e. 1 meal = 500g of food.



275

tonnes of food distributed



549,394

meals provided

↑ 14%

In 2023 we recorded a staggering 549,394 meals provided; that is nearly 275 tonnes of food distributed - a 14% increase from 2022. Or, put it slightly differently, it equates to 63 meals every hour in 2023 (55 meals every hour in 2022).



Safe Families is a Christian charity that works with 55 referring areas including over 35 local authorities around the UK. Safe Families offer hope, belonging and support to children, families, and care leavers. No one should feel alone. We exist to create relationship and connection because everyone deserves to belong. The need for connection is greater than ever – it is a hidden crisis which the church is a unique position to address. <https://safefamilies.uk/hidden-crisis/>

At Safe Families we know that local churches long to make a genuine impact in their communities and we believe that the Church is God's primary vehicle for community transformation. This is why Safe Families are committed to working with, and through the local church to offer support, hope and belonging to improve the lives of those in our communities. One of our five values is Faith - Trusting boldly - Believing for lives transformed and in a God who can do more than we can ask or imagine.

Through Chawn Hill Partnership with Safe Families the church has been able to offer hope and belonging to **75 families**. A total of **224 children** have been supported to date. These assignments are varied – offering practical support such as decorating, gardening, helping to fill out forms, or through befriending parents and caring for children & young people – being there for isolated families. Behind these figures are so many stories of small acts of love that make a difference to the lives of lonely people in the local area.

Total Supporters	Host Homes	Family Friends	Recruited YTD	Families Supported	Children Benefiting	Church Giving
17	3	9	0	75	224	£2410

[Church Report](#)



“We managed to put out 40 patrols this year which is 11 more than last year but we still do not have enough Pastors to cover every week. We are particularly short of ladies. Having said all that, we still feel the blessing & the buzz of engaging with the customers & door-staff especially when these conversations slide into spiritual matters. Thank you for your continued support.”

KALONGA BOREHOLE UGANDA



Following my visits over the last few years to Kalonga Mubende Uganda. I have noticed a great shortage of Clean water. With the help of Dave Watts, Chawn Hill Foundation provided guttering around the Church that goes into a large tank, that gave access to water from rain during the rainy season for the Church and the Orphans and others passing through. But when the weather is dry this and other tanks dry up. There is a small spring that provides some water from a pipe that people wait from the early hours to get access to this water. Because of this situation, I have seen people suffering from Typhoid and other water-borne diseases. I have prayed for a few years that a borehole could be dug as failed hand-dug wells have been attempted. But, because of the nature of the ground being very rocky this has never been successful. This will be a great blessing to the village. Richard who organises Hope and Care, Pastor John, all of Kalonga and myself are very grateful to all who helped make this happen Thanks so much.

ENABLING The areas of support that enable our activities to happen

Facilities

We continued to resource other community groups with accessible and affordable meeting spaces. Fitbox & Drama Workshop are regular bookings but we also get ad hoc bookings for parties and meetings,

Human Resources

Our staff team consists of 4 members, 2 x part time and 2 x Full-Time Employees (FTE): Greg Ellis (Senior Minister, 1.0 FTE); Janine Goncalves (Office Manager 0.8 FTE), Emma Carling (Children's Team Leader, 1.0 FTE); Elisabeth Shave (Pastoral Lead 0.27 FTE)

Finance

Trustees continue to be delighted by the level of commitment to the church and its clear vision. **God and good governance has kept us very secure financially.** We have **healthy reserves** and **church attendees continue to be our single biggest source of income.** We also continued to make good use Gift Aid. Please see the following section for detailed accounts.

Reserves

The amount set-aside for reserves is estimated as three months of our running costs and this amounts to £53,986 which is in line with our Reserves Policy.

Finance Governance

The Finance Group, consisting of Senior Minister, Treasurer and Office Manager, meet to review the church's finances, including the drafting of the annual budget for review and approval by the Board. The Board receives an update on the church's financial position at each of its meetings.

Policies

The trustees keep the key church policies under review and update them where appropriate and to ensure they reflect current legislation. In this period, we have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy, Facility Hire Policy, Social Media Policy, Financial Policies (including our Reserves Policy), Data Protection policy and Privacy Notice.



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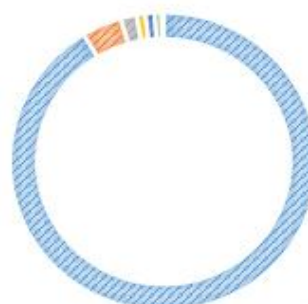
FINANCE

Review—how are we financing our charitable objectives, vision and mission?

- **1 Income from donations increased from £181,478 to £212,596, and income from 'charitable activities' decreased from £22,591 to £17,745** which reflects the continuation of a healthy income. We continue to hire out our facilities and have benefitted from the generosity of our congregation in their gifting.
- **2 Support costs reduced slightly** in 23/24 releasing more funds to spend on our charitable objectives. This was due to careful budgeting and the discontinuation of paid Finance & Admin Assistant.. **'Enabling' costs make up less than 50% of our expenditure** (our Children's Team Leader salary has been coded as 'Next Gen' for the purpose of this report). Support costs have been reducing year on year and are now at the lowest level they've been in the last 5 years. Diligent governance by our Leadership Team and the generosity of those who have partnered with God and our vision has enabled this to happen. **Because of this, we have been able to build up a healthy 'reserves' fund** to aid the church charity in times of hardship or additional need, totalling £53,986 **and we've been able to increase our giving to our Near and Far ministries too!**
- **3. Utility Bills increased by 16% in 23/24**
- **4 Giving to our Near & Far ministries increased** 10% of unrestricted donations given in 23/24

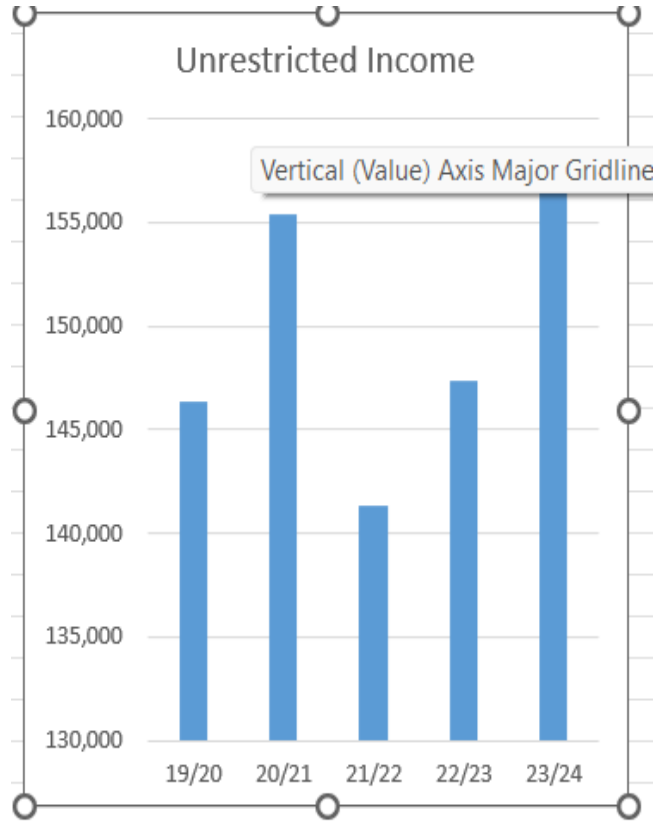
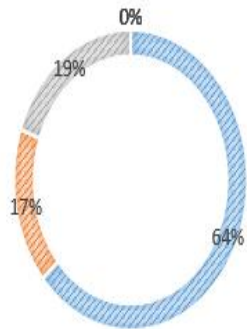
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DONATION SPLIT ALL FUNDS

- Regular giving 63%
- HMRC claims 17%
- Non Regular giving 20%
- Legacies, other sources less than 1%



DONATION SPLIT PER FUNDS

- Mercy Fund Restricted Less than 1%
- Weekend Away Restricted Less than 1%
- TLC Designated Less than 1%
- POM Designated Less than 1%
- Near and Far mission giving Less than 1%
- Wilf Harding Fund Restricted Less than 1%
- Youth & Children's fund Restricted Less than 1%
- Uganda Borehole Restricted Less than 1%
- Reserve requirement 6%
- General Fund unrestricted 92%



'unrestricted income' is income that has no barriers to spending by the Trustees placed on it. Donations from our church attendees fits within this category. Donations we've received with a condition attached to them e.g. to be spent on the church weekend away for example, are not included in the graph above. It is our 'unrestricted income' that enables the 'day to day' activities and costs to flow. In 20/21 we had a very generous one off gift of £8k which went into our General 'unrestricted' fund causing the uplift that you can see in the graph above. This year our one-off larger donations have fitted in within our 'designated fund' or 'restricted fund' categories depending on what the wishes of the donor were.

General Fund: our day to day cash flow fund

Mercy Fund: one off gifts to those in need (sits within our **'Discipleship'** activities)

POM Fund: Peace of Mind ministry (sits within our **'Fellowship'** activities)

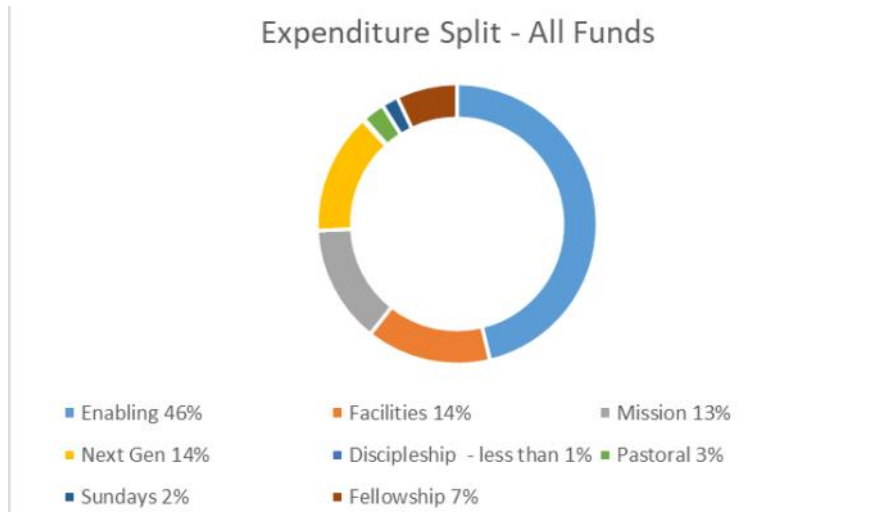
TLC: Bereavement ministry (sits within our **'Fellowship'** activities)

WilfFund: Legacy gift

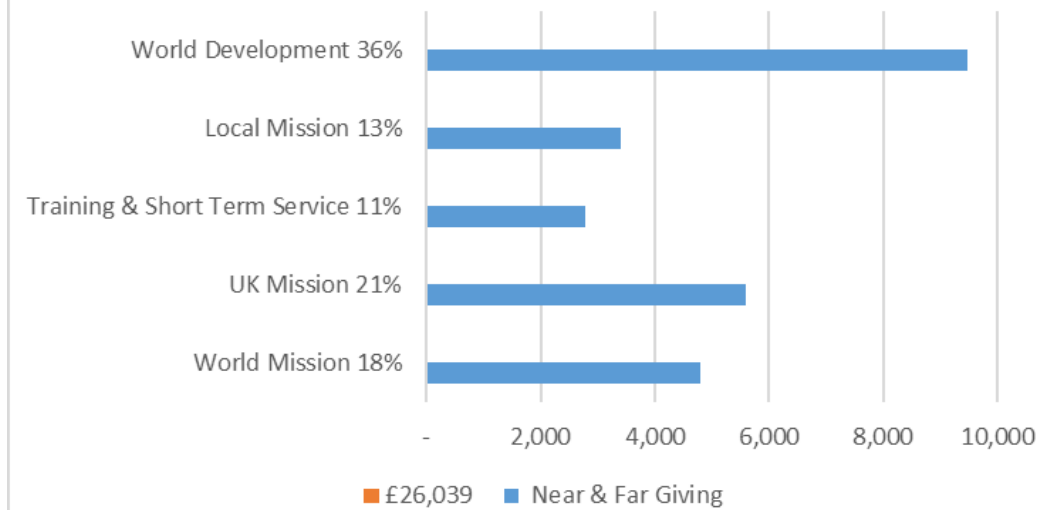
Wkend Away Fund: our annual Church Weekend Away trip (sits within our **'Fellowship'** activities)

EXPENDITURE - ALL FUNDS

Our Children's Team Leader salary has been recorded as 'Next Gen' for the purpose of this chart (historically it has sat within our 'enabling' category)

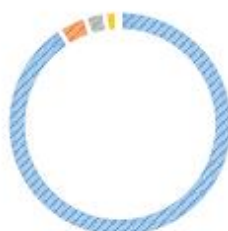


NEAR & FAR SPENDING



'ENABLING' BREAKDOWN ALL FUNDS

- All staff costs 90%
- All Office 4%
- Financial Professional Fees 3%
- Gov 2%
- Safeguarding less than 1%
- Volunteers less than 1%



So what's next?

Discipleship

We have made great progress in becoming a disciple making church. This year we seek to...

- Train up leaders for our agape groups and unite groups.
- Mature and Multiply our groups.
Launch the 321 course for all the church.

Next Generation

Our children's ministry continues to grow from strength to strength.

- We are developing a family worship part to our gatherings.
- We are connecting with two new schools, and this will bring new families into the Church
- We're going to create a unite family service

Our youth ministry continues to gather pace and we are taking on a youth worker from September 24.

- We will be taking our youth to Limitless, a festival for young people.
- The youth will go through the 321 course, along with the rest of the church.
Our aim is to invite youth from outside the church to a safe environment where the church is the influence that creates a healthy community for people to benefit.

Near and Far

Following on from the success of our project to provide fresh water to a community in Uganda. We aim...

- To continue to give away more than 10% of our unrestricted giving.
- To support one new ministry locally.
To send out teams on mission to Central Asia

Services

We meet as one congregation at 10:15am on a Sunday and as Unite groups in the afternoon at 4pm.

- We are going to start a mid-week gathering from September 24
- We are broadening the scope of people taking part on Sundays from the we see on display in our Unite groups.

Conclusion

I'd like to share a verse from Matthew 11 v28 Jesus says, 'Come to me, All who are weary and heavily burdened and I will give you rest'. I've been reminded how Rest is such a rare commodity in our modern society and yet God talks to us throughout the bible about receiving and taking rest. We seek to help All find rest through Father God His Son Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit.

It gives me great joy to reflect on another wonderful year for the community at Chawn Hill Church. I want to thank everyone who works, volunteers and attends the various events at Church and elsewhere (particularly the unseen acts) your contribution is what makes Chawn the welcoming, caring, loving, giving, holy, worshiping, teaching, bustling, activity, mission hearted and fellowship hub that it is.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

S.d Knight
S d Knight (Dec 16, 2024 23:30 GMT)

S. Knight - Chair of Trustees

Date: Dec 16, 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHAWN HILL CHURCH
('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024 on pages 28 to 38 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 31 to 32.

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 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)].

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.

Sarah Crispin

Sarah Crispin (Dec 18, 2024 15:13 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA

Stewardship
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Date: Dec 18, 2024

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	193,791	18,804	212,596	181,478
Charitable activities	4	17,745	-	17,745	22,591
Investments		1,567	-	1,567	779
Total income and endowments		213,103	18,804	231,908	204,848
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	203,142	19,509	222,652	217,867
Total expenditure		203,142	19,509	222,652	217,867
Net income/(expenditure)		9,961	(705)	9,256	(13,020)
Transfers between funds	13	(1,600)	1,600	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,361	895	9,256	(13,020)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		879,801	2,291	882,092	895,112
Total funds carried forward	13	888,162	3,186	891,348	882,092

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 31 - 37 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	793,453	-	793,453	804,534
		<u>793,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>793,453</u>	<u>804,534</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	5,852	-	5,852	4,699
Cash at bank and in hand	10	93,805	7,085	100,890	80,233
		99,657	7,085	106,742	84,932
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,948)	(3,899)	(8,847)	(7,373)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>94,709</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>97,895</u>	<u>77,558</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>888,162</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>891,348</u>	<u>882,092</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>888,162</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>891,348</u>	<u>882,092</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	13				
General funds		827,383	-	827,383	818,213
Designated funds		60,779	-	60,779	61,589
		<u>888,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>888,162</u>	<u>879,801</u>
Restricted Funds		-	3,186	3,186	2,291
		<u>888,162</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>891,348</u>	<u>882,092</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:


S Knight (Dec 16, 2024 23:30 GMT)

S Knight - Chair of Trustees

Date: Dec 16, 2024

Company number: 07215827

Charity number: 1135757

The notes on page 31 - 37 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	a	19,091	2,435
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		1,567	779
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		1,567	779
Change in cash and equivalents in the reporting period		20,657	3,214
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the year	b	80,233	77,019
Change in cash and equivalents due to exchange rate movements		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	b	100,890	80,233

Analysis of changes in net debt:

	At start of year £	[Any non-cash movements] £	Cash-flows £	At end of year £
Cash	80,233		20,657	100,890
Total net funds / (debt)	80,233	-	20,657	100,890

Note a: Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	9,256	(13,020)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges and provisions for impairment	11,081	11,081
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(1,567)	(779)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,153)	419
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,474	4,733
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	19,091	2,435

Note b: Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	46,903	27,813
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	53,987	52,420
Total cash and cash equivalents	100,890	80,233

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.
- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from youth, children's and other events and courses as well as rent of the church premises.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

Other income comprises gains arising from the disposal of tangible fixed assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Accounting Policies (continued)

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- i) The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.

3 Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	176,238	150,400
Income tax recoverable	36,358	31,078
	<u>212,596</u>	<u>181,478</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church retreats and events	6,035	8,145
Outreach activities	1,867	3,515
Rental income	9,773	10,846
Book sales	70	85
	<u>17,745</u>	<u>22,591</u>

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Charitable expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff	111,130	113,919
Fellowship	15,362	3,890
Discipleship	1,308	6,137
Next Generation	7,532	7,231
Worship	3,187	3,698
Enabling	618	1,236
Mission we do	6,249	4,908
Grants payable: Mission we fund (note 5c)	26,039	21,249
	<u>171,424</u>	<u>162,267</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,940	2,820
Other	2,736	3,653
	<u>5,676</u>	<u>6,473</u>
Facilities	28,822	30,801
Office	5,648	7,245
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,081	11,081
	<u>51,227</u>	<u>55,600</u>
Total expenditure	<u>222,652</u>	<u>217,867</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £2,940 (2023: £2,820); in addition the charity paid £125 (2023: £120) to Stewardship for other services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions	Individuals	2024
	£	£	£
Training and Short-Term Service	1,675	1,100	2,775
UK Mission	4,260	1,325	5,585
World Mission	4,800	-	4,800
World Development	9,469	-	9,469
Local Mission	3,410	-	3,410
	<u>23,614</u>	<u>2,425</u>	<u>26,039</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2023
	£	£	£
Training and Short-Term Service	2,700	1,110	3,810
UK Mission	2,900	2,185	5,085
World Mission	4,800	1,794	6,594
World Development	2,400	-	2,400
Local Mission	3,360	-	3,360
	<u>16,160</u>	<u>5,089</u>	<u>21,249</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hope & Care Ministries	7,069	-
Saltmine	2,500	2,500
Teso	2,400	5,600
Operation Mobilisation	2,400	2,400
Safe Families support	1,760	-
Amblecote Christian Centre	1,375	1,800
Open Doors	1,200	1,200
Bless Network	1,200	1,200
Black Country Foodbank	960	960
Tearfund refund of grant	-	(3,200)
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	2,750	3,700
	<u>23,614</u>	<u>16,160</u>

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3.6 (2023: 5). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff outlined in the Trustees' Annual Report. During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £64,388 (2023: £66,438).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

7 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities, which it banks and then pays out to these charities. This income is received as agent for these other charities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for 5 (2023: 6) other charities and, in that capacity:

- a) received £2,142 (2023: £2,748) and paid £2,915 (2023: £1,975)
- b) at the year end the charity owed £nil (2023: £773) in agency balances

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2024 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	859,466	44,042	903,508
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>859,466</u>	<u>44,042</u>	<u>903,508</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	60,163	38,812	98,974
Charge for the year	8,595	2,486	11,081
At 31 March 2024	<u>68,757</u>	<u>41,298</u>	<u>110,055</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>790,709</u>	<u>2,744</u>	<u>793,453</u>
At 1 April 2023	<u>799,303</u>	<u>5,230</u>	<u>804,534</u>

9 Debtors: Falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	57	-
Tax recoverable	3,630	2,630
Prepayments and accrued income	2,165	2,069
	<u>5,852</u>	<u>4,699</u>

10 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	46,903	27,813
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	53,987	52,420
	<u>100,890</u>	<u>80,233</u>

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	2,008	2,079
Other creditors	-	773
Accruals	2,940	4,522
Grant obligations	3,899	-
	<u>8,847</u>	<u>7,373</u>

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £6,934 (2023: £7,348) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2023: £nil).

