



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
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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 out 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 worshiping 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. It 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 out 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

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

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.

“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.

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

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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.





**RUNNING A CLUB OR EVENT?
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Please contact us to
discuss your requirements

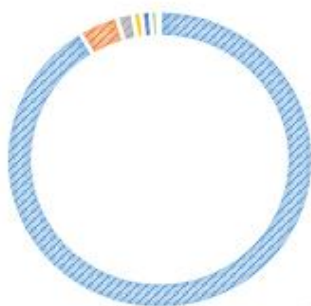
FINANCE

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

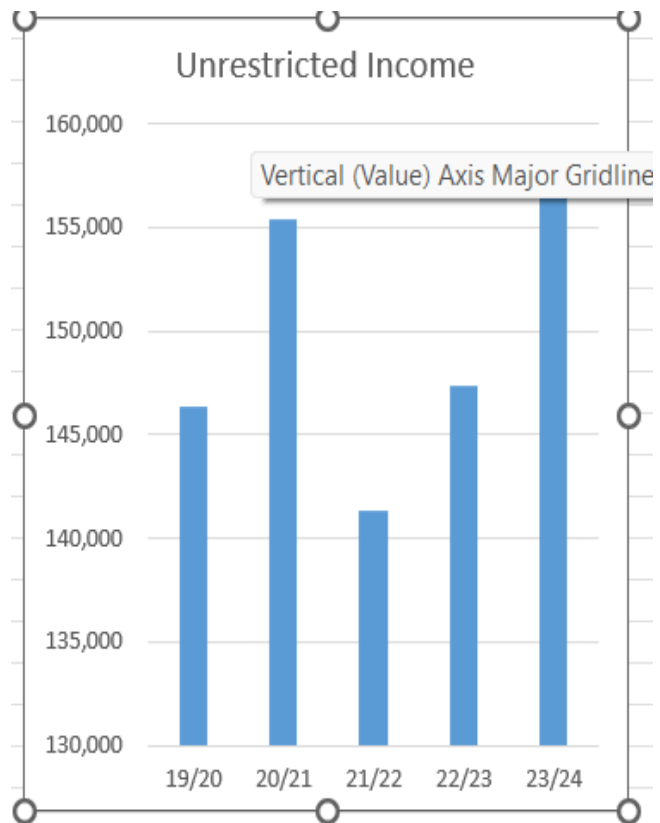
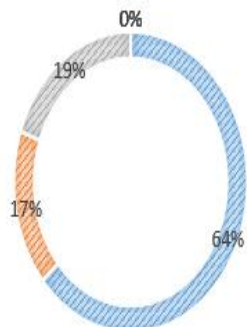
INCOME ALL FUNDS

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DONATION SPLIT ALL FUNDS

- Regular giving 63%
- Non Regular giving 20%
- HMRC claims 17%
- 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)

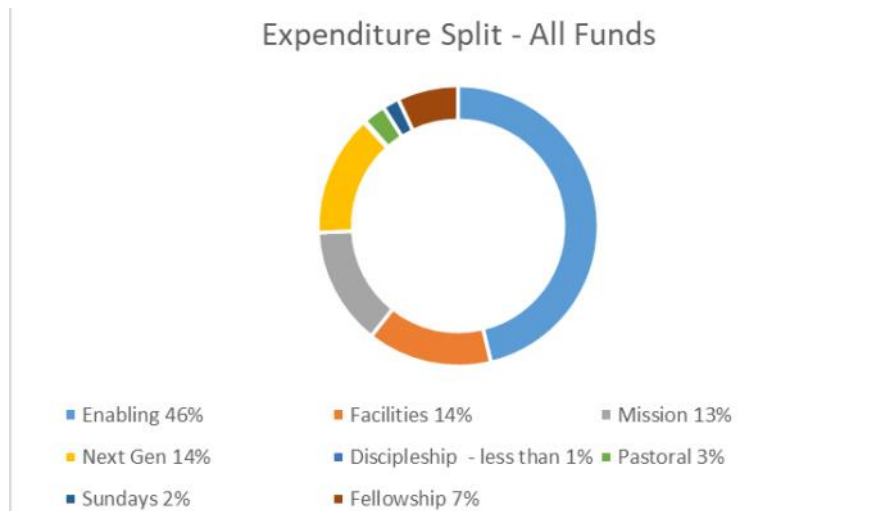
TLC: Bereavement ministry (sits within our **'Fellowship'** activities)