13 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Gains and losses 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Reserve requirement	52,390	1,567	-	30	-	53,987
Near and Far mission giving	1,113	-	(18,970)	19,213	-	1,356
POM Fund	3,096	-	(215)	(1,600)	-	1,281
TLC Fund	1,413	-	(484)	-	-	928
Legacy Fund	3,578	-	-	(350)	-	3,228
	<u>61,589</u>	<u>1,567</u>	<u>(19,669)</u>	<u>17,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,779</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>818,213</u>	<u>211,537</u>	<u>(183,473)</u>	<u>(18,893)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>827,384</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>879,802</u>	<u>213,103</u>	<u>(203,142)</u>	<u>(1,600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>888,162</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Youth & Children's Fund	2,291	1,400	(243)	-	-	3,448
Church weekend	-	11,335	(12,197)	600	-	(262)
Uganda fund	-	6,069	(7,069)	1,000	-	-
	<u>2,291</u>	<u>18,804</u>	<u>(19,509)</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,186</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>882,092</u>	<u>231,908</u>	<u>(222,652)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>891,348</u>

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- From the General Fund to the 'Near and Far mission giving' fund to set aside 10% of unrestricted donation income for this purpose.
- From the POM fund to support the Uganda appeal and the church weekend as agreed by the Peace of Mind group.
- From the Legacy Fund to contribution to Limitless Youth Festival tickets for staff & volunteers

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	793,453	-	-	793,453
Debtors	5,852	-	-	5,852
Cash at bank and in hand	33,026	60,779	7,085	100,890
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,948)	-	(3,899)	(8,847)
	<u>827,383</u>	<u>60,779</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>891,348</u>

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13 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Gains and losses 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Reserve requirement	51,641	749	-	-	-	52,390
Near and Far mission giving	(1,210)	-	(21,249)	23,571	-	1,113
POM Fund	3,157	-	(61)	-	-	3,096
TLC Fund	1,748	166	(501)	-	-	1,413
Legacy Fund	-	-	-	3,578	-	3,578
WTC Bursary Fund	-	-	(5,000)	5,000	-	-
	<u>55,335</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>(26,811)</u>	<u>32,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,589</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>839,217</u>	<u>200,611</u>	<u>(189,466)</u>	<u>(32,149)</u>		<u>818,213</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u><u>894,552</u></u>	<u><u>201,526</u></u>	<u><u>(216,277)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>879,802</u></u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Youth & Children's Fund	209	2,625	(543)	-	-	2,291
Mercy	351	-	(351)	-	-	-
Outreach events	-	697	(697)	-	-	-
	<u>560</u>	<u>3,322</u>	<u>(1,590)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,291</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u><u>895,112</u></u>	<u><u>204,848</u></u>	<u><u>(217,867)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>882,092</u></u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	804,534	-	-	804,534
Debtors	4,699	-	-	4,699
Cash at bank and in hand	16,354	61,589	2,291	80,233
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,373)	-	-	(7,373)
	<u>818,213</u>	<u>61,589</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>882,092</u>

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13 Funds (continued)

Designated funds

The Reserve requirement fund represents the balance retained within general funds to meet the reserve policy

The Near and Far mission giving fund is money set aside for planned giving to other organisations in support of achieving our aims.

The POM fund is for Peace of Mind, an initiative to support mental health.

The TLC fund is money set aside to be spent on bereavement support.

The Legacy fund relates to a legacy which the trustees have set aside for specific projects to further the gospel

The WTC Bursary Fund was to support students attending the Westminster Theology Centre. It was fully utilised in 2023.

Restricted funds

The Youth & Children's Fund is money given and expended for Youth and Children's work.

The Church weekend away fund relates to money donated for and spent on the church weekend away.

The Mercy fund is money given and paid to meet an individuals specific needs.

The Uganda fund is the result of an appeal to raise funds to pay for a borehole in Uganda.

14 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £14,342 (2023: £12,725) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) The charity paid for 4 trustees to attend the Fresh Streams Conference at a total cost of £960). No other expenses (2023: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- a) paid £120 (2023: £900) to Visual Advance for websites & publicity media services. Mark Titheridge, who was a trustee during the period is a director Visual Advance.
- b) paid Saltmine grants totalling £2,500 (2023: £2,500) for UK mission activities and payments relating to specific events totalling £2,000 (2023: £2,579). The CEO of this charity is closely related to Steven Knight who is a trustee.
- c) paid Black Country Foodbank grants totalling £960 (2023: £960). Lynne Tilby who is a trustee is employed by the Black Country Foodbank.
- d) Zac Ellis, who is closely related to Greg Ellis who is key management, received £1,100 (2023: £900) to support his ministry with YWAM.
- e) Janine Goncalves, the spouse of a trustee, received total employment benefits of £5,826 (2023: £nil) for her role as office manager.

Except as disclosed in note 6 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

15 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	193,791	-	18,804	212,596	177,990	166	3,322	181,478
Charitable activities	4	17,745	-	-	17,745	22,591	-	-	22,591
Investments		-	1,567	-	1,567	30	749	-	779
Total income and endowments		211,537	1,567	18,804	231,908	200,611	915	3,322	204,848
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	183,473	19,669	19,509	222,652	189,466	26,811	1,590	217,867
Total Expenditure		183,473	19,669	19,509	222,652	189,466	26,811	1,590	217,867
Net income/(expenditure)		28,064	(18,102)	(705)	9,256	11,145	(25,896)	1,731	(13,020)
Transfers between funds	13	(18,893)	17,293	1,600	-	(32,149)	32,149	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,171	(810)	895	9,256	(21,004)	6,254	1,731	(13,020)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		818,213	61,589	2,291	882,092	839,217	55,335	560	895,112
Total funds carried forward	13	827,384	60,779	3,186	891,348	818,213	61,589	2,291	882,092

CHAWN HILL CHURCH

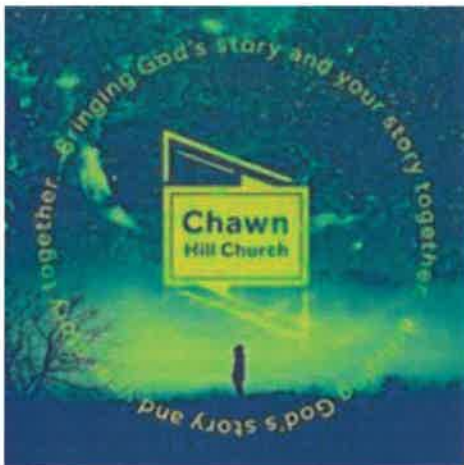
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Annual Report 2022—2023



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*Bringing God's story
and your story
together*

OBJECTIVES AND VISION

Objectives

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit. The trustees must use the income and may use the capital, including the property, of the church in promoting the objects.

Vision

The church's vision is to bring God's Story and Your Story Together.

Mission

Our mission as a church is to play our part in making Christ known to all people through a structure of discovery, discipleship and declaration, enabling everyone to become fully devoted followers of Christ and helping to transform communities. **Bringing God's Story and Your Story Together through Discovery, Discipleship and Declaration**

What does success look like?

To be a community of people loved by God who love God and in turn love the world and all who are in it. 1 John 4:11

A community of people in whom God dwells and lives by His Spirit. Eph 2:22

Chawn Hill Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number: 07215827

Registered Charity number: 1135757

Registered Office

Chawn Hill Church
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Trustees/Directors

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined in the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Trustees

The Trustees are legally responsible for the charity which includes ensuring compliance with statutory obligations, maintenance of the buildings, policies, and financial oversight. The Trustees of the charitable company during this period were:

P Goncalves (Treasurer)
Miss Brenda Hole
Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mrs N Reeve
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mr Mark Titheridge

The Leadership Team

The Leadership Team consist of trustees and two staff members, the Senior Minister and the Operations Manager. The Leadership Team meet in two capacities, four times a year as trustees and twelve times a year as a church leadership.

The Leadership Team provide the spiritual direction and leadership of the church and are responsible for its vision, values and practices. The Leadership Team during this period were:

Mr Greg Ellis (Senior Minister)
Paul Goncalves (Treasurer)
Miss Brenda Hole
Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mrs Nicola Reeve
Mrs Sara Sarjeant (Operations Manager)
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mr Mark Titheridge

Treasurer

Malcolm Moss stepped down as Treasurer in October 2022 and Paul Goncalves was appointed Treasurer in Nov 2022 as his replacement.

Public Benefit

The trustees have continued to take due regard of the Charity Commission's guidance related to public benefit, and the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion. The benefits arising from the church's activities continue to be related solely to the charity's objectives as confirmed by the review set out in this report.

Responsibilities of Trustees under Company Law

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.

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LETTER FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER, **Greg Ellis**

It gives me great pleasure at this time of the year to write and **thank you all**, for your support towards the ministry here at Chawn Hill Church. **We continue under the vision and motivation to bring God's Story and your story together.** It was a privilege to baptise Joseph recently and great to see that two of our young people have recently made commitments to follow Christ at the Limitless Festival this summer.

I'm looking forward to our Church Weekend Away and listening to Steve and Esther Uppal speak about being "revival ready." **I have a keen sense that God is preparing us for something – I've been struck by the amount of preparation that God puts into the things he does.**

Hebrews 11:7 – NLT – "It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before." Some estimate the period of time to be over 50 years. Noah built the ARK before the rain not in it!

Revelation 21:2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared** as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

The Lord is preparing us for something now and for something in the future. For us at Chawn this means **preparing ourselves to speak – preach the good news of Jesus Christ into the communities that God has put us in, and secondly, to make disciples who make disciples.**

We have done well to grow fellowship with the introduction of our Spud Sundays, and the healthy growth of our midweek gatherings. We need to learn to grow spiritually up to maturity so that reproduction can be healthy.

This year we have been able to support financially, and by helping so many good works, Near and Far;

Under the heading of Training and Short Term Mission, we have supported one person who is now on staff at YWAM in London and another at Youth for Christ. We continue to support the establishment of a WTC hub in Birmingham to train people in their knowledge and understanding of God's word. We supported a local discipleship year out program both financially and also through ministering to the students directly.

Under Local Mission – we have supported Future Outlook, a ministry that works among people who have hit rock bottom, and with much fruit over the last twelve months, praise God. Street pastors, Black Country food bank, Replenish, and the Life Centre Debt Advice have all been blessed by your support of Chawn Hill Church.

Under national UK Mission we continue to support The Newtons in Gloucester, Saltmine and Safe families.

Under World Mission we support Operation Mobilisation (OM) – Open Doors and Bless, a ministry to make disciples and to bless those who are refugees/migrants in France.

Under World Development we are investing in TESO for the delivery of fresh water in villages that have no clean water.

We thank God first of all and we thank you for your support and contribution to life here at Chawn Hill Church, making an impact for the kingdom of God 'near and far'.

With every blessing and with much gratitude

Greg Ellis

Senior Minister

Highlights

Xplosion – “our yearly Sunday School trip seeing lots of children wanting to come. Seeing their relationships with each other grow and also seeing God answering the prayers that we write on our prayer board “

Kids

T4G – “Seeing the children’s faith grow and develop”

Toddlers – “our highlight has been to see these groups grow in number and with us being able to support, offer prayer to the families and to see these prayers answered”

Highlights

"We went to Spring Harvest in April 2022. We had an amazing time and the youth had some incredible encounters with God. We had 2 services a day with great worship and talks and in between these we were free to do what we liked. We mixed it up with different activities like going to the beach, pool, go karting etc and other times the youth would go to seminars and learn more about God. It was such a great time to be together, meet with God and have fun!"

"We saw 3 of our youth get baptised which was amazing!!"

"Seeing our youth group grow and watching how God is moving within it is amazing. It's so encouraging to see new faces and to see youth returning so I cant wait to see what God has in store for Chawn Youth"

Youth

Highlights

Steve Buck and his Further Outlook ministry: Steve continues to reach Iranian asylum seekers, and ministers within a local centre serving people with alcohol addiction

This year saw the Senior Minister and 'Toddy' going to Almaty in Kazakhstan to minister to leaders in that part of the world. They spoke at a conference and provided worship and youth work. "It was amazing to see the transformation of Central Asia – we used to speak about believers in the region now we talk about churches in the region!"

Chawn also supported Naomi Bayliss on a trip to Bulgaria and also helped to raise money for a church in Bulgaria ministering to refugee Ukrainians. We also raised funds for an orphanage in Uganda

TESO and Bernadette in Uganda: about half dozen wells and a dozen boreholes have been dug in the last year thanks to Chawn's support; Bernadette has also arranged with TESO (via Dave Watts) for a much needed well to be dug in the village where she visits!

Chawn's support of Operation Mobilisation and the Koh family: an ex-trainee from Brazil, mentored by Terry, now serves in Slovenia with his family. In partnership with a local church, he has reached a whole Roma community which has come to Christ. For the majority ethnic group in Slovenia over a dozen youth have come to Christ and have been baptised as a result of the youth camps he has run in the past few years. Praise God!

3D Church: Discover, Disciple, Declare.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, here is some of what we achieved this year and the challenges that we met;

WORSHIP

We continued to gather on Sundays as a church family of all ages, different backgrounds and diverse lifestyles but with one thing in common - we want to follow Jesus!

We chose to meet as one congregation from the summer of 2022 onwards that has brought together a oneness that has been very healthy. It has challenged us to think about the future as we are full to the rafters on some Sundays. Plans are in the process to address this in the current year.

Our services have followed the book of Romans and took a break from that over the summer to look at different Psalms. **The Singing through the Summer series** was a success. It gave many different people in the church an opportunity to speak on a Psalm. Lovely to hear the hearts of the congregation and the contribution and the feedback was wonderful

Our worship groups continue to serve to the highest levels of competency, and we are so grateful for them.

We are also very grateful for the volunteers that help deliver all aspects of the gathering from music to tech to leading services, hosting tea and coffee and welcoming everyone

We were excited to discover the talents that God has put in our young people who started to lead worship and have plans for an evening service.

We have held dedications and baptisms, all well attended events and feedback was very positive

We continue to provide **kids ministry and **youth ministry** every Sunday**, and **Messy Church** once a month throughout most of the year.

We held the traditional dates and services for Easter. Good Friday and Easter Day and Christmas which were all well attended.

The prayer ministry, in all aspects of our church life, is healthy and we have people who find us through our social media or via our online presence that call us to request prayer. Prayer days and prayer ministry after the Sunday service has proved very helpful.

Bringing God's story and your story together.

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Discover. Disciple. Declare.

Three Ds at the heart of everything we do at Chawn Hill Church

Discover

Disciple

Declare

DISCIPLESHIP

- * **Our prayer day continues to be** on the first Wednesday of every month and numbers are encouraging.
- * **Our mid-week gatherings are still going strong**, meeting for bible study and time together around God's word, praying and encouraging one another. More have been added to their number and 60% of our congregation are now part of a mid-week group which is excellent. **All of our groups will be go through a transition period in the coming year.** They will come under the title 'Agape' group, and the Agape groups will cluster to become 'Unite' groups. We are going to invest our time and resources into becoming more diverse whilst still holding onto our unity
- * **Come To The Well** continues to meet, providing monthly encouragement and discipleship for many women within the church.
- * **The Senior Minister co-lead another Bonhoeffer course at Chawn** and continues to sit on the leadership team for UK Bonhoeffer. x2 members of our staff attended the course along with two local ministers. A new course is being set up for the new year for ministers near and far who would like to take part
- * We have had two couples doing a discipleship course called **Discipleship Essentials**, discovering if this would be another useful course for people in the church to grow through
- * **We supported a local discipleship year out program called Expand**, both financially and through teaching sessions on What is the Gospel and Mission, as well as hosting a prayer retreat.
- * **With Love Dudley** we also hosted a conference called the **Faith Experiment** which well attended and well received
- * **Three people completed their first year of a WTC course part funded by Chawn.** Well done to them! We also held a theology night at WTC followed by a recruitment drive across the West Midlands for students for 2024
- * **We held our annual Mission Weekend in November**, a great time to listen to God's story and Bob and Laurens story, our guest speakers from Central Asia. Bob and Lauren (not their real names) came to host a bible themed weekend. The time included a sit down meal, a Q&A and a talk given by them both during the Sunday morning service. A lightly attended Saturday night of about 50—60 and a well-attended Sunday service meant that **we were well fed spiritually and literally.** Our plans for 2023 have already started and we hope to look at the realities of the Underground Church.

Discipleship remains the key area of investment, the direction of the church and our goal remains to see a disciple making church who make disciples who make disciples



CHAWN HILL CHURCH

PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE

A new staff post for pastoral care was created in July 2022 to help us coordinate, encourage and assist in the pastoral care of the church. Here at Chawn Hill Church pastoral care is seen as an opportunity for discipleship, for discovering more about the depth, the grace and the goodness of God. It is an opportunity for spiritual growth, knowing that through the circumstances being faced we can grow stronger in our faith and in our desire to follow Jesus; through this part of life's journey, we can grow closer to God and be changed, becoming more like Jesus.

Colossians 2:6 is our strapline and vision statement encompassing our mission to Discover, Disciple Declare. *'so then just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness.'*

WE DO THIS THROUGH

Pastoral phone calls—these are often a first response when a need or situation first becomes apparent and the call ends with prayer.

Pastoral visits—these are generally pre-arranged and have been made to the sick, the dying, those in hospital, families with a new baby, people facing enormous challenges in life, those who have received bad news or are struggling in their faith. These visits have a time of reading the bible and praying together. The focus becomes Jesus and not the difficulty; his presence is welcomed and his peace received.

On-going pastoral support—this is offered to those facing prolonged challenge or difficulty and it's a safe place for the person to off-load. The promises of God are remembered and we listen to the encouragement he is speaking in this moment, focusing on God's truth and grace. Prayer is for strength to remain faithful in their walk with Jesus in the days ahead.

New to church people—are met with, and helped to find a small group to connect with a place to serve.

Prayer ministry

- Prayer ministry is now an embedded part of the church culture on a Sunday and there is an increasingly wide range of people coming forward for prayer.
- Perhaps the team's biggest impact is hidden; prayer requests are regularly posted onto a designated and confidential prayer ministry team Slack channel and people are carried in prayer during challenging and difficult times. The team are quick to pray and faithful in their intercession.



Chawn is more than Sundays.
Inspired by Jesus, our desire is to create community, reach community and change community for the good of all. Below are a just few ways in which we do this

FELLOWSHIP

- * **A Fellowship Team was formed with a vision to 'Build Community to Reach Community'. Discipling people to Christ and discipling people in Christ.** This has seen much fruit with their new ministry '**Spud Sunday**' starting in Feb 2023 . **Spud Sunday** seeks to join together individuals in the church over a simple lunch once a month. The lunches are designed to introduce those within the church who do not know one another. Feedback from attendees and hosts has been that they are '**relaxed and easy, with great food and company**', and '**an opportunity to talk with people we had known for years but had never spoken to**'. On average 50-70 people attend these lunches each month. It is hoped that Spud Sundays will provide a platform for the church to invite those from 'outside' the church too, that they may taste and see the benefits of being 'in Christ'.
- * The Fellowship Team ran a number of well-received church events too including a '**Fish & Chip Quiz**' night and a '**Live Lounge**' live music night, both led by members of our church congregation and attracting people from outside our church community such as the TLC bereavement group. In total 228 people enjoyed time with us through these events.
- * **Our social groups remain active** including Chawn Wheelers and a Golfing group.
- * **We have continued to use an online communications tool called "Slack"** which was set up during the first lockdown of the pandemic in order to stay in touch with one another. Groups continue to be well used, keeping us connected and in prayer for one another. Our #prayerministryteam channel sees the most activity of any of the groups chats.

"Such a wonderful idea, thank you so much for all your hard work. Was so good to talk round a table with people we've known of for years but never really spoken to. Looking forward to the next one !" - Spud Sunday

SLACK: 101 church members are subscribed to this chat platform
Channels – our **#PrayerRequest** channel remains the most popular channel used


**KEEP
CALM
AND
HAVE A
POTATO**

"These [Spud Sundays] have been a good way to get to know other members of Chawn Hill Church. I've enjoyed the socialising, and sharing a meal is always a good way of doing this. I like the fact that we can all contribute to the meal and I have found the hosts most welcoming into their homes. Thanks to all who make Spud Sunday happen - the hosts, and the organisers" - Spud Sunday feedback

"Just to say what a "Blessing" it was to be part of the men's skittles night...the room was filled with God's children, excited at being in the presence of our Lord and Saviour. We were testimony to Proverbs 22 "A cheerful heart is good medicine . It was a brilliant night and I can't wait for the next one"

FELLOWSHIP?
What is fellowship?
"Why fellowship opening up our hearts and lives to one another!"

"It was a good event to invite our friends too!" - the Live Lounge

*"It's nice to be a part of something other than 'church on a Sunday'
- Ladies Night feedback*



KIDS

Our Sunday group Mini-Cogs (2-5s) continues to meet once a week. We have used Scripture Union Bubbles material to help us learn more about Jesus.



Our Sunday group Xplosion (6-11s) meeting once a week in person on a Sunday. We have enjoyed being a bigger group and learning stories from the bible. We have also enjoyed family fun Sunday afternoons once a term and a trip to Little Owl Farm Park.

We ran a Holiday Club for children during the first full week of the Summer Holiday

We ran Messy Church sessions providing children and their parents/ carers with songs, crafts, food & creative Bible stories every month. We also led a Christmas Messy Church for reception classes in Ham Dingle School. At Easter the reception classes came to church for an Easter Messy Church.

Time For God (T4G) met twice a month and we ran the children's version of Freedom in Christ.

Lunchtime clubs restarted in both Amblecote and Oldswinford school. In Amblecote school we have 8 children coming and in Oldswinford school we have a different year group each term and it varies in numbers each week. In both groups we look at Bible stories related to the schools value that term.

We continued to run an online parents support group via WhatsApp which aids community and support

Schools Pantomime We hosted 3 schools (150 year 6 pupils) to watch Saltmine's Neverland Christmas Panto. At Easter we hosted 2 schools (120 year 4 pupils) to watch The Rhyming Bible and then in the evening we opened the audience up to include all age families.

The Children's Team Leader continued to **provide 1-1 support to families in the community**

We continued to run Rainbows and Chawn's Little Hearts - a time and space for carers and their young children to come and make friends and enjoy a morning together. We talk with the adults and offer to pray for them in a relaxed and natural way. This is one way that Chawn can serve and connect with our wider community, families are given invitations to events held at church and are encouraged to come to our Messy Church (preparing young children to discover God).





YOUTH

Our main youth work concentrates on;

- * Sunday mornings, with midweek gatherings for fellowship and socials.
- * Event day trips and worship evenings with other youth groups
- * A Youth band
- * Plans for residential weeks and weekends away with other churches

In April 2022, the youth went away on a residential trip to **Spring Harvest**, which saw everyone in the group **grow in faith** and be really encouraged and challenged by the teachings, and by some great moving of the Holy Spirit during the event gatherings. In between our daily gatherings, the group spent some sunny days out on the beach, tackling the Butlins waterslides, and making rivals on the GoKart track. **The youth all returned full of faith and as a result, some members of the group decided to be baptised shortly after!**

The summer saw a rest for our youth team leaders and gave a wonderful opportunity for **members of the congregation to lead the youth** on different Sundays in June July and August. **They completed the Alpha course and those who stepped in to help started to service more often.**

In **September 2022**, the youth went away again this time on a weekend camping residential to **Summer Night Live**, which saw a **record number of youth attendees** and some fantastic messages from the Gas Street speaker - James Leavey. Alongside some great worship sessions, the group got involved in multiple team games, which saw them competing in volleyball, escape rooms, baseball, inflatable obstacle trials and even a mini version of 'the crystal maze'. **The highlight of the weekend was the fantastic worship, which encouraged many of the youth to have an encounter with God in this way.**

Our event days / evenings also included a trip to Warwick Castle, competing in Escape Rooms, a Christmas party, and some trips to 'Fulfil' worship evenings with other churches. We look forward to more social events this coming year.

Some Teachings Covered:

'**Esther**' - A four-week series and in-depth look at the book of Esther.

'**I Have Questions**' - A series from the Old Testament on Doubts & Questions.

'**The Exchange**' - A study from 2 Timothy on Wisdom.

'**Youth Alpha**' - The youth did a ten-week series on the Alpha Course

We are also exploring the idea of a youth service on Sunday evenings.

NEAR & FAR

Mission and Community engagement

We continue to serve the community through finance, prayer and volunteer support at Chawn Hill Church as well as in various charities and organisations in the borough

- * **We continued to run a weekly bereavement group** at for the community for 30-40 people providing essential support to the bereaved.
- * **We continued our new group for mothers and fathers who have lost a child** and hosted a **Baby bereavement service** called **Wave of Light**. Over sixty people from our community attended and we facilitated the meeting with a presentation of God's love in the midst of some very dark journeys. The event was well received.
- * **Our mental health support group continued to run every week** meeting the need for mutual support for eight to ten people.
- * **We returned to our usual Christmas performance in partnership with Saltmine Theatre Company at Stourbridge Town hall** which is run as an 'outreach' event. This event attracted 377 people who got to listen to the Christian message 'what can we give?'
- * **We also returned to providing a Christmas play to our local primary schools** hosted in our Church Main Hall. c.150 got to hear the message 'we need each other' through Saltmine's performance of Neverland which was sponsored by Chawn Hill Church.
- * **We hosted another Carols by Candlelight Christmas service** to which we invited our local community to. This was well attended and included mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies too so that we could engage in fellowship with one another and also our guests.
- * **We have eighteen people from Chawn Hill Church engaged with a local charity, volunteering with Safe Families**, many times providing love and support to families in need.
- * **The Near and Far team** said goodbye to Bella and Josh, and welcomed Sharon Billingsley and Tom Jewkes as team members. We are looking forward to their contributions.
- * **Serving the Community** also saw us helping to organise and run the annual **Walk of Witness** through Stourbridge town centre on Good Friday in partnership with Churches Together in Stourbridge (CTiS). We also **chaired and led CTiS meetings** and **continued to lead in partnership with WTC in the West Midlands as well as serve the Love Black Country and Love Dudley networks** both financially and with volunteers at the **Together 22 Festival** in the summer. We've also been able to help **rejuvenate the CTiS ministers prayer breakfasts** and plans include a **monthly CTiS minister's meeting to be hosted at Chawn Hill Church**.

We continue to experiment with different ways to highlight missions to the church body. We've used videos before and after a service and aim to host a mission partner/cause once a month for feedback. Ideas are welcome!

We continued to work with other churches to deliver community projects across the Stourbridge area:

- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers, **Replenish**, the Stourbridge distribution point for **Black Country Food Bank**
- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers, the **Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice**
- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers **Street Pastors** on Saturday nights to help those involved in the night-time economy
- * We continued to support **Safe Families** financially and with 19 volunteers
- * We continued our commitment to the shared vision of **Love Black Country**, to wrap our arms around the next generation, promoting and attending their Together events along with providing planning support for their Together 22 Festival at Himley Hall, Dudley

We continued our commitment to give away/invest 10% of our unrestricted income to other organisations and individuals who share our objectives. In sum:

- * **Local: Replenish/ Black Country Food Bank, Further Outlook** (headed up by Steve Buck who has witnessed much of God's grace among minorities and those who have gotten caught up in life's vices), **Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice** (helping people through financial crisis) and **Stourbridge Street Pastors**.
- * **National:** We continued our financial support of **Saltmine** which also included the hosting of a production of theirs— A Christmas Carol—at Christmas in Stourbridge Town Hall, as well as two schools Christmas productions of Neverland which saw three local primary schools attend. c.150 kids watched Neverland and hear the Christian message 'we need each other'. We also continued to support the work of the **Newtons in Gloucester** and the **Koh's in Operation Mobilisation**.
- * **World Development:** Over the year we sent financial support to an **orphanage in Uganda** and continued to support the efforts of **TESO** who work with the local church to provide fresh water to villages, bringing a real change in living standards to many people. We also continued to support '**Bless**', a mission in France among the displaced people from middle east who gather there. We also provided financial support for **Open Doors** – a ministry to the persecuted church and a Church planting team linked to **Operation Mobilisation** in Central Asia
- * **Short-Term Service & Training:** We continued to support of a year out program called "**Expand**" for 18-25 year olds in partnership with Amblecote Christian Centre and also our support of the **Westminster Theology Center Hub** in Birmingham, seeing 3 students from Chawn being assisted financially with their course fees too. We stopped supporting Tim Koh as his time with UCCF came to an end and we continued our support of Zac Ellis who is ministering with YWAM in London.

Our vision moving forward is to continue to support our mission and causes with financial giving of 10% from our unrestricted funds.



Serving the Community



John 14:27



Life Centre Debt Advice (LCDA) offers money management, debt advice, guidance and support to local households.

During the last year LCDA has seen an **increase in referrals of 75%** on the previous year, reflecting the increasing impact of the "Cost of Living" crisis in the UK. **"A vulnerable, single mum of three school age children, herself subject to historic domestic abuse, and facing eviction from her home just before Christmas, was able to keep her home, increase her income (benefit and employment support) and restore her sense of self-worth"**

Can we help you or someone you know? Perhaps you're interested in helping, or joining the team of volunteers? **If you feel you are able to support us through prayer, volunteering support, or by financial gifting then please do get in touch.** Your support will change lives, perhaps even your own.

"It was fabulous to see the group continue to grow, such that Maureen and I were praying for the right help to run the group. Our prayers were answered as the Lord prompted Karen, Mary and Heather to offer themselves. Something which we are very grateful for, all have been invaluable in supporting our members, each one bringing different experiences and perspectives to the group. We pray regularly for all of our members, share our testimonies and ask the Lord to draw them into fellowship with Him"

J.L.C.

Stourbridge Bereavement
Support Group

*So Much Stronger
Together*

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REPLENISH FOODBANK, STOURBRIDGE

*"being able to signpost and refer our clients onto local agencies for specific assistance continues to be a key part of what we do to help ease the situations our clients have found themselves in. **We are now seeing far more clients who were employed** but through redundancy, lack of hours or no available contract, need food and toiletries. **The rising cost of living has caused hardship for a wider range of people in our local community"***

LCDA The Challenge: Rising Household Debt, Deprivation and Poverty in the West Midlands

REPLENISH The Challenge: BCFB has had to spend money on buying food to meet the rising need so every donation received is needed and such a blessing. At Replenish in Stourbridge, we would always love to have more 'as and when' volunteers to fill the gaps when regular team members are going to be absent

Just as Jesus came to serve the world in which he lived (Mark 10:45), at Chawn Hill Church we also want to serve the community we belong to



*"We started the year with only 9 active Patrol Pastors but 3 more team members were recruited which enabled us to do 29 patrols in total. We have also **noticed an increase in rough sleepers**. Some are homeless & some have accommodation but most are drug users and so **we continue to liaise with the Council and the Housing & Support team on behalf of these people**. Because our time is taken up with less practical support (due to the lower numbers of people out on the streets late at night) we are able to spend more time talking to people, some of these conversations covering spiritual matters too"*

SUPPORT FROM CHAWN:
 Assignments accepted: **115**
 Families supported: **72**
 Children benefitting: **212**

"At Safe Families we know that local churches long to make a genuine impact in their communities and we believe that the Church is God's primary vehicle for community transformation. One of our five values is Faith - Trusting boldly - believing for lives transformed and in a God who can do more than we can ask or imagine. This is why **Safe Families are committed to working with, and through the local church to offer support, hope and belonging to improve the lives of those in our communities.** Over the last year Chawn Hill Church has gifted us £1380 – this is significant and appreciated because every £10 will help Safe Families support a family for a year". You can get involved: www.safefamilies.uk



We produce theatre with messages applicable to culture, curriculum and Christian faith.

"The Norwich Passion Play 2022 captivated over 1,400 spectators.

Large crowds, laughter, and raw emotion filled the streets with the power of a story that changed the world...People were visibly moved, some by the crucifixion, others by the joy of the disciples as they met the risen Jesus"

Our preventative education productions cover tough topics for primary and secondary schools including **mental health, internet safety, knife crime, British values, diversity, and domestic abuse.** educating the next generation on current social issues and empowering them to make wise choices. **You can support at: www.saltminetrust.org.uk**

STREET PASTORS The Challenge: As ever the biggest challenge we face is recruiting new team members into the patrol team. **We cannot extend our outreach without them.** We also require wisdom in our interactions with the 'street sleepers'.

ENABLING The areas of support that enable our activities to happen

Facilities

We continued to resource local community groups with accessible and affordable meeting spaces including Fitbox, Drama Workshop and Connexus tuition, as well as accommodating local individuals and families to use our rooms for birthday parties, 'celebration of life' services and 'dedication' celebrations.

Human Resources

Our staff team consists of 5 members, 3 x part time and 2 x full-time. Employees (FTE): Greg Ellis (Senior Minister, 1.0 FTE); Sara Sarjeant (Operations Manager 0.8 FTE), Emma Carling (Children's Team Leader, 1.0 FTE); Beth Farrance (Office Administrator and Finance Officer, 0.4 FTE and Elisabeth Shave 10hrs pwk).

Finance

Church attendees continue to be our single biggest source of income and the Trustees are delighted by the level of commitment they regularly show to the church and its clear vision. We have **healthy reserves** and continue to make good use of Gift Aid. Please see the following section for detailed accounts.

Reserves

The amount set-aside for reserves is estimated as three months of our running costs and currently amounts to £52,419 which is in line with our Reserves Policy.

Finance Governance

The Finance Group, consisting of Senior Minister, Treasurer and Operations Manager, meet to review the church's finances every month, including the drafting of the annual budget for review and approval by the Board. The Board receives an update on the church's financial position at each of its meetings.

Policies

The trustees keep the key church policies under review and update them where appropriate and to ensure they reflect current legislation. In this period, we have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy, Facility Hire Policy, Social Media Policy, Financial Policies (including our Reserves Policy), Data Protection policy and Privacy Notice.



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discuss your requirements

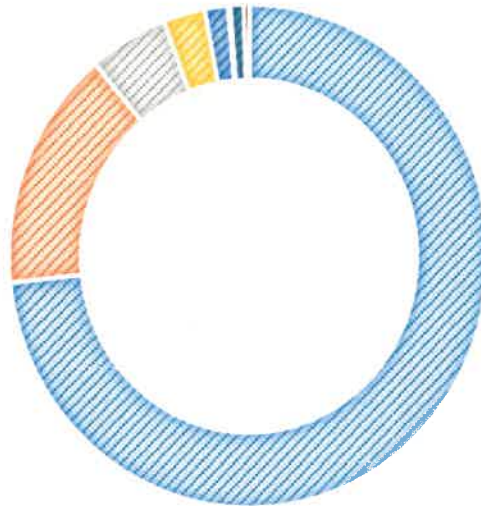
FINANCE

Review—how are we financing our charitable objectives, vision and mission? *This review along with the graphs and tables is based on our **Receipts and Payments report**. For all other account information including depreciation and accrual figures etc please see the set of accounts at the back of this Annual Report.*

- **1 God continues to bless us with finances;**
 - **Our General fund donations remained consistent throughout the year**, seeing an **overall increase of £5,897** from £173,300 in 21/22 to £179,197 in 22/23 (these figures also include Gift Aid that we have claimed from HMRC). This income continues to enable us to sow back into God's mission financially both in this country and afar in the form of gifts we give out of our Near & Far Fund (more on that later).
 - **This year also saw £2,312 being donated into our Youth Fund** which helped enable our youth to go on a couple of residential trips - one to Spring Harvest in April 2022 and the other to Limitless Festival in July 2023. Both residential events saw our young people wanting to give their lives to God or get baptised afterwards, praise God! The youth have also been able to use the funds to update the gaming kit in their youth room too which has provided a lot of fun and engagement.
 - **Income generated from our 'charitable activities' also increased;**
 - ◊ **Toddler income increased by £360** compared to the previous year as more families attend our groups. Some of these families have started to engage with Messy Church too as a result of which is great news.
 - ◊ **'Guest event' income also increased**, increasing from £2,629 in 21/22 to £3,515 in 22/23, highlighting a greater uptake of activity following on from the pandemic. The category **'church socials' also saw an increase in income**, mirroring the formation of the new Fellowship Team, dedicated to helping us to provide additional opportunities to disciple people 'in' Christ as well as 'to' Christ.
 - Finally, as interest rates rise, so has a **return on our Reserves Fund** seen a healthy increase, the fund growing by £778 since the start of the year.
- **2 Support costs continue to reduce in line with the year on year trend we have seen over the last 9 years, £149,695 being spent this year which is down from £152,257 in the previous year.** This been through careful budgeting and diligent financial planning and management by the Leadership Team and Staff. As a result, **this year we have been able to invest in a Pastoral Care Co-ordinator**, employed 10hrs a week which will help us not only in our capacity to provide pastoral care but also in our discipleship mission too — *"continue to live your lives in him, being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith..." (Col 2:6)*
- **3 We increased our giving to our Near & Far ministries** from 12% in 21/22 to 13% in 22/23.

INCOME SPLIT - ALL FUNDS

- Donations £150,701
- Gift Aid £31,939
- Facility Hire £10,845
- Next Gen activities £5,786
- Mission (outreach events) £3,219
- Services (weddings/funerals) £354
- Fellowship £1,812
- Bank interest £778
- Discipleship £85



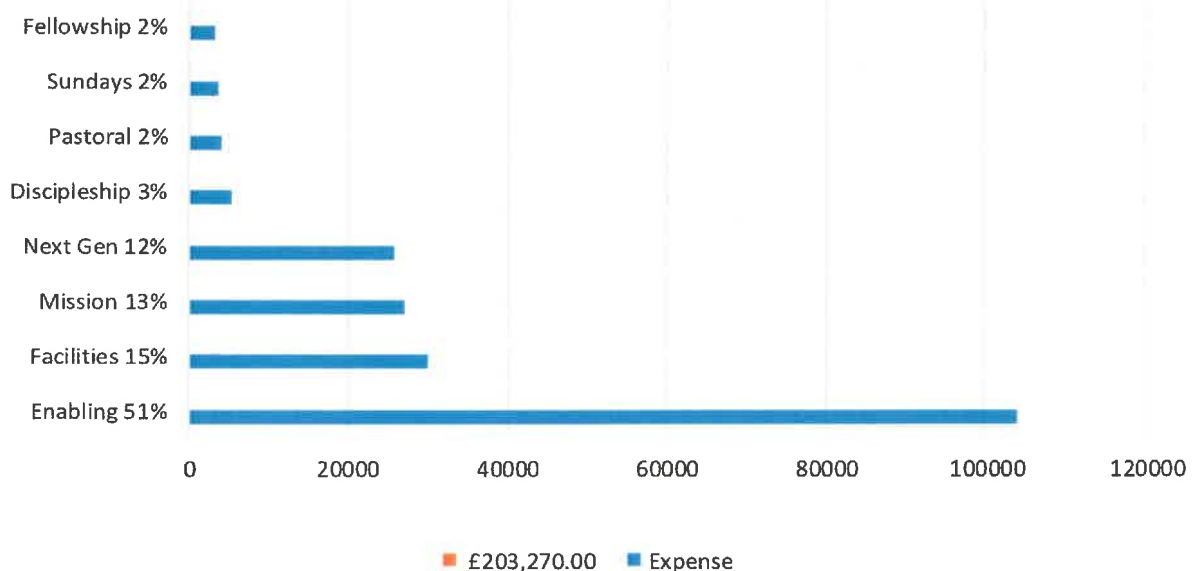
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INCOME—Gift Aid claims makes up 17% of all donated income

EXPENDITURE - ALL FUNDS

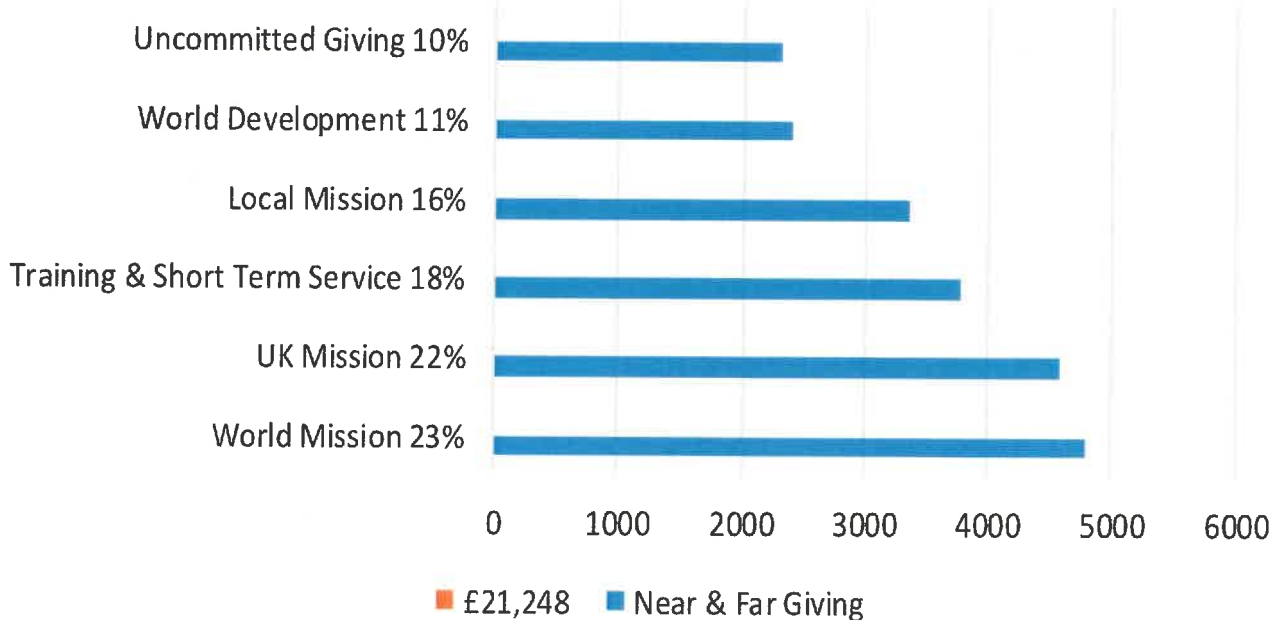
Our Children's Team Leader salary has been recorded as 'Next Gen' for the purpose of the chart below and our Pastoral Care Coordinator has been recorded as 'Pastoral' (historically these would sit within our 'enabling' category)

EXPENDITURE SPLIT ALL FUNDS



- **Spending on our Youth Sunday curriculum doubled** this year as we invested in a new discipleship resource called GROW.
- **Mission spend equated to 13% of our General fund donated income** with our Near & Far fund supporting £21,248 in missional projects both in the UK and afar.
- **In the area of Discipleship we were able to gift £5000 towards supporting WTC students from Chawn Hill Church with their course fees.** We welcome donations to support future students from Chawn Hill Church at WTC and have set up a WTC Fund for this purpose.
- Whilst our spend on 'charitable activities' looks to be far less than the previous year (£47,245 22/23 vs £61,174 21/22), **our spend on activities remains on par with the previous year** when the Church Weekend Away is taken into consideration. In 21/22 we invested £14,445 into our Church Weekend Away which did not take place in 22/23.
- **Staff costs equate to 55% of all expenditure this year**
- **Governance costs were the highest they've been in many years.** This is because we invested in the leadership Team this year by taking them away to the Fresh Streams conference in Jan 2023 for 3 days of spiritual refreshment and input by national church leaders
- **Facility costs were down** due us not carrying out any major refurbishment works or repairs. Utility costs remained on par with the previous year due to fixed term contracts we are in.

NEAR & FAR SPENDING



SO WHAT'S NEXT?

- **Discipleship** – a big journey to make our 'agape groups' a place to love God and to love one another. Smaller more authentic spaces to deepen our fellowship with God and each other.
- **Next Generation** – to find a new leader to disciple our youth, create a great vibe among our young people, develop them as people through exploring their gifts and enabling them to share their gifts in community and in the church.
- **Kids** – we are excited by new ministry opportunities that have developed in the last 12 months – its time to build on them and our exposure to local schools.
- **Near and Far** – this year we need a little overhaul of the way we operate the Near and far Group.
- **Fellowship** – we are investing in the structure of our small mid-week groups – we have started a 'Spud Sunday' initiative that has worked well and we are looking to create more innovative ways to gather the church to enjoy times together.
- **The Pastoral Ministry** – this year we introduced a pastoral worker who began to build up our pastoral work, the next phase will be to build a pastoral team
- **Sunday services** – we have one Sunday service on a morning and plans are to begin a Sunday afternoon service this year through our 'unite groups' which are a gathering of three or four of our 'agape groups'

CONCLUSION


As the world pandemic of Covid 19 and all the restrictions and impact on being together finally seem to be fading, we have benefited and enjoyed being able to gather together and be filled with Joy Peace and Hope just as it's says in Romans chapter 15 v 13. We had some great bible series on Psalms and Romans. A wonderful Christmas program including A Christmas Carol play at Stourbridge Town Hall to a full house. In February we started a series on "God is....." and we are finding out there are so many answers. In all we do we hope those in and outside Chawn Hill Church see a Father God of love who sent his son Jesus to live on Earth and open his arms outstretched on the cross to save the world. It has been a good year with lots we can build on and go from strength to strength.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

.......... **S. Knight - Chair of Trustees**

Date: 7/11/23

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

.......... **S. Knight - Chair of Trustees**

Date: 7/11/23

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
(‘the Company’)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023 on pages 28 to 40 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 31 to 32.

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 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)].

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.



Sarah Crispin ACA

Stewardship
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Date: 21 November 2023

CHAWN HILL CHURCH

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	178,156	3,322	181,478	205,394
Charitable activities	4	22,591	-	22,591	15,241
Investments		779	-	779	258
Total income and endowments		<u>201,526</u>	<u>3,322</u>	<u>204,848</u>	<u>220,893</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	216,277	1,590	217,867	227,796
Total expenditure		<u>216,277</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>217,867</u>	<u>227,796</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(14,751)	1,731	(13,020)	(6,904)
Transfers between funds	13	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(14,751)</u>	<u>1,731</u>	<u>(13,020)</u>	<u>(6,904)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		894,552	560	895,112	902,016
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>879,801</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>882,092</u>	<u>895,112</u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 31 - 39 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	<u>804,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>804,534</u>	<u>815,615</u>
		<u>804,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>804,534</u>	<u>815,615</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	4,699	-	4,699	5,118
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>77,942</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>80,233</u>	<u>77,019</u>
		82,641	2,291	84,932	82,137
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(7,373)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,373)</u>	<u>(2,640)</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>75,268</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>77,558</u>	<u>79,497</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>879,801</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>882,092</u>	<u>895,112</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>879,801</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>882,092</u>	<u>895,112</u>
FUND BALANCES	13				
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		818,213	-	818,213	839,217
Designated funds		<u>61,589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,589</u>	<u>55,335</u>
		879,801	-	879,801	894,552
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>560</u>
		<u>879,801</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>882,092</u>	<u>895,112</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf



S Knight - Chair of Trustees

Date: 7th November 2023

Company number: 07215827

Charity number: 1135757

The notes on page 31 - 39 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered how Covid-19 might affect projections.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.
- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from youth, children's and other events and courses as well as rent of the church premises.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

Other income comprises gains arising from the disposal of tangible fixed assets.

Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- i) The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.

3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	150,400	167,885
Legacies receivable	-	3,577
Income tax recoverable	31,078	33,932
	<u>181,478</u>	<u>205,394</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Church retreats and events	8,145	3,456
Outreach activities	3,515	-
Rental income	10,846	11,705
Book sales	85	80
	<u>22,591</u>	<u>15,241</u>

5 Charitable expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff	113,919	102,540
Fellowship	3,890	18,730
Discipleship	6,137	5,517
Next Generation	7,231	7,849
Worship	3,698	3,809
Enabling	1,236	1,264
Mission we do	4,908	4,061
Grants payable: Mission we fund (note 5c)	21,249	21,460
	<u>162,267</u>	<u>165,229</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,820	2,640
Other	3,653	1,743
	<u>6,473</u>	<u>4,383</u>
Facilities	30,801	40,137
Office	7,245	6,966
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,081	11,081
	<u>55,600</u>	<u>62,567</u>
Total expenditure	<u>217,867</u>	<u>227,796</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £2,820 (2022: £2,640); in addition the charity paid £120 (2022: £nil) to Stewardship for other services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Training and Short-Term Service	2,700	1,110	3,810
UK Mission	2,900	2,185	5,085
World Mission	4,800	1,794	6,594
World Development	2,400	-	2,400
Local Mission	3,360	-	3,360
	<u>16,160</u>	<u>5,089</u>	<u>21,249</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Training and Short-Term Service	2,300	4,840	7,140
UK Mission	2,980	720	3,700
World Mission	4,800	200	5,000
World Development	2,400	-	2,400
Local Mission	3,220	-	3,220
	<u>15,700</u>	<u>5,760</u>	<u>21,460</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2023 £	2022 £
Open Doors	1,200	1,200
Teso	5,600	2,400
Saltmine	2,500	2,500
Black Country Foodbank	960	1,120
Operation Mobilisation	2,400	2,400
Amblecote Christian Centre	1,800	2,300
Bless Network	1,200	1,200
Tearfund refund of grant	(3,200)	-
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	3,700	2,580
	<u>16,160</u>	<u>15,700</u>

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2022: 4). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff outlined in the Trustees' Annual Report. During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £66,438 (2022: £64,495).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

7 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities, which it banks and then pays out to these charities. This income is received as agent for these other charities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for 6 (2022: nil) other charities and, in that capacity:

- a) received £2,748 (2022: £nil) and paid £1,975 (2022: £nil)
- b) at the year end the charity owed £773 (2022: £nil) in agency balances

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	859,466	44,042	903,508
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>859,466</u>	<u>44,042</u>	<u>903,508</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	51,568	36,325	87,893
Charge for the year	8,595	2,486	11,081
At 31 March 2023	<u>60,163</u>	<u>38,812</u>	<u>98,974</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>799,303</u>	<u>5,230</u>	<u>804,534</u>
At 1 April 2022	<u>807,898</u>	<u>7,717</u>	<u>815,615</u>

9 Debtors: Falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Tax recoverable	2,630	3,492
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,069</u>	<u>1,626</u>
	<u>4,699</u>	<u>5,118</u>

10 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	27,813	25,378
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	<u>52,420</u>	<u>51,641</u>
	<u>80,233</u>	<u>77,019</u>

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,079	-
Other creditors	773	-
Accruals	<u>4,522</u>	<u>2,640</u>
	<u>7,373</u>	<u>2,640</u>

12 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £7,348 (2022: £7,231) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2022: £nil).

13 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Gains and losses 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Reserve requirement	51,641	749	-	-	-	52,390
Near and Far mission giving	(1,210)	-	(21,249)	23,571	-	1,113
POM Fund	3,157	-	(61)	-	-	3,096
TLC Fund	1,748	166	(501)	-	-	1,413
Legacy Fund	-	-	-	3,578	-	3,578
WTC Bursary Fund	-	-	(5,000)	5,000	-	-
	<u>55,335</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>(26,811)</u>	<u>32,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,589</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	839,217	200,611	(189,466)	(32,149)	-	818,213
	<u>894,552</u>	<u>201,526</u>	<u>(216,277)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>879,801</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Youth & Children's Fund	209	2,625	(543)	-	-	2,291
Mercy	351	-	(351)	-	-	-
Outreach events	-	697	(697)	-	-	-
	<u>560</u>	<u>3,322</u>	<u>(1,590)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,291</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>895,112</u>	<u>204,848</u>	<u>(217,867)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>882,092</u>

Transfers were made from the General Fund to the 'Near and Far mission giving' fund, the 'Legacy fund' and the 'WTC Bursary fund' as approved by trustees to designate money for specific purposes.

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	804,534	-	-	804,534
Debtors	4,699	-	-	4,699
Cash at bank and in hand	16,354	61,589	2,291	80,233
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,373)	-	-	(7,373)
	<u>818,213</u>	<u>61,589</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>882,092</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Gains and losses 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Church weekend away	666	13,287	(14,454)	500	-	-
Reserve requirement	51,383	258	-	-	-	51,641
Church refurbishment	1,935	-	(1,935)	-	-	-
Near and Far mission giving	2,812	-	(21,460)	17,438	-	(1,210)
POM Fund	-	4,196	(539)	(500)	-	3,157
TLC Fund	-	3,880	(2,132)	-	-	1,748
	<u>56,796</u>	<u>21,620</u>	<u>(40,520)</u>	<u>17,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,335</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>843,037</u>	<u>194,772</u>	<u>(180,950)</u>	<u>(17,641)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>839,217</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>899,833</u>	<u>216,393</u>	<u>(221,470)</u>	<u>(203)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>894,552</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Youth & Children's Fund	1,228	-	(1,019)	-	-	209
Centre Refurbishment Fund	704	-	(704)	-	-	-
Mercy	251	4,500	(4,603)	203	-	351
	<u>2,183</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>(6,326)</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>902,016</u>	<u>220,893</u>	<u>(227,796)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>895,112</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
	Tangible fixed assets	815,615	-	
Debtors	5,118	-	-	5,118
Cash at bank and in hand	21,124	55,335	560	77,019
Creditors falling due within one year	(2,640)	-	-	(2,640)
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	839,217	55,335	560	895,112
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Designated Funds

The Church weekend away fund relates to money donated to and spent on the church weekend away.

The Reserve requirement fund represents the balance retained within general funds to meet the reserve policy.

The Church refurbishment fund is money set aside for planned church refurbishment work.

The Near and Far mission giving fund is money set aside for planned giving to other organisations in support of achieving our aims.

The POM fund is for Peace of Mind, an initiative to support mental health.

The TLC fund is money set aside to be spent on bereavement support.

The Legacy fund relates to a legacy which the trustees have set aside for specific projects to further the gospel

The WTC Bursary Fund is to support students attending the Westminster Theology Centre.

The Youth & Children's Fund is money given and expended for Youth and Children's work.

The Centre Refurbishment Fund was specifically for the refurbishment of the church centre.

The Mercy fund is money given and paid to meet an individuals specific needs.

14 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £12,725 (2022: £12,261) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) The charity paid for 6 trustees to attend the Fresh Streams Conference and for 2 to attend the Bonheoffer course. No other expenses (2022: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- a) paid £900 (2022: £1,063) to Visual Advance for websites & publicity media services. Mark Titheridge, who is a trustee is a director Visual Advance.
- b) paid Saltmine grants totalling £2,500 (2022: £2,500) for UK mission activities and payments relating to specific events totalling £2,579. The CEO of this charity is closely related to Steven Knight who is a trustee.
- c) Zac Ellis, who is closely related to Greg Ellis who is key management, received £900 to support his ministry with YWAM.

Except as disclosed in note 6 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

15 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds			Unrestricted funds				
		General 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	General 2022 £	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS									
FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	177,990	166	3,322	181,478	179,532	21,363	4,500	205,394
Charitable activities	4	22,591	-	-	22,591	15,241	-	-	15,241
Investments		30	749	-	779	-	258	-	258
Total income and endowments		200,611	915	3,322	204,848	194,772	21,620	4,500	220,893
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	189,466	26,811	1,590	217,867	180,950	40,520	6,326	227,796
Total Expenditure		189,466	26,811	1,590	217,867	180,950	40,520	6,326	227,796
Net income/(expenditure)		11,145	(25,896)	1,731	(13,020)	13,822	(18,900)	(1,826)	(6,904)
Transfers between funds	13	(32,149)	32,149	-	-	(17,641)	17,438	203	-
Net movement in funds		(21,004)	6,254	1,731	(13,020)	(3,819)	(1,461)	(1,623)	(6,904)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		839,217	55,335	560	895,112	843,037	56,796	2,183	902,016
Total funds carried forward	13	818,213	61,589	2,291	882,092	839,217	55,335	560	895,112

CHAWN HILL CHURCH

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CHAWN HILL CHURCH

Annual Report 2021—2022



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OBJECTIVES AND VISION

Objectives

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit. The trustees must use the income and may use the capital, including the property, of the church in promoting the objects.

Vision

The church's vision is to bring God's Story and Your Story Together.

Mission

Our mission as a church is to play our part in making Christ known to all people through a structure of discovery, discipleship and declaration, enabling everyone to become fully devoted followers of Christ and helping to transform communities. **Bringing God's Story and Your Story Together through Discovery, Discipleship and Declaration**

What does success look like?

To be a community of people loved by God who love God and in turn love the world and all who are in it. 1 John 4:11

A community of people in whom God dwells and lives by His Spirit. Eph 2:22

Chawn Hill Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number: 07215827

Registered Charity number: 1135757

Registered Office

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Trustees/Directors

Mrs Catherine Anderson (retired November 2021)
Mr Paul Goncalves (appointed January 2022)
Miss Brenda Hole
Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mrs Nicola Reeve (appointed January 2022)
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mr Mark Titheridge

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined in the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Trustees

The Trustees are legally responsible for the charity which includes ensuring compliance with statutory obligations, maintenance of the buildings, policies, and financial oversight. The Trustees of the charitable company during this period were:

Mrs Catherine Anderson (retired November 2021)
P Goncalves (appointed January 2022)
Miss Brenda Hole
Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mrs N Reeve (appointed January 2022)
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mr Mark Titheridge

The Leadership Team

The Leadership Team consist of trustees and two staff members, the Senior Minister and the Operations Manager. The Leadership Team meet in two capacities, four times a year as trustees and twelve times a year as a church leadership.

The Leadership Team provide the spiritual direction and leadership of the church and are responsible for its vision, values and practices. The Leadership Team during this period were:

Mrs Catherine Anderson (retired November 2021)
Mr Greg Ellis (Senior Minister)
Paul Goncalves (appointed January 2022)
Miss Brenda Hole
Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mrs Nicola Reeve (appointed January 2022)
Mrs Sara Sarjeant (Operations Manager)
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mr Mark Titheridge

Treasurer

Malcolm Moss has continued to fulfil the post of Treasurer throughout this period.

Public Benefit

The trustees have continued to take due regard of the Charity Commission's guidance related to public benefit, and the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion. The benefits arising from the church's activities continue to be related solely to the charity's objectives as confirmed by the review set out in this report.

Responsibilities of Trustees under Company Law

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.

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LETTER FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER, **Greg Ellis**

It gives me great pleasure to write as I do at this time of the year, to **thank you for your commitment to giving and investing in our vision to bring God's story and your story together at Chawn Hill Church.** Even this morning I was informed of a decision by someone new to Chawn to dedicate his life to following Christ. Salvation! Yippie!

The psalmist wrote how good and how pleasant it is when we live together in unity and our vision brings us to a unifying point. We all want to see God's story, his Word, the gospel, revealing who he is, what he has done and how we can benefit. John Stott uses three words – Jesus's attributes, actions and accomplishments. I like to add the word alignment, our faith responding to God's revelation, aligning ourselves with God's story. At Chawn we acknowledge that we all come from somewhere and we welcome people from everywhere and every kind of background so that all might come to Christ and receive the benefits that he has prepared for each one of us.

Even as we continued to journey through the season of covid we have been able to bring God's story to people in our community and beyond. Our amazing **TLC** group for the bereaved continues to shine out the love of God. The **Peace of Mind group (P.O.M.)** likewise. We have a new group called **PLP (Precious Little People)** for mothers and fathers who have lost a child, this year **we raised funds for a new room at Russells Hall Hospital** for those in the horror of such an occasion.

We have sown money and services into the foodbank, street pastors, the life debt centre has helped people through financial crisis. We have sent **support to an orphanage in Uganda** and continued to **support the efforts of Teso** who work with the local church to provide fresh water to villages, bringing a real change in living standards to many people. We are committed to the shared vision of **Love Black Country, to wrap our arms around the next generation.** We have begun supporting Bella's ministry with **Youth For Christ**, and we support a year out program called **"Expand"** for 18-25 year olds in partnership with Amblecote. Our setting up of a **Westminster Theology Center Hub** in Birmingham has been successful and we have 11 students, 3 of whom are from Chawn.

We have supported one person through a **YWAM DTS** and another who has been in a program with **UCCF**. We continue our support of **Saltmine**, and added to that, we hosted a production of Neverland at Christmas in the Town Hall. We support the work of the **Newtons in Gloucester**, the **Koh's in OM** and a **Church planting team in Central Asia**. We started supporting **Safe Families** financially and continued supporting **Open Doors** and the Kelly's ministry "**Bless**" in France. **Future Outlook** headed up by Steve Buck has witnessed much of God's grace among minorities and those who have gotten caught up in life's vices. We all rejoiced at the salvation of Keyvan and his consequent baptism.

The psalmist finishes with the words 'for there the Lord bestows his blessing even life for evermore'. We believe that God has been blessing us and **we have committed 13% of our income, up from 10% to our mission and causes in 2022 – 2023**.

We are adding a part time pastoral assistant to the staff team to increase our ability to provide good pastoral care too.

We give God all the glory, honour and the praise and we believe that the thanks should go to God first and then to **you**, for your partnership in the gospel as God works it out through those who support and invest in Chawn Hill Church and our vision to bring God's story and your story together.

Every blessing and with much gratitude

Greg Ellis

Senior Minister

Highlights

Xplosion – “Bernadette was talking to us about prophetic painting. We told the children to ask God for a picture etc. Quite a few children had amazing pictures and one child had (with a bit of help) a bible verse from God and seeing their face when they realised God had spoken to them was priceless”

T4G – “Seeing the children build strong friendships with each other and enjoying being able to meet up and go out for socials also how they are hearing from God”

Toddlers – “Seeing families come to Messy Church from toddler groups and being able to pray for families, support families and seeing them get closer to God”

Highlights

Over the last year we've covered a wide range of teaching topics and stories from all over the Bible, learning how we can apply relevant lessons to our lives today. We've also really enjoyed talks and discussions with various other members of the church family too!

"I think just getting back to everything and being a part of an accepting environment built by you guys... how you support us so much to grow in our faiths and lives. I also have really enjoyed getting to know everyone and expand the group, and just have fun together... both in spiritual and competitive ways "

We've enjoyed some great socials over the last few months including an Escape Room, Laser Quest, Go Karting and Concerts! A personal favourite for one unnamed leader was proving to the group she could get the fastest group lap time in a Go-Kart... ;)

Highlights

“TK”, being supported by Chawn in his student ministry internship in Sheffield - TK has confirmed his next step: as Worship Minister in a C of E church north east of London!”

Chawn's support of the Koh's ministry providing I.T. oversight for OM's teams in Europe includes supporting almost all the countries directly affected by the war in Ukraine. "I.T. can be a very routine activity but when crisis strikes, it is gratifying to know that IT infrastructure is in place to help the teams on the ground respond quickly and effectively. A lot of the teams are supporting the refugees from Ukraine, and of course there are teams in the two countries involved in the conflict"

- Operation Mobilisation (OM)

“Our setting up of a Westminster Theology Centre Hub in Birmingham has been a success and we now have 11 students attending, 3 from Chawn”

- WTC

“During the first Passion Play performance his daughter's best friend was shopping in Birmingham and encountered the procession and performance. She rang the minister's daughter and told her she needed to come with her to the second day's performance. The both journeyed with The Passion Play from beginning to the resurrection scene and as a result the friend found Jesus as her saviour for the first time and the minister's daughter re-dedicated her life to Jesus!”

- Saltmine Theatre Company

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, we are very grateful to God for leading us through this unusual period of history and the challenges we faced in the light of Covid 19. The longer we have been in the pandemic the more we are aware that God is with us, has gone before us, and is meeting all our needs to accomplish the vision he has given us.

Here is some of what we achieved this year and the challenges that we met:

WORSHIP

We continued to deliver our Sunday service in person and online. We have been on a steep learning curve to adapt to new ways of delivering online and in covid safe environments.

We have added a new children's section to our 9.15am Sunday service which engages the whole church to worship in a child friendly manner (complete with actions of course!)

Our worship teams continue to produce outstanding songs keeping us up to date and on the pulse with new songs

Three new people have been added to our preaching team.

We continue to provide a Messy Church experience monthly (see **KIDS** section)

We continue to deliver a KIDS and YOUTH Sunday service ministry (now in person)

We have a flourishing Prayer Ministry team who provide prayer support at every service

We have a stronger participation in our prayer evenings which are back to meeting in person once a month

We are excited by the growth of new members; we are committed to meeting as two congregations and remaining one church. We are starting a new youth band to lead in worship and serve on our tech desk. We continue to provide online access to our services.

"A highlight for me over the last year has been when I shared a prophetic message to the congregation one Sunday morning which also challenged me and transformed my life! As a result, when I received my cancer diagnosis I was singing and praising the LORD and so full of the joy of the LORD because He has shown me that He is MY STRENGTH"

"Knowing just how many situations our Heavenly Father has intervened in and being thankful for a team of people who have stood in the gap, interceding on behalf of those who are facing challenges in life"

3

Discover. Disciple. Declare.

Three Ds at the heart of everything we do at Chawn Hill Church

Discover

We're on a journey of discovery: to discover God's story and find our story in His; to discover true meaning in life and the plans that God has for us; to discover more of God's love, power and presence in our lives.

Disciple

As we journey together, we choose to follow Jesus, His teaching, and become more like Him: to live a life of love and integrity; to grow in faith and relationship with God and encourage one another to do the same.

Declare

The more we discover God's greatness and experience His life-changing love, power and presence, the more we respond in worship, declaring His goodness through what we say and do so that others may also discover Him.

DISCIPLESHIP

- * **Our prayer day** on the first Wednesday of every month has returned to being attended in person and numbers have been very encouraging.
- * **Our Home Groups** continue to be well attended, we have ten home groups in total which are all open to new comers. We continue to meet three times a year with the leaders for development, training and feedback. **Come To The Well** also continued to meet providing monthly encouragement and discipleship for many women within the church.
- * **Both the number of regular donors, 72 on average, and the amount they gave remained stable throughout the year.**
- * **The Senior Minister is co-leading a Bonhoeffer course** designed to help us transition as a church into a disciple making church. He now sits on the leadership team for UK Bonhoeffer.
- * This year in partnership with Amblecote Christian Centre, **Chawn Hill Church has continued to deliver a Theology night for churches throughout the Black Country** which included hosting a 2 day conference in October on 'Gender Fluidity'.
- * **Early work had begun on a gap year called 'Expand'** for young people but has been delayed by a year however we continue to financially support this programme.
- * **An 'Hour of Power' is a new ministry** intended to teach God's story to our church in an engaging way that can be reproduced to reach out to others in our communities and introduce them to God's story. A **6 week course was run in the Autumn** to equip the church with experience of how to run an Hour Of Power. **We now have 5 groups operating within this model**, 2 of which are nearing the point of needing to multiply.
- * **We sent three of our people on the Bonhoeffer course**, x2 Leadership Team members and x1 Staff member

Discipleship is the major focus for us as a church in the short term. We need to re-discover the skill of making disciples. We are on our way to achieving this but we have some way to go, and we are excited about it!



NEW MINISTRY!

In an increasingly busy world our church must adapt and provide an accessible means to grow disciples. We must learn God's Story if we are going to be influenced by it and we must learn the value of prayer and how to share each other's burdens and delights. Our home groups have traditionally been a space for that and will continue to be that but for some people who don't have an evening but do have an hour –

The Hour of Power works wonderfully.

The **Hour of Power** is an hour of bringing our story of thankfulness, struggles or stress, sharing them in close community and praying together. Then discovering God and being influenced by God's Story.

If this interests you and you would like to join a group then please speak to Greg or Sara 01384 397287

"Learning that I was born into the kingdom of darkness and through Jesus Christ I have been born again into the Kingdom of Light has been the biggest highlight of the last year for me and it has TRANSFORMED my life. Now I put on the 'armour of God' everyday and pray for other people and enjoy helping with the teas and coffees on a Sunday morning "



FELLOWSHIP

- * We ran a number of well-received church events including a '**Saturday Night Takeaway and Quiz**' night led by members of our church congregation.
- * We hosted a '**Welcome Lunch**' for new attendees of our church
- * We ran a '**Weekend Away**' at Cefn Lea in mid Wales attended by over 120 people, a time for gathering, fellowship and teaching spread over 3 days. We welcomed Kathy Madavan and her husband Mark this year as our Guest Speakers.
- * **Our social groups remain active** including Chawn Wheelers, our Walking group and our new Golfing group
- * **We have continued to use an online communications tool called "Slack"** which was set up during the first lockdown of the pandemic to stay in touch with our fellowship and local community. Social groups have emerged within that that which keep us connected even beyond the Church.
- * **We continued to provide ongoing care and support** for many through times of change, loss and decision-making.
- * **We continued to deliver service offices** this year including weddings and funerals.

Our vision is to continue to structure our year of fellowship to include these and new ways to engage the church in fellowship. We look forward to a different 2022/3 where opportunities open up and our togetherness will promote our community spirit both in the church and in our communities.

"My highlight has been being together this year as a CHURCH FAMILY especially during tea and coffee time on a Sunday when the kids are running around like crazy!"

"For me the highlight of the past 12 months was being able to "WELCOME again properly", with an amazing group of people that have a serving heart for Jesus and are passionate about sharing their love to ensure that anyone who comes through the doors at Chawn instantly feels the love of Christ shining down on them in the mighty name of Jesus"



"Being the only Christian in my family it was a real blessing to be surrounded by godly people and the presence of God was truly overwhelming. I was so encouraged and inspired by Kathy the Speaker who definitely gave us food for thought sharing knowledge and wisdom of Gods word and throwing in some comedy of her life experiences as well" (Weekend Away feedback)

"Can I just say, I absolutely loved being with you guys for your church weekend away. Everyone was so welcoming and you made myself and the team feel like we were a part of the family. I've heard lots about Chawn Hill over the past 6 years I have lived in the area, and I have always wanted the chance to get to know you guys. Thank you for the invite. It would be a pleasure to work with you guys again sometime! "

Let's stay **safe**

Let's stay **together**

Let's stay **connected**

"Hi, myself and my wife visited your church today for the 11:15am meeting and I would like to say a big thank you to Greg for his warm welcome outside before the meeting started. Hopefully we'll be visiting again in the near future"



**Identity. Strength.
Character. Purpose.**

As we approach a post covid different normal these foundational attitudes will equip us to
shine like stars in our difficult world



Chawn Hill Church
**Weekend Away
2021**



KIDS

Our Sunday group Mini-Cogs (2-5s) continues to meet once a week in person. We have joined the two groups from the 9.15 and 11.15am service into one group at 9.15am to provide greater interaction with one another



Our Sunday group Xplosion (6-11s) meeting once a week in person on a Sunday. We have also joined the two groups from the 9.15 and 11.15am service into one group at 9.15am to provide greater interaction with one another

We ran a Holiday Club for children during the first week of the Summer Holiday

We helped St Mary's with their Christmas nativity scene by providing activity boxes for the children.

We ran Messy Church sessions in person providing children and their parents/ carers with songs, crafts, food & creative Bible stories every month. We also lead a Christmas and Easter Messy Church for Reception class in Ham Dingle School and an Easter Messy Church for year 1 in Rufford Primary School.

A new ministry called Time For God (T4G) was started – a group for children in years 5, 6 & 7 at school. They meet on a Thursday night twice a month. It's a time to develop friendships so they can support and encourage each other as disciples of Jesus as well as developing their relationship with God. This replaced 'Love Alive'.

We continued to run an online parents support group via WhatsApp which aids community and support

In conjunction with St Marys Oldswinford and Oldswinford Primary School we helped to run another trail from St Mary Stevens Park to St Marys Church called '**The Eggstraordinary Trail**' teaching the Easter story and culminating in a chocolate Easter egg at Chawn Hill Church

The Children's Team Leader continued to **provide 1-1 support to families in the community**

We continued to run Rainbows and **Chawn's Little Hearts** - a time and space for carers and their young children to come and make friends and enjoy a morning together. We talk with the adults and offer to pray for them in a relaxed and natural way. This is one way that Chawn can serve and connect with our wider community, families are given invitations to events held at church and are encouraged to come to our Messy Church (preparing young children to discover God).





YOUTH

After a few years when our youth work seemed to be struggling, the last 18 months have really seen a revival. We are three times bigger than we were 18 months ago. There is energy and direction with a focus to make disciples of our young generation. This has been made possible by our volunteer leaders Josh and Emily who have done an outstanding job and we are so grateful for them.

Our main youth work concentrates on;

- * Sunday mornings, with midweek gatherings for fellowship and socials.
- * Mid-week games nights
- * A new Youth band starting
- * Plans for residential weeks away with other churches.

Here is a snapshot of what the Youth have covered over the last 6 months;

- * **October 21: "Acts"**: An 8/9-week series focused on Acts. We looked at an in-depth study of Paul's missionary journeys and the early church.
- * **November 21: "With You"**: A 4-week study focused on friendship. We looked at stories of Job, Ruth, Naomi, Elijah, and Eli to see we'll see how God invites us to "be with" people when they need us most.
- * **December 21: "Good Things"**: A 3-week study on Christmas. We heard the Christmas story from the perspective of the prophets in the Old Testament, who foretold and then waited for the good things God had in store.
- * **January 22: "Distinct"**: A 4-week series focused on identity. The stories of Jesus and John the Baptist, and the words of Paul, helped us see why discovering who Jesus is helps us discover who we're meant to be.
- * **February 22: "Justice"**: A 4-week series focused on justice. The story of Joseph helped us see that justice is love in action and that, when we're wronged by others, we can hold on to hope, trust that integrity can withstand injustice, and learn to practice justice that restores what's broken.
- * **March 22: "Atomic"**: A 4-week series focused on spiritual habits. We discovered principles from Scripture that have the power to help develop tiny habits that can make a big impact.
- * **April 22: "Break Trail"**: A 5/6-week series focused on Easter. We read the stories of Jesus breaking 'new trails' and discovered that Jesus never gives up on us, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us a mission.

As we move forward with new momentum, we are excited to see what God has planned for our youth and those who serve in this ministry.

NEAR & FAR

Mission and Community engagement

While our mission and community engagement was challenged and many of our regular programs stopped running due to the pandemic, it was great to see the church rise to the occasion and seize the opportunity to serve our community once again.

- * **We delivered a Love Stourbridge day** in the absence of our usual Churches Together in Stourbridge event in the park – this was held onsite and the local community was invited. The event involved moments to Reflect, Remember and some time to consider Renewal following the losses to the pandemic over the last year, along with family fun games and a BBQ. A similar event was supported by our Senior Minister in a Stourbridge pub called The Bird In Hand.
- * **We held a Mission Weekend** with guest speaker Simon Guillebaud which was well attended and focused on the bringing of 'God's Story and Your Story Together' linking his testimonies of serving the Lord in Burundi. This also included a sit down meal, a Q&A with Simon and a talk given by him during our Sunday service.
- * **We returned to our usual Christmas performance in partnership with Saltmine Theatre Company at Stourbridge Town hall** which we run as an 'outreach' event
- * **We also hosted a Carols by Candlelight Christmas service and Christingle Service** which we invited our local community to. Both were well attended and delivered in a covid secure manner
- * In the absence of our usual Christmas Schools performance at the Town Hall **we invested in an online performance created by Riverside Performing Arts which we donated to three local primary schools so that they could hear the Christmas Story**
- * **We ran a weekly bereavement group** at for the community for 30-40 people providing essential support to the bereaved.
- * **We have started a new group for mothers and fathers who have lost a child.** We also raised funds for a new room at the local hospital for those in the horror of such an occasion
- * **We continued a mental health group every week** that met for mutual support for eight to ten people.
- * **We have eighteen people from Chawn Hill Church engaged with a local charity, volunteering with Safe Families,** many times providing love and support to families in need.



We continued to work with other churches to deliver community projects across the Stourbridge area:

- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers, **Replenish**, the Stourbridge distribution point for **Black Country Food Bank**
- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers, the **Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice**
- * We continued to support financially and with volunteers **Street Pastors** on Saturday nights to help those involved in the night-time economy
- * We started to support **Safe Families** financially and continued to support them with volunteers
- * We continued our commitment to the shared vision of **Love Black Country**, to wrap our arms around the next generation, promoting and attending their Together events along with providing financial and planning support for their upcoming Together 22 Festival at Himely Hall, Dudley

We continued our commitment to give away/invest 10% of our unrestricted income to other organisations and individuals who share our objectives:

- * **Local: Replenish/ Black Country Food Bank, Further Outlook** (headed up by Steve Buck who has witnessed much of God's grace among minorities and those who have gotten caught up in life's vices), **Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice** (helping people through financial crisis) and **Stourbridge Street Pastors**. The latter having suspended activities for 5 months due to covid meant we temporarily redirected our giving towards the **Black Country Food Bank as additional income for them.**
- * **National:** We continue our support of **Saltmine**, and added to that, we hosted a production of **Neverland** at Christmas in the Town Hall performed by them also. We also support the work of the **Newtons in Gloucester** and the **Koh's in Operation Mobilisation.**
- * **World Development:** We have sent support to an **orphanage in Uganda** and continued to support the efforts of **TESO** who work with the local church to provide fresh water to villages, bringing a real change in living standards to many people. We have also supported **'Bless'**, a mission in France among the displaced people from middle east who gather there. We also provide financial support for **Open Doors** – a ministry to the persecuted church and a Church planting team linked to **Operation Mobilisation** in Central Asia
- * **Short-Term Service & Training:** We support a year out program called **"Expand"** for 18 -25 year olds in partnership with Amblecote. Our setting up of a **Westminster Theology Center Hub** in Birmingham has been successful and we have 11 students, 3 of whom are from Chawn. We have also supported one person through a **YWAM DTS** and another who has been in a program with **UCCF.**



Serving the Community



John 14:27

"My biggest highlight of the year has been seeing our bereavement group help to raise £3k for the baby bereavement suite at Russell's Hall Hospital. They all chipped into that BEAUTIFULLY. Also, seeing the longer term attendees of our group really encourage new members within the group"

J.L.C.

Stourbridge Bereavement Support Group

"So Much Stronger Together"



Life Centre Debt Advice (LCDA) offers money management, debt advice, guidance and support to local households. Since opening, LCDA has offered support to over 270 households having a combined household debt of over £2.2 million. In **Dudley Borough, 11% of households are among the most deprived in England** and are by and large occupied by people having low financial resilience, being over indebted, and considered to be income deprived and vulnerable. **This equates to around 35,000 Dudley residents.**

Can we help you or someone you know? Perhaps you're interested in helping, or joining the team of volunteers? If you feel you are able to support us through prayer, volunteering support, or by financial gifting then please do get in touch. Your support will change lives, perhaps even your own.

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK

LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

REPLENISH FOODBANK, STOURBRIDGE

"Being able to support our clients in areas of unemployment, debt, mental health, benefits, homelessness, council tax and rent issues etc. is so important as we can refer them onto other agencies in the borough who can successfully assist them. Replenish has become even more of a gateway for many clients to access the help that they need to move forward in life"

LCDA The Challenge: Rising Household Debt, Deprivation and Poverty in the West Midlands

REPLENISH The Challenge: Going forward, more donations of food and toiletries are needed to meet the rising client numbers across the Black Country Foodbank network. At Replenish, we would also welcome 'as and when' volunteers to fill the gaps when current team members are unable to attend a session



#coronacare

NEED HELP?

Are you self-isolating and/or stuck indoors at this time due to the coronavirus? If that's you and you are feeling unconnected and isolated, and would like some support, contact us and we'll connect you with an online community group created by Chawn Hill Church where you will get support, encouragement and practical help. We have people ready, willing and able to help you at this time. All you need is an email address. Contact the church office on admin@chawnhillchurch.org.uk for more information.



*"It has been great to get back out on patrol this year even though our activity was restricted by the Pandemic to 20 patrols. We resumed in late July 2021, stopped in mid-December when the Omicron variant arrived and restarted in March 2022. When we were on patrol, we were welcomed back by the customers, the door-staff and the police. **The night-time economy is still vibrant and is attracting pre-pandemic numbers to Stourbridge...** The practical help we offer is an ongoing demonstration of the unconditional love of God to a group of people who otherwise may not experience it."*



Safe Families

SUPPORT FROM CHAWN:
 Assignments accepted: **105**
 Families supported: **64**
 Children benefitting: **191**

In Jan 22 Safe Families published their first joint report with Home for Good titled, **"More than Sundays: Realising the potential of local church communities to support children and families"** This report sets out a clear case as to why they believe that the Church across the UK has a unique and important role to play in enabling children and families who engage with the social care system to thrive. **The report is available here, do have a read, do watch their video, do get involved!**

<https://safefamilies.uk/morethansundays/>

Just as Jesus came to serve the world in which he lived (Mark 10:45), at Chawn Hill Church we also want to serve the community we belong to

STREET PASTORS The Challenge: The biggest challenge we face is recruiting new members into the patrol team. We start the new year with only 9 active members and that is too few to maintain a patrol every week. Part of the problem is that the pandemic has reduced the number of people attending churches and this has meant that some people have had to take on more responsibilities on Sunday mornings and that has limited their availability to go out on patrol

ENABLING The areas of support that enable our activities to happen

Facilities

We have undergone some **refurbishments** to our Main Church Building including the installation a **new boiler, new radiators** and a **new 70" flat screen TV** for use in our Centre Building Hall. Emily and Josh did an outstanding job **refurbishing the Youth Room** too which has added much fun and value to our young people.

We continued to resource other community groups with accessible and affordable meeting spaces. They included Slimming World, Fiona Hill Interiors, Fitbox, Drama Workshop, Primal Sounds Drumming and AA.

Human Resources

Our staff team consists of 4 members, 2 x part time and 2 x Full-Time Employees (FTE): Greg Ellis (Senior Minister, 1.0 FTE); Sara Sarjeant (Operations Manager 0.8 FTE), Emma Carling (Children's Team Leader, 1.0 FTE); Beth Farrance (Office Administrator and Finance Officer, 0.4 FTE).

Finance

Even with the impact of Covid 19 the **trustees are delighted by the level of commitment** to the church and its clear vision. **God and good governance has kept us very secure financially.** We have **healthy reserves** and **church attendees continue to be our single biggest source of income.** We also continued to make good use Gift Aid. Please see the following section for detailed accounts.

Reserves

The amount set-aside for reserves is estimated as three months of our running costs and this amounts to £51,640 which is in line with our Reserves Policy.

Finance Governance

The Finance Group, consisting of Senior Minister, Treasurer and Operations Manager, meet to review the church's finances, including the drafting of the annual budget for review and approval by the Board. The Board receives an update on the church's financial position at each of its meetings.

Policies

The trustees keep the key church policies under review and update them where appropriate and to ensure they reflect current legislation. In this period, we have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy, Facility Hire Policy, Social Media Policy, Financial Policies (including our Reserves Policy), Data Protection policy and Privacy Notice.



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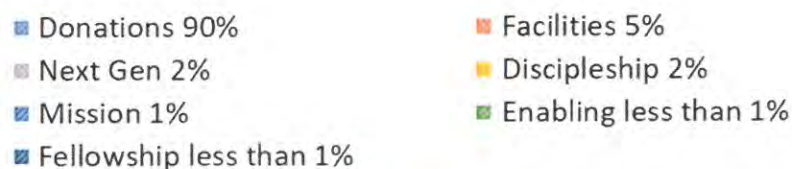
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FINANCE

Review—how are we financing our charitable objectives, vision and mission?

- **1 Spending on 'charitable activities' bounced back in 21/22** following the suspension of many activities during the previous year due to covid, **doubling from £29,939 in 20/21 to £61,174 in 21/22**. This not only reflects the continuation of a healthy income which saw a £25k increase compared to 20/21, but also our ability to hire out our facilities again and return to activities that generate an income e.g. our toddler groups, We also received a very kind donation of £8k from the closure of The Hope Centre in Halesowen which went towards our TLC and POM ministries, as well as a generous legacy donation of £3.5k, 'restricted' in use for 'propagating the gospel' as per the wishes of the donor.
- **2 Support costs significantly reduced** in 21/22 releasing more funds to spend on our charitable objectives and refurbishment works on our buildings. This was due to careful budgeting and the discontinuation of a paid Youth Team Leader role resulting in a reduction of £39,200 in spend compared to 20/21. This drop has also happened against a back drop of increased utility bills as building use increased. And all whilst still delivering a healthy level of activity. Praise God! **'Enabling' costs now make up less than 50% of our expenditure** (our Children's Team Leader salary has been coded as 'Next Gen' for the purpose of this report). Support costs have been reducing year on year and are now at the lowest level they've been in the last 5 years. Diligent governance by our Leadership Team and the generosity of those who have partnered with God and our vision has enabled this to happen. **Because of this, we have been able to build up a healthy 'reserves' fund** to aid the church charity in times of hardship or additional need, totalling £51,560, **and we've been able to increase our giving to our Near and Far ministries too!**
- **3 Giving to our Near & Far ministries increased** from 10% in 20/21 to 12% in 21/22.

INCOME ALL FUNDS



DONATION SPLIT ALL FUNDS

- Regular giving 61%
- HMRC claims 16%
- Non Regular giving 10%
- Weekend Away 7%
- Legacies, other sources less than 1%



DONATION SPLIT PER FUND

- General Fund - Unrestricted 85%
- Mercy Fund - restricted 2%
- POM fund - Designated 2%
- TLC - Designated 2%
- WilfFund - Restricted 2%
- Wkend Away Fund - Restricted 7%



General Fund: our day to day cash flow fund

Mercy Fund: one off gifts to those in need (sits within our **'Discipleship'** activities)

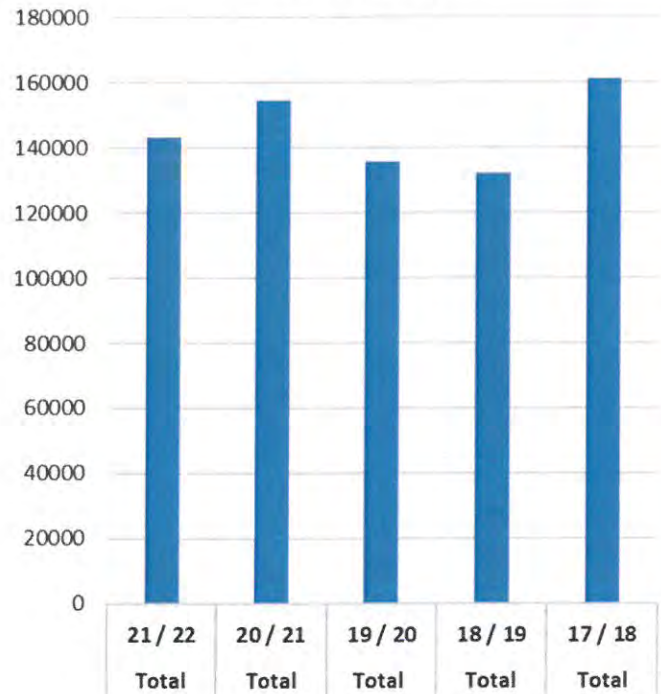
POM Fund: Peace of Mind ministry (sits within our **'Fellowship'** activities)

TLC: Bereavement ministry (sits within our **'Fellowship'** activities)

WilfFund: Legacy gift

Wkend Away Fund: our annual Church Weekend Away trip (sits within our **'Fellowship'** activities)

'UNRESTRICTED' INCOME LAST 5 YEARS

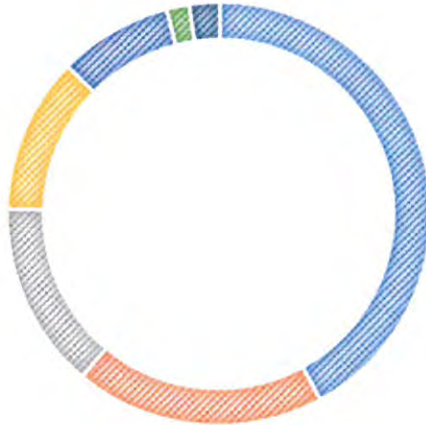


'unrestricted income' is income that has no barriers to spending by the Trustees placed on it. Donations from our church attendees fits within this category. Donations we've received with a condition attached to them e.g. to be spent on the church weekend away, to be spent on TLC or POM for example, are not included in the graph above. It is our 'unrestricted income' that enables the 'day to day' activities and costs to flow. In 20/21 we had a very generous one off gift of £8k which went into our General 'unrestricted' fund causing the uplift that you can see in the graph above. This year our one-off larger donations have fitted in within our 'designated fund' or 'restricted fund' categories depending on what the wishes of the donor were.

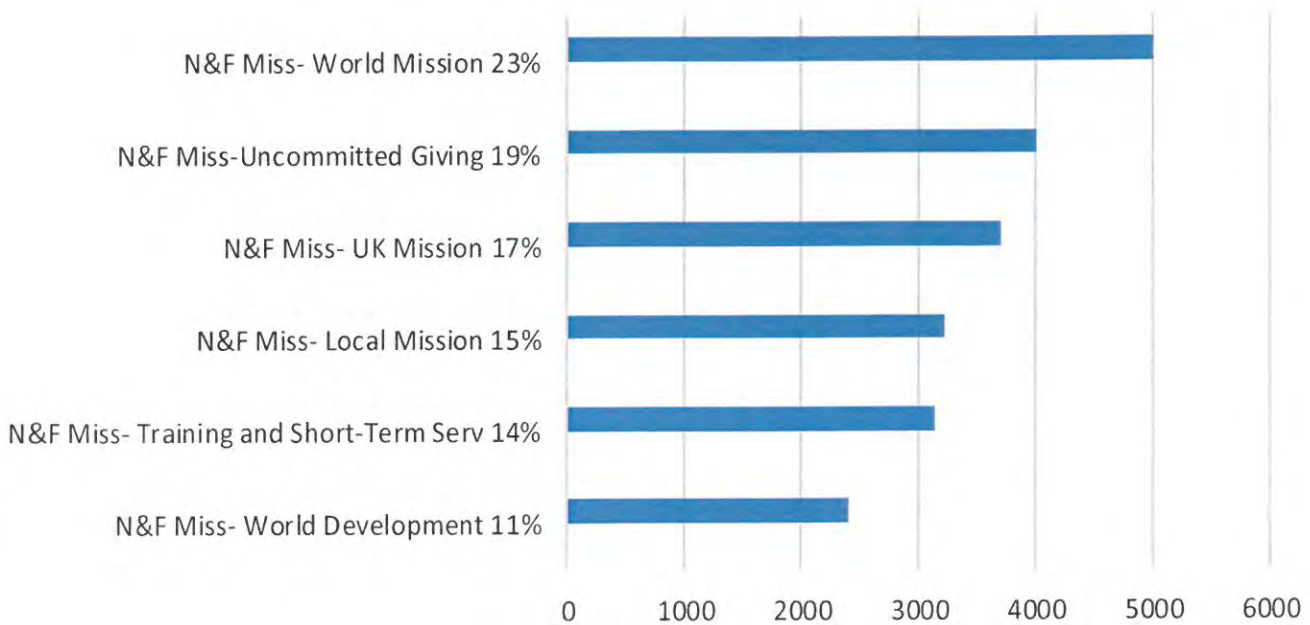
EXPENDITURE - ALL FUNDS

Our Children's Team Leader salary has been recorded as 'Next Gen' for the purpose of this chart (historically it has sat within our 'enabling' category)

- Enabling 42%
- Facilities 19%
- Next Gen 14%
- Mission 12%
- Fellowship 9%
- Sundays 2%
- Discipleship 2%



NEAR & FAR GIVING BREAKDOWN £21,460



'ENABLING' BREAKDOWN

- All staff costs 89%
- All Office 6%
- Gov 1%
- Financial Professional Fees 3%
- Safeguarding less than 1%
- Volunteers 1%

SO WHAT'S NEXT?

- * **Discipleship**—to continue our journey to becoming a disciple making church, building upon our **Hour of Power groups** and returning to delivering our well loved courses such as **Alpha** and **Freedom in Christ** in the Autumn

- * **Next Generation**

Youth— We aim to run an **Alpha summer course** and **continue having a 'big social'** at least once a quarter (over the 'warmer' months we'll be planning something like a day trip to Alton Towers and/or Go Ape!). We're also looking at the possibility of **organising trips to one or two of the events below** (more details to follow in the coming months). If you have any suggestions for events, please let us know:

- **April:** *Spring Harvest*
- **June:** *Big Church Day Out Festival*
- **June:** *Teen Street UK*
- **July:** *Creation Fest*
- **July:** *Hillsong Conference*

Kids—to create new partnerships with more local schools, to restart lunchtime clubs in the schools we have got connections with, to continue to **grow Messy Church** and we **hope to start a group for children in years 3 & 4** similar to T4G

- * **Near & Far**—to increase our giving to **13% of all General Fund donated income**, up from 10% 20/21 and **continue to discover ways** to connect and serve the communities around us
- * **Fellowship**—to partner with **LoveBlackCountry** in delivering their **Together 22 Festival event** to be held in July 22 in place of our annual Church Weekend Away, to create a new '**fellowship team**' to organise, co-ordinate and oversee this growing ministry. Creating community through fellowship to grow community.
- * **Pastoral**—to add a **part time pastoral assistant to the staff team** to increase our ability to provide good pastoral care
- * **Services**—to continue meeting as two congregations on a **Sunday, gathering once a month on the 1st Sunday of the month as one congregation** to enjoy, celebrate and grow in unity as one church

CONCLUSION

I want to start by quoting a bible verse Revelation 1v8, 'I am the Alpha and Omega - the beginning and the end', says The Lord. 'I am the one who was, and is, and is still to come - The almighty One.' My Dad was part of Chawn's leadership team while I was growing up in the 60's, 70's and 80's. He now is receiving palliative care by his loving wife Carolyn in Kent. This season makes me reflect on the faithfulness of God not only over this last year but since the church started, and the wonderful assurance faith in our Loving Heavenly Father gives us. Again from the bible,¹ John 4 verse 17, says, 'God is Love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us.'

We want the reality of God's love to be experienced by as many people in and outside our church. Our hope is that we grow from strength to strength in Declaring God's Love.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Stephen Knight

S. Knight - Chair of Trustees

Date: 18 October 2022

Lovely church who are very friendly and welcoming. My little boy loves attending the play sessions too! (Facebook comment April 2022)

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Knight

Stephen Knight, Chair of Trustees

Date 18 October 2022

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REGISTERED CHARITY (1135757) AND COMPANY BY LIMITED GUARANTEE IN ENGLAND & WALES (07215827)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHAWN HILL CHURCH
('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 29 to 38 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 31 to 32.

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 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)].

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.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall BA, CA

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: 21 October 2022

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	200,894	4,500	205,394	191,247
Charitable activities	4	15,241	-	15,241	4,389
Investments		258	-	258	355
Other income		-	-	-	120
Total income and endowments		216,393	4,500	220,893	196,111
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	221,470	6,326	227,796	220,191
Total expenditure		221,470	6,326	227,796	220,191
Net income/(expenditure)		(5,078)	(1,826)	(6,904)	(24,080)
Transfers between funds	12	(203)	203	-	(0)
Net movement in funds		(5,281)	(1,623)	(6,904)	(24,080)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		899,834	2,183	902,017	926,096
Total funds carried forward	12	894,553	560	895,113	902,017

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 31 - 38 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	815,615	-	815,615	825,408
		<u>815,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>815,615</u>	<u>825,408</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	5,118	-	5,118	5,044
Cash at bank and in hand	9	76,459	560	77,019	74,204
		81,577	560	82,137	79,247
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
	10	(2,640)	-	(2,640)	(2,640)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>78,937</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>79,497</u>	<u>76,607</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>894,552</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>895,112</u>	<u>902,015</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>894,552</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>895,112</u>	<u>902,015</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	12				
General funds		839,216	-	839,216	843,036
Designated funds		55,336	-	55,336	56,797
		<u>894,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>894,552</u>	<u>899,833</u>
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>2,182</u>
		<u>894,552</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>895,112</u>	<u>902,015</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

S Knight

S Knight - Chair of Trustees

Date: 18 October 2022

Company number: 07215827

Charity number: 1135757

The notes on page 31 - 38 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered how Covid-19 might affect projections.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.
- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from youth, children's and other events and courses as well as rent of the church premises.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

Other income comprises gains arising from the disposal of tangible fixed assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2 Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- i) The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.

3 Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	175,040	157,461
Legacies receivable	(3,577)	-
Income tax recoverable	33,932	33,786
	<u>205,394</u>	<u>191,247</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Church retreats and events	3,456	520
Rental income	11,705	3,870
Book sales	80	-
	<u>15,241</u>	<u>4,389</u>

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5 Charitable expenditure

	2022	2021
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Staff	102,540	129,653
Fellowship	18,730	81
Discipleship	5,517	1,500
Next Generation	7,849	2,995
Worship	3,809	2,792
Enabling	1,264	1,481
Mission we do	4,061	3,229
Grants payable: Mission we fund (note 5c)	21,460	19,215
	<u>165,229</u>	<u>160,946</u>

5 Charitable expenditure (continued)

	2022	2021
	£	£
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,640	2,640
Other	1,743	877
	<u>4,383</u>	<u>3,517</u>
Facilities	40,137	37,974
Office	6,966	6,931
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,081	10,824
	<u>62,567</u>	<u>59,245</u>

Total expenditure

	<u>227,796</u>	<u>220,191</u>
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The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £2,640 (2021: £2,640); in addition the charity received no other services and paid £nil (2021: £nil) to Stewardship for other services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions	Individuals	2022
	£	£	£
Training and Short-Term Service	2,300	4,840	7,140
UK Mission	2,980	720	3,700
World Mission	4,800	200	5,000
World Development	2,400	-	2,400
Local Mission	3,220	-	3,220
	<u>15,700</u>	<u>5,760</u>	<u>21,460</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2021
	£	£	£
Training and Short-Term Service	3,619	300	3,919
UK Mission	2,500	720	3,220
World Mission	4,140	1,120	5,260
World Development	3,486	-	3,486
Local Mission	3,330	-	3,330
	<u>17,075</u>	<u>2,140</u>	<u>19,215</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Open Doors	1,200	720
Teso	2,400	2,800
Saltmine	2,500	2,500
Black Country Foodbank	1,120	1,320
Operation Mobilisation	2,400	2,400
Amblecote Christian Centre	2,300	3,500
Bless Network	1,200	720
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	2,580	3,115
	<u>15,700</u>	<u>17,075</u>

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2021: 7). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff outlined in the Trustees' Annual Report. During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £64,495 (2021: £63,854).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2022 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	859,466	42,754	902,220
Additions	-	1,288	1,288
At 31 March 2022	<u>859,466</u>	<u>44,042</u>	<u>903,508</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	42,973	33,839	76,812
Charge for the year	8,595	2,486	11,081
At 31 March 2022	<u>51,568</u>	<u>36,325</u>	<u>87,893</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	<u>807,898</u>	<u>7,717</u>	<u>815,615</u>
At 1 April 2021	<u>816,493</u>	<u>8,915</u>	<u>825,408</u>

8 Debtors: Falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Tax recoverable	3,492	3,481
Prepayments and accrued income	1,626	1,563
	<u>5,118</u>	<u>5,044</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	25,378	22,820
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	51,641	51,383
	<u>77,019</u>	<u>74,204</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	2,640	2,640

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £7,231 (2021: £8,142) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2021: £nil).

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Gains and losses 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
a) Church weekend away	666	13,287	(14,454)	500	-	-
b) Reserve requirement	51,383	258	-	-	-	51,641
c) Church refurbishment	1,935	-	(1,935)	-	-	-
d) Near and Far mission giving	2,812	-	(21,460)	17,438	-	(1,210)
e) POM Fund	-	4,196	(539)	(500)	-	3,157
f) TLC Fund	-	3,880	(2,132)	-	-	1,748
	<u>56,797</u>	<u>21,620</u>	<u>(40,520)</u>	<u>17,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,336</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>843,037</u>	<u>194,772</u>	<u>(180,950)</u>	<u>(17,641)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>839,217</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>899,834</u>	<u>216,393</u>	<u>(221,470)</u>	<u>(203)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>894,553</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
a) St Michaels Youth Community	-	-	-	-	-	-
b) Youth & Children's Fund	1,228	-	(1,019)	-	-	209
c) Food Bank - Stourbridge (Replenish)	-	-	(0)	-	-	-
d) Hark Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-
e) Centre Refurbishment Fund	704	-	(704)	-	-	-
f) Youth Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
g) Mercy	251	4,500	(4,603)	203	-	351
	<u>2,182</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>(6,326)</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>902,016</u>	<u>220,893</u>	<u>(227,796)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>895,113</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	815,615	-	-	815,615
Debtors	5,118	-	-	5,118
Cash at bank and in hand	21,123	55,336	560	77,019
Creditors falling due within one year	(2,640)	-	-	(2,640)
	<u>839,216</u>	<u>55,336</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>895,112</u>

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Gains and losses 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
a) Church weekend away	666	-	-	-	-	666
b) Reserve requirement	-	344	-	51,039	-	51,383
c) Church refurbishment	-	-	(18,065)	20,000	-	1,935
d) Near and Far mission giving	-	-	(19,065)	21,877	-	2,812
e) POM Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
f) TLC Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>666</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>(37,129)</u>	<u>92,916</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,797</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>915,154</u>	<u>194,526</u>	<u>(173,619)</u>	<u>(93,024)</u>		<u>843,037</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>915,820</u>	<u>194,870</u>	<u>(210,748)</u>	<u>(108)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>899,834</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
a) St Michaels Youth Community	140	-	(140)	-	-	-
b) Youth & Children's Fund	349	250	-	628	-	1,228
c) Food Bank - Stourbridge (Replenish)	279	3	(281)	-	-	-
d) Hark Schools	-	363	(363)	-	-	-
e) Centre Refurbishment Fund	2,979	-	(2,275)	-	-	704
f) Youth Investment Fund	6,075	-	(5,446)	(628)	-	-
g) Mercy	455	626	(939)	108	-	251
	<u>10,276</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>(9,443)</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,182</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>926,096</u>	<u>196,111</u>	<u>(220,191)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>902,016</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	825,408	-	-	825,408
Debtors	5,044	-	-	5,044
Cash at bank and in hand	15,224	56,797	2,182	74,204
Creditors falling due within one year	(2,640)	-	-	(2,640)
	<u>843,036</u>	<u>56,797</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>902,015</u>

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12 Funds (continued)

Designated unds

- a) The balance refers to a money donated to and spent on the church weekend away.
- b) The balance retained within general funds to meet the reserve policy
- c) Money set aside for planned church refurbishment work.
- d) Money set aside for planned giving to other organisations in support of achieving our aims.
- e) The POM fund is for Peace of Mind, an initiative to support mental health.
- f) The TLC fund is money set aside to be spent on bereavement support.

Restricted funds

- a) Income and expenditure for the St Michaels Youth Community.
- b) Funds given and expended for Youth and Children's work.
- c) Monies collected and donated to Black Country in support of the foodbank.
- d) A restricted fund specifically for showing Saltmine's play 'Hark' to those attending our local schools.
- e) A restricted fund specifically for the refurbishment of the church centre.

A restricted fund specifically for or the development & running of 4 youth clubs in the borough. This has been incorporated into the youth and children fund for ongoing work in this category.

- f) the youth and children fund for ongoing work in this category.
- g) Money given and paid to meet an individuals specific needs.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £12,261 (2021: £11,400) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) Lynne Tilby, who is a trustee, was paid £nil (2021: £793) for providing cleaning services to the charity.
- c) No expenses (2021: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- a) paid £1,063 (2021: £2,048) to Visual Advance for websites & publicity media services. Mark Titheridge, who is a trustee is a director Visual Advance.

No amounts were owed (2021: £nil) by the charity at the balance sheet date.

Except as disclosed in note 6 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

14 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	179,532	21,363	4,500	205,394	190,005	-	1,241	191,247
Charitable activities	4	15,241	-	-	15,241	4,389	-	-	4,389
Investments		-	258	-	258	11	344	-	355
Other income		-	-	-	-	120	-	-	120
Total income and endowments		194,772	21,620	4,500	220,893	194,526	344	1,241	196,111
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	180,950	40,520	6,326	227,796	173,619	37,129	9,443	220,191
Total Expenditure		180,950	40,520	6,326	227,796	173,619	37,129	9,443	220,191
Net income/(expenditure)		13,822	(18,900)	(1,826)	(6,904)	20,907	(36,785)	(8,201)	(24,080)
Transfers between funds	12	(17,641)	17,438	203	-	(93,024)	92,916	108	(0)
Net movement in funds		(3,819)	(1,461)	(1,623)	(6,904)	(72,117)	56,131	(8,093)	(24,080)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		843,037	56,797	2,183	902,017	915,154	666	10,276	926,096
Total funds carried forward	12	839,217	55,336	560	895,113	843,037	56,797	2,183	902,017

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number: 07215827

Registered Charity number: 1135757

Registered Office

Chawn Hill Church
Chawn Hill
Stourbridge
West Midlands
DY9 7JD

Trustees/Directors

M Titheridge
S Knight
L Tilby
M Swart (retired January 2021)
B Hole
C Anderson

Independent Examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined in the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Trustees

The Trustees are legally responsible for the charity which includes ensuring compliance with statutory obligations, maintenance of the buildings, policies, and financial oversight. The Trustees of the charitable company during this period were:

Mr Max Swart (retired January 2021)
Mr Mark Titheridge
Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Miss Brenda Hole
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mrs Catherine Anderson

The Leadership Team

The Leadership Team consist of trustees and two staff members, the Senior Minister and the Operations Manager. This year we have added the presence of Alex Sutton on a 'Joshua Journey', designed to raise up new leaders, not in an official leadership capacity but present and contributing to our discussions. The Joshua Journey is limited to a two-year period.

The Leadership Team meet in two capacities, four times a year as trustees and twelve times a year as a church leadership.

The Leadership Team provide the spiritual direction and leadership of the church and are responsible for its vision, values and practices. The Leadership Team during this period were:

Mr Greg Ellis (Senior Minister)
Mr Stephen Knight (Chair)
Mrs Lynne Tilby
Mr Mark Titheridge
Miss Brenda Hole
Mr Max Swart (retired January 2021)
Mrs Catherine Anderson
Mrs Sara Sarjeant (Operations Manager)
Mr Alex Sutton (Joshua Journey)

Treasurer

Malcolm Moss has continued to fulfil the post of Treasurer throughout this period.

Public Benefit

The trustees have continued to take due regard of the Charity Commission's guidance related to public benefit, and the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion. The benefits arising from the church's activities continue to be related solely to the charity's objectives as confirmed by the review set out in this report.

OBJECTIVES AND VISION

Objectives

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit. The trustees must use the income and may use the capital, including the property, of the church in promoting the objects.

Vision

The church's vision is to bring God's Story and Your Story Together.

To be a community of people loved by God who love God and in turn love the world and all who are in it. 1 John 4:11

A community of people in whom God dwells and lives by His Spirit. Eph 2:22

Mission

Our mission as a church is to play our part in making Christ known to all people, through a structure of discovery, discipleship and declaration, enabling everyone to become fully devoted followers of Christ and helping to transform communities.

Bringing God's Story and Your Story Together through Discovery, Discipleship and Declaration.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, we are very grateful to God for leading us through this unusual period of history and the challenges we faced in the light of Covid 19. The longer we have been in the pandemic the more we are aware that God is with us, has gone before us and is meeting all our needs to accomplish the vision he has given us.

Here is some of what we achieved this year and the challenges that we met;

1. Fellowship

- We ran a number of well-received church events online including a Saturday Night Takeaway and Quiz' night led by one of our youth members.
- We continued to provide ongoing care and support for many through times of change, loss and decision making.
- We continued to deliver pastoral offices this year including wedding vow renewals and funerals.
- We encouraged 'Emmaus' walks - walking one on one to keep connected and encouraging each other.
- We installed an online communications tool called "Slack" and social groups have emerged within that that keep us connected even beyond the Church.

Our vision is to continue to structure our year of fellowship to include these and new ways to engage the church in fellowship. We look forward to a different 2021/2 where opportunities open up and our togetherness will promote our community spirit both in the church and in our communities.

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2. Worship

- We continued to deliver our Sunday service. We have been on a steep learning curve to adapt to new ways of delivering, online and in covid safe environments.
- We have a stronger participation in our prayer evenings on Zoom.
- Our worship teams have produced outstanding videos of songs keeping us up to date and on the pulse.
- One new person to our preaching team.
- We have invested in a new sound system to accommodate the church refurbishment in readiness for our re-opening.
- We continue to provide a Messy Church online and in person (when allowed) experience monthly.
- We are delivering a children's service online.

Our challenge going forward will be influenced by the return dates and people's willingness to engage in person.

3. Mission and community engagement

While our mission and community engagement was challenged and many of our regular programs stopped running due to the pandemic it was great to see the church rise to the occasion and cease the opportunity to serve our community.

- In October half term we ran a holiday club for children up to the age of eleven
- In the absence of our usual Christmas performances in partnership with Saltmine Theatre Company at Stourbridge Town hall, we took a lead from a filmed version of one of their productions Hark. We delivered this online opportunity to children in four local primary schools and we delivered 250 single bags containing this production to friends and families in the community.
- We ran the nationally-acclaimed Alpha Course online, ten people booked up.
- We ran a weekly bereavement group at for the community that was well attended at 30-40 people. This stopped during the first lockdown but has run since the re-opening providing essential support to the bereaved.
- We continued a mental health group every week that met for mutual support for eight to ten people.
- We have eighteen people from Chawn Hill Church engaged with a local charity, volunteering with Safe Families, many times providing love and support to families in need.
- We continued to work with other churches to deliver community projects across the Stourbridge area:
 - We continued to support financially and with volunteers, Replenish, the Stourbridge distribution point for Black Country Food Bank
 - We continued to support financially and with volunteers, the Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice
 - We continued to support financially and with volunteers Street Pastors on Saturday nights to help those involved in the night-time economy.
 - We facilitated and volunteered in a food – needs ministry during the first lockdown getting medicine and other essentials to people in our community.
 - We did a leaflet drop to let everyone in our neighbourhood to say that we were here, that we'd ring and chat to lonely folks and to let us know in what ways we could serve them. This has provided several opportunities to be of help for which we are grateful.

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Our vision is to increase giving in 2021/2 to those activities due to the generous donations of our members.

- We continued our commitment to giving away/invest 10% of our unrestricted income to other organisations and individuals who share our objectives:
 - Local: Replenish/ Black Country Food Bank, Lookout Project, Stourbridge Life Centre Debt Advice, Stourbridge and Street Pastors. The latter having closed in covid meant we have added it to our giving towards the Black Country Food Bank.
 - National: Saltmine Trust, Ben and Faith mission to Gloucester.
 - World Development: The Teso Development Trust's joint work in the Teso district of Uganda which provides fresh water, 'Bless' a mission in France among the displaced people from middle east who gather there.
 - We made a donation to an emergency ministry in Uganda to an Orphanage that was damaged in floods.
 - Short-Term Service & Training: YWAM, Ugandan NGO work, Bella Bennewith in Holland, Lydia Orrell in YWAM
 - Open Doors – a ministry to the persecuted church
 - WTC – a new hub in Birmingham for theological training.

We didn't give away the full 10% this year but have added the money into this year's mission budget. Our Near and Far group are well on the way in its re-establishment and the ministries we give to are more closely aligned with our own missional statements.

4. Discipleship

- Inspired by the Northumbria Community and the 24-7 Prayer Movement, we continued with our rhythm of iPray, comprising Daily Office (Mon-Fri, 6-7am). The challenges of covid have meant a staggered starting and stopping according to Government guidelines.
- Our prayer day on the first Wednesday of every month has become a prayer meeting on Zoom. Numbers have been very encouraging.
- We held a vigil from 12am – 3am in March that spoke into the life of our church.
- Both the number of regular donors, 72 on average, & the amount they gave remained stable throughout the year.
- Our Home Groups have a new look are well attended, we have ten home groups in total, all are open to new comers and we continue to meet three times a year with the leaders for development training and feedback.
- The Senior Minister is co-leading a Bonhoeffer course designed to help us transition as a church into a disciple making church. He has been invited to sit on the leadership of UK Bonhoeffer.
- This year in partnership with Amblecote Christian Centre, Chawn Hill Church has continued to deliver a Theology night for churches throughout the Black Country.
- Early work had begun on a gap year called 'Expand' for young people but has been delayed by a year.
- An 'Hour of Power' is a new ministry intended to teach God's story to our church in an engaging way that can be reproduced to reach out to others in our communities and introduce them to God's story.
- We sent two of our people on the Bonhoeffer course.

5. Young People and Children (Next Generation)

Youth

Probably the biggest hit to our ministry has been in the area of our youth work. We had to make the post of Youth Team Leader redundant this year due to the closure of our youth works and the lack of funding available through the grant system that previously helped to fund the post. However;

- We have continued to serve our youth in the church through a team of volunteers
- Sunday morning meetings included the Alpha course
- Mid-week games nights online
- Youth team members serving the local foodbank
- An online summer international gathering was held

Children

- Mini-Cogs (2-5s) we have developed an online version of Mini-Cogs with George and Dan two puppets that have carried the young children into the wonderful discovery of God.
- Xplosion (6-11s) a similar online ministry age appropriate was developed and moved to Zoom on a Sunday afternoon.
- We ran a Holiday Club for children during October half term
- We set up a Christmas trail from a local park to local church called 'Follow The Star' in conjunction with another local church and primary school teaching the Christmas story
- We ran Messy Church sessions online and in person (when we were allowed), providing children and their parents/ carers with songs, crafts, food & creative Bible stories every month online. We also delivered Messy Church online to Ham Dingle Primary School during Christmas and Easter
- We ran a discipleship group for girls in years 5 and 6 called Love Alive over Zoom looking at the Freedom In Christ course for kids.
- We provided bags of blessing for families during October Half Term and Christmas, for mother's for Mother's Day and kept in touch with all of our known our families during the first lockdown with Easter cards.
- We set up an online parents support group via WhatsApp which aids community and support
- In conjunction with St Marys Oldswinford and Oldswinford Primary School we helped to run another trail from St Mary Stevens Park to St Marys Church called 'The Eggstraordinary Trail' teaching the easter story and culminating in a chocolate easter egg at Chawn Hill Church
- 'Story Time' with children under five years old was held during lockdown via Zoom
- The Children's Team Leader also provided 1-1 support to families during the lockdowns too

6. Enabling

Facilities

- We continued to resource other community groups with accessible and affordable meeting spaces. They included: Slimming World, Fiona Hill Interiors, Fitness, Drama Workshop and Drumming Voice
- We have undergone some refurbishments to our main church facility.

Human Resources

- The most significant HR development was making the post of Youth Team Leader redundant and the completion of our contract with Phase Trust to provide youth work in the community.

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- Our staff team consists of 3.2 Full-Time employees (FTE): Greg Ellis (Senior Minister, 1.0 FTE); Sara Sarjeant (Operations Manager 0.8 FTE), Emma Carling (Children's Team Leader, 1.0 FTE); Emily Stancombe (Office Administrator and Finance Officer, 0.4 FTE)

Finance

- See the following detailed accounts.
- We had an increase in giving this year, even with the impact of Covid 19 the trustees are delighted by the level of commitment to the church and its clear vision. God and good governance has kept us very secure financially. We have healthy reserves and our expenditure has only exceeded our income by the investment we have made to renew our sound desk and refurbish our main facility. Church attendees continue to be our single biggest source of income. We also continued to make good use Gift Aid.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Bank Balances

- The reduction in the bank balances of 23.4% reflects the costs of refurbishment, the winding up of the youth work funded by grants from the Phase Trust & redundancy payments to two members of the youth team.
- We started using designated funds to manage our finances & this explains the shift in money from the unrestricted general fund to our designated funds.

Bank balances by fund type	2019/20	2020/21	Change	%Change
Unrestricted funds	£92,692	£15,224	-£77,468	-83.6%
Designated funds	£666	£56,797	£55,131	8,424.5%
Restricted funds	£10,276	£2,181	-£8,095	-78.8%
Totals	£103,634	£74,204	-£29,430	-28.4%

- We kept the grant funding for the youth work separate from the other funds.

Bank balances by ownership	2019/20	2020/21	Change	%Change
Chawn Hill Church funds	£97,420	£74,204	-£23,216	-23.8%
Grant funded Youth Work funds	£6,214	£0.00	-£6,214	
Totals	£103,634	£74,204	-£29,430	-23.4%

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Fund Balances

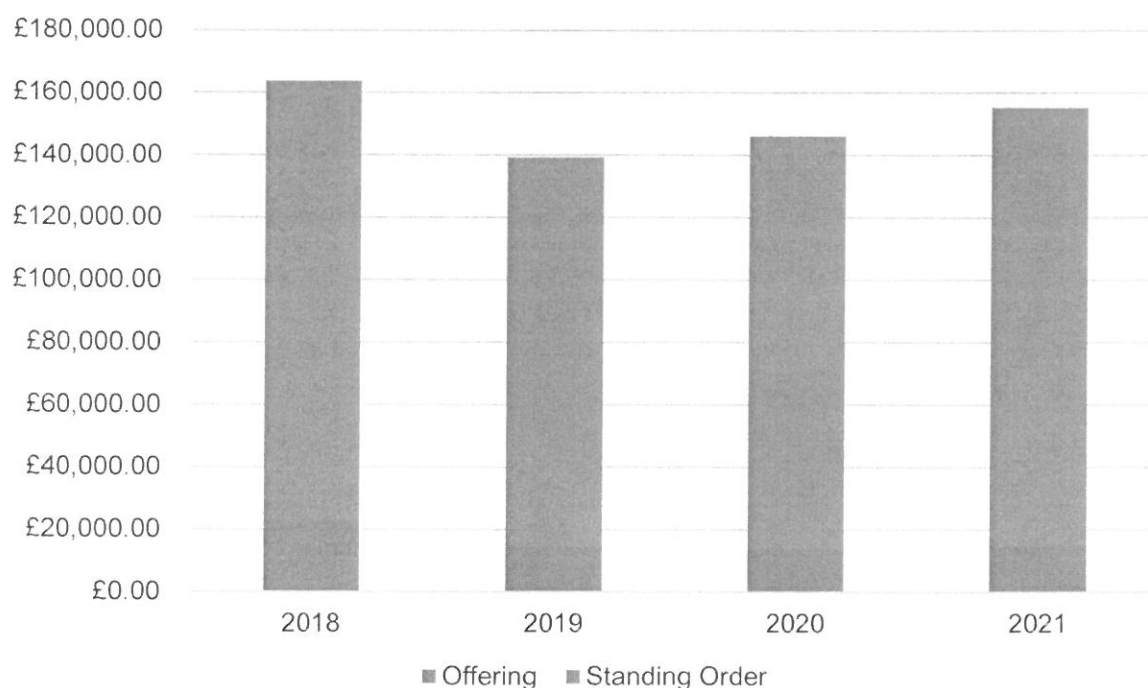
- o This is the full breakdown of the fund balances for the last two years: -

Fund balances	2020	2021
Agency	£0.36	£0.00
Chawn Hill	£97,419.22	£74,203.58
Designated	£666.28	£56,797.31
Church Weekend Away	£666.28	£666.28
Reserves - 90 days requirement		£51,383.46
Mission - Near & Far Giving		£2,812.12
ChurchRefurb2020		£1,935.45
Restricted	£4,061.78	£2,182.58
Mission - Replenish (Stourbridge) Food Bank	£278.76	£0.26
Facilities - Refurbishment Fund	£2,978.60	£704.10
Mercy Fund	£455.00	£250.71
CHC Youth and Children Fund	£349.42	£1,227.51
Unrestricted	£92,692.04	£15,223.69
General fund	£41,692.04	£15,223.69
Reserves - 90 days requirement	£51,000.00	£0.00
Youth Works	£6,214.11	£0.00
Restricted	£6,214.11	£0.00
Youth - St Michaels Youth Club	£139.56	£0.00
Youth Investment Fund	£6,074.55	£0.00
Grand Total	£103,633.69	£74,203.58

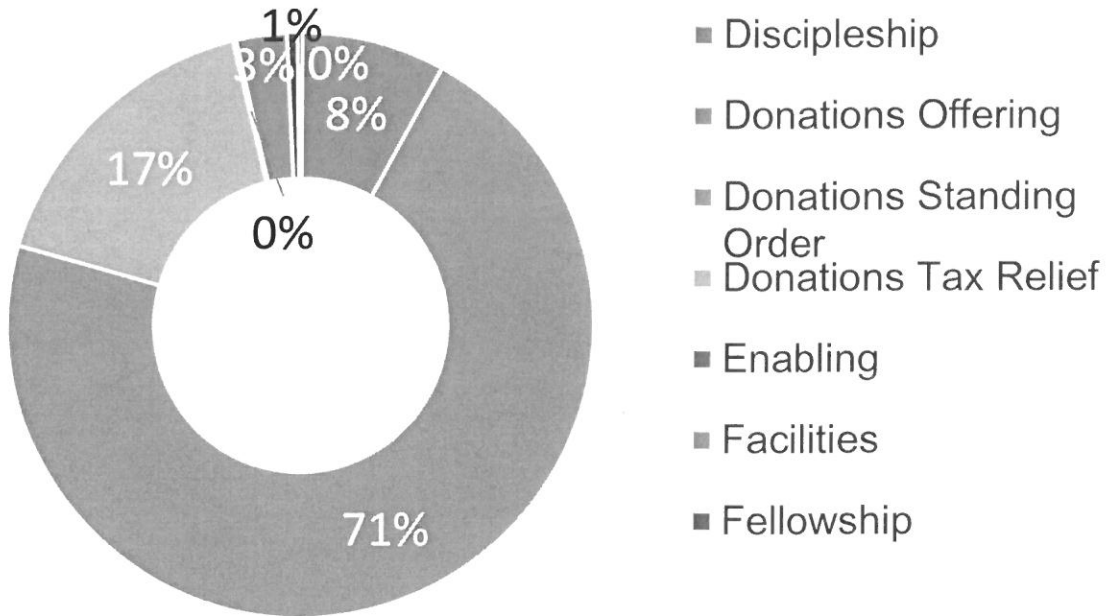
Donations

- o Donations increased by 6.3% this year and this is the third year of growth.

Unrestricted donations from April 2017

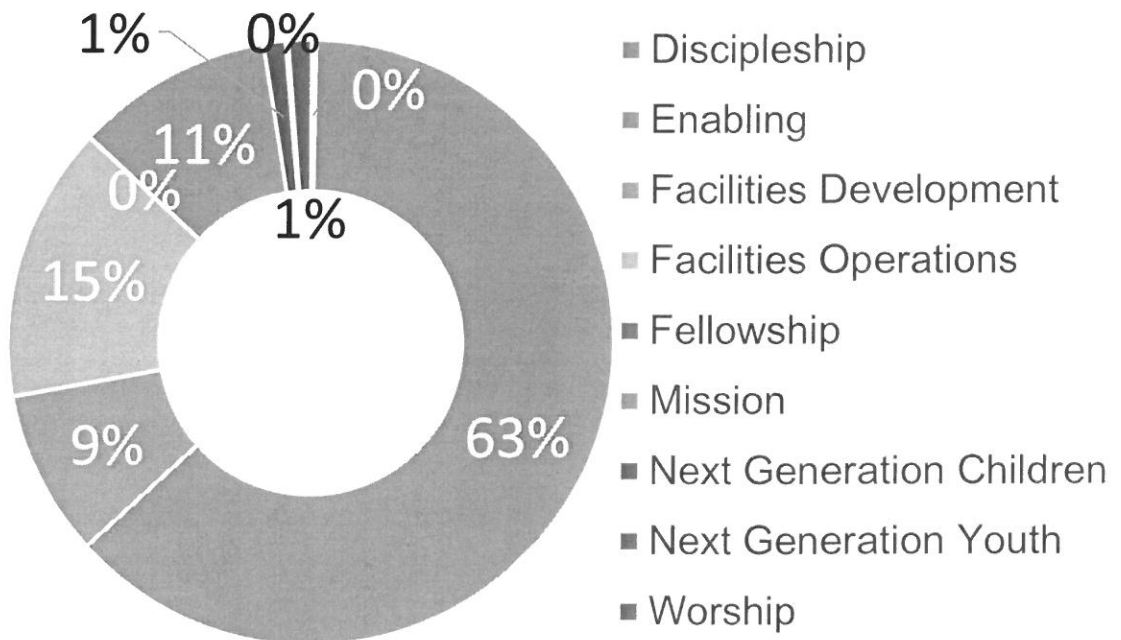


Income for the Chawn Hill Group of funds



Expenditure for the Chawn Hill Group of funds

o The payroll costs were higher than normal this year at 57% of total expenditure.



Reserves

The amount set-aside for reserves is estimated as three months of our running costs and this amounts to £51,000 in line with our Reserves Policy.

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Finance Governance

The Finance Group, consisting of Senior Minister, Treasurer and Operations Manager, meet to review the church's finances, including the drafting of the annual budget for review and approval by the Board. The Board receives an update on the church's financial position at each of its meetings.

POLICIES

The trustees keep the key church policies under review and update them where appropriate and to ensure they reflect current legislation.

In this period, we have reviewed our Safeguarding Policy, created a Health and Safety Handbook to complement our Health and Safety Policy and have reviewed all of our Financial Policies. We have also created a Social Media Policy.

Responsibilities of trustees under company law

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.

CONCLUSION

I conclude my seventh report as Chair of Trustees wanting to give thanks to God for all the lives that have been touched by God's love at and through Chawn Hill Church and the growing acts of love and service that take place throughout the year. ***'There are so many other things Jesus did. If they were all written down, each of them, one by one, I can't imagine a world big enough to hold such a library of books.'*** John 21:25

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


.....
S. Knight - Chair of Trustees

Date: 14th December 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHAWN HILL CHURCH
('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 12 to 21 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 15.

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').

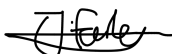
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

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.



Jacob Farley ACA

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: 15 December 2021

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations	3	190,005	1,241	191,247	236,931
Charitable activities	4	4,389	-	4,389	26,761
Investments		355	-	355	509
Other income		120	-	120	150
Total income and endowments		<u>194,870</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>196,111</u>	<u>264,351</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	210,748	9,443	220,191	253,592
Total expenditure		<u>210,748</u>	<u>9,443</u>	<u>220,191</u>	<u>253,592</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(15,878)</u>	<u>(8,201)</u>	<u>(24,080)</u>	<u>10,759</u>
Transfers between funds	13	(108)	108	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(15,986)</u>	<u>(8,093)</u>	<u>(24,080)</u>	<u>10,759</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		915,820	10,276	926,096	915,337
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>899,834</u>	<u>2,183</u>	<u>902,017</u>	<u>926,096</u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 14 - 21 form part of these accounts.

CHAWN HILL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	825,408	-	825,408	825,087
		<u>825,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>825,408</u>	<u>825,087</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	5,044	-	5,044	4,412
Cash at bank and in hand	10	72,021	2,182	74,204	103,634
		77,065	2,182	79,247	108,045
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,640)	-	(2,640)	(7,038)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>74,425</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>76,607</u>	<u>101,008</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>899,833</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>902,015</u>	<u>926,095</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>899,833</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>902,015</u>	<u>926,095</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	13				
General funds		843,036	-	843,036	915,153
Designated funds		56,797	-	56,797	666
		<u>899,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>899,833</u>	<u>915,819</u>
Restricted Funds		-	2,182	2,182	10,276
		<u>899,833</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>902,015</u>	<u>926,095</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

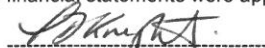
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:


 S Knight - Chair of Trustees

Date: 14th December 2021

Company number: 07215827

Charity number: 1135757

The notes on page 14 - 21 form part of these accounts.

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1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered how Covid-19 might affect projections.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from youth, children's and other events and courses as well as rent of the church premises.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

Other income comprises gains arising from the disposal of tangible fixed assets.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- i) The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.

3 Donations

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	157,461	161,788
Other grants receivable	-	36,649
Income tax recoverable	33,786	38,494
	<u>191,247</u>	<u>236,931</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Church retreats and events	520	11,440
Rental income	3,870	15,321
	<u>4,389</u>	<u>26,761</u>

5 Charitable expenditure

a) **Costs incurred directly on specific activities**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff	129,653	143,559
Fellowship	81	1,908
Discipleship	462	794
Next Generation	2,995	9,723
Worship	2,792	4,804
Enabling	1,481	2,298
Mission we do	3,229	7,862
Grants payable: Mission we fund (note 5c)	20,253	16,764
	<u>160,946</u>	<u>187,712</u>

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5	Charitable expenditure (continued)	2021	2020
b	Costs incurred on support & administration	£	£
	Governance costs		
	Independent examiner's fee	2,640	2,640
	Other	877	665
		<u>3,517</u>	<u>3,305</u>
	Facilities	37,974	44,749
	Office	6,931	9,231
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10,824	8,595
		<u>59,245</u>	<u>65,879</u>
	Total expenditure	<u>220,191</u>	<u>253,592</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £2,640 (2020: £2,640); in addition the charity received no other services and paid £nil (2020: £nil) to Stewardship for other services.

c	Grants payable	Institutions	Individuals	2021
		£	£	£
	Mercy Fund	100	939	1,039
	Training and Short-Term Service	3,619	300	3,919
	UK Mission	2,500	720	3,220
	World Mission	4,140	1,120	5,260
	World Development	3,486	-	3,486
	Local Mission	3,330	-	3,330
		<u>17,175</u>	<u>3,079</u>	<u>20,253</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2020
	£	£	£
Mercy Fund	-	1,000	1,000
Training and Short-Term Service	-	850	850
UK Mission	5,000	720	5,720
World Mission	-	638	638
World Development	3,720	-	3,720
Local Mission	4,836	-	4,836
	<u>13,556</u>	<u>3,208</u>	<u>16,764</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Tear fund	-	2,400
Teso	2,800	600
Saltmine	2,500	2,500
Youth for Christ	-	2,500
Riverside	150	1,650
Black Country Foodbank	1,320	600
Operation Mobilisation	2,400	-
Amblecote Christian Centre	3,500	-
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	4,505	3,306
	<u>17,175</u>	<u>13,556</u>

6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 7 (2020: 7). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff outlined in the Trustees' Annual Report. During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £63,854 (2020: £61,399).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

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7 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities, which it banks and then pays out to these charities. This income is received as agent for these other charities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for one (2020: five) other charities and, in that capacity:

- a) received £150 (2020: £898) and paid £150 (2020: £1,488)
- b) at the year end the charity owed £nil (2020: £nil) in agency balances

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2021 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	859,466	32,610	892,076
Additions	-	11,144	11,144
Disposals	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
At 31 March 2021	<u>859,466</u>	<u>42,754</u>	<u>902,220</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	34,379	32,610	66,989
Charge for the year	8,595	2,229	10,824
Eliminated on disposal	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
At 31 March 2021	<u>42,973</u>	<u>33,839</u>	<u>76,812</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	<u>816,493</u>	<u>8,915</u>	<u>825,408</u>
At 1 April 2020	<u>825,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>825,087</u>

9 Debtors: Falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Tax recoverable	3,481	2,853
Prepayments and accrued income	1,563	1,558
	<u>5,044</u>	<u>4,412</u>

10 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	22,820	52,595
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	51,383	51,039
	<u>74,204</u>	<u>103,634</u>

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Taxation and social security	-	2,472
Accruals	2,640	4,566
	<u>2,640</u>	<u>7,038</u>

12 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £8,142 (2020: £8,898) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2020: £nil).

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13 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Gains and losses 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
a) Church weekend away	666	-	-	-	-	666
b) Reserve requirement	-	344	-	51,039	-	51,383
c) Church refurbishment	-	-	(18,065)	20,000	-	1,935
d) Near and Far mission giving	-	-	(19,065)	21,877	-	2,812
	666	344	(37,129)	92,916	-	56,797
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	915,154	194,526	(173,619)	(93,024.0)		843,037
Total Unrestricted Funds	915,820	194,870	(210,748)	(108)	-	899,834
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
a) St Johns Youth Community	-	-	-	-	-	-
b) St Michaels Youth Community	140	-	(140)	-	-	-
c) Youth & Children's Fund	349	250	-	628	-	1,228
d) Food Bank - Stourbridge (Replenish)	279	3	(281)	-	-	-
e) Food Bank - Black Country	-	-	-	-	-	-
f) Hark Schools	-	363	(363)	-	-	-
g) Centre Refurbishment Fund	2,979	-	(2,275)	-	-	704
h) The Loft lottery grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
i) Youth Investment Fund	6,075	-	(5,446)	(628)	-	-
j) Mercy	455	626	(939)	108	-	251
	10,276	1,241	(9,443)	108	-	2,182
Aggregate of funds	926,096	196,111	(220,191)	-	-	902,016

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	825,408	-	-	825,408
Debtors	5,044	-	-	5,044
Cash at bank and in hand	15,224	56,797	2,182	74,204
Creditors falling due within one year	(2,640)	-	-	(2,640)
	843,036	56,797	2,182	902,015

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13 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2020 £	Incoming resources 2020 £	Outgoing resources 2020 £	Transfers in the year 2020 £	Gains and losses 2020 £	Closing balance 2020 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
a) Church weekend away	-	17,458	(16,741)	(51)	-	666
b) Reserve requirement	-	-	-	-	-	-
c) Church refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-	-
d) Near and Far mission giving	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	17,458	(16,741)	(51)	-	666
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	905,230	208,357	(198,611)	177	-	915,154
Total Unrestricted Funds	905,230	225,814	(215,351)	127	-	915,820
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
a) St Johns Youth Community	319	-	(319)	-	-	-
b) St Michaels Youth Community	140	-	-	-	-	140
c) Youth & Children's Fund	425	-	(75)	-	-	349
d) Food Bank - Stourbridge (Replenish)	210	138	(69)	-	-	279
e) Food Bank - Black Country	(10)	-	-	10	-	-
f) Hark Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-
g) Centre Refurbishment Fund	2,979	-	-	-	-	2,979
h) The Loft lottery grant	270	-	(270)	-	-	-
i) Youth Investment Fund	5,774	36,649	(36,211)	(137)	-	6,075
j) Mercy	-	1,750	(1,295)	-	-	455
	10,106	38,537	(38,240)	(127)	-	10,276
Aggregate of funds	915,337	264,351	(253,592)	-	-	926,096

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2020 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	825,087	-	-	825,087
Debtors	4,412	-	-	4,412
Cash at bank and in hand	92,692	666	10,276	103,634
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,038)	-	-	(7,038)
	915,153	666	10,276	926,095

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13 Funds (continued)

Designated unds

- a) The balance refers to a money donated to and spent on the church weekend away.
- b) The balance retained within general funds to meet the reserve policy
- c) Money set aside for planned church refurbishment work.
- d) Money set aside for planned giving to other organisations in support of achieving our aims.

Restricted funds

- a) Income and expenditure for the St Johns Youth Community.
- b) Income and expenditure for the St Michaels Youth Community.
- c) Funds given and expended for Youth and Children's work.
- d) Monies collected and donated to Our Ladies and All Saints church in Stourbridge in support of the foodbank.
- e) Monies collected and donated to Black Country in support of the foodbank.
- f) A restricted fund specifically for work serving Hark Schools.
- g) A restricted fund specifically for the refurbishment of the church centre.
- h) A restricted fund specifically or the development of a day-time drop-in centre for 6th-form college students in Stourbridge.
- i) A restricted fund specifically for or the development & running of 4 youth clubs in the borough. This has been incorporated into the youth and children fund for ongoing work in this category.
- j) Money given and paid to meet an individuals specific needs.

14 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £11,400 (2020: £11,474) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) Lynne Tilby, who is a trustee, was paid £793 (2020: £469) for providing cleaning services to the charity.
- c) No expenses (2020: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- a) Millie Tilby, who is closely related to Lynne Tilby (a trustee), received grants totalling £nil (2020: £190) for UK mission activities.
- d) paid £2,048 (2020: £1,079) to Visual Advance for websites & publicity media services. Mark Titheridge, who is a trustee is a director Visual Advance.

No amounts were owed (2020: £nil) by the charity at the balance sheet date.

Except as disclosed in note 5 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

15 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