WilfFund: Legacy gift

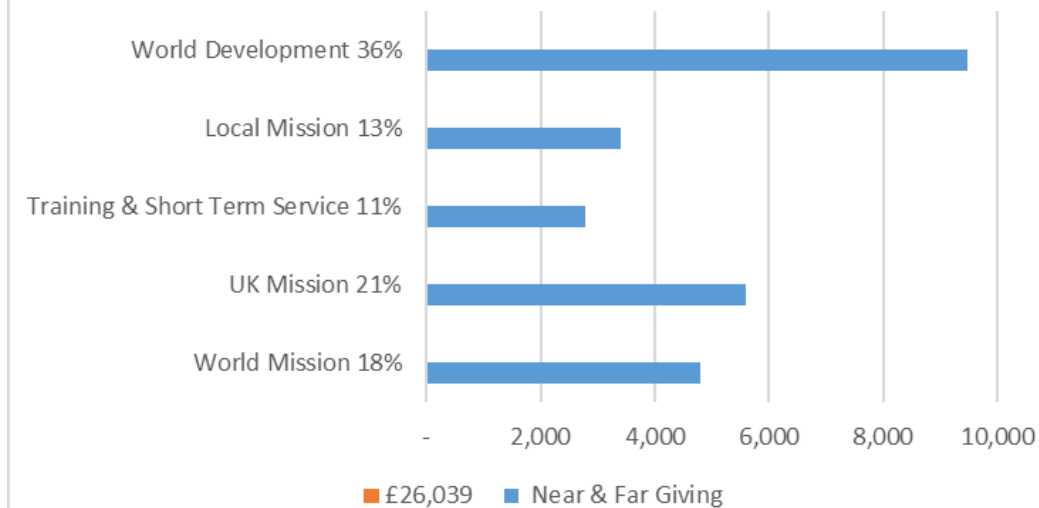
Wkend Away Fund: our annual Church Weekend Away trip (sits within our **'Fellowship'** activities)

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

Sd 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
1 Lamb's Passage
London
EC1Y 8AB

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 d Knight
S d 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	<u>19,091</u>	<u>2,435</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		<u>1,567</u>	<u>779</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>1,567</u>	<u>779</u>
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	<u>100,890</u>	<u>80,233</u>

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)	<u>80,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,657</u>	<u>100,890</u>

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	<u>19,091</u>	<u>2,435</u>

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	<u>100,890</u>	<u>80,233</u>

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	<u>2,165</u>	<u>2,069</u>
	<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)	<u>53,987</u>	<u>52,420</u>
	<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	<u>3,899</u>	<u>-</u>
	<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
	61,589	1,567	(19,669)	17,293	-	60,779
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	818,213	211,537	(183,473)	(18,893)	-	827,384
Total Unrestricted Funds	879,802	213,103	(203,142)	(1,600)	-	888,162
<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	-	-
	2,291	18,804	(19,509)	1,600	-	3,186
Aggregate of funds	882,092	231,908	(222,652)	-	-	891,348

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:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £
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)
	827,383	60,779	3,186	891,348

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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	-	-
	55,335	915	(26,811)	32,149	-	61,589
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	839,217	200,611	(189,466)	(32,149)		818,213
Total Unrestricted Funds	894,552	201,526	(216,277)	-	-	879,802
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Youth & Children's Fund	209	2,625	(543)	-	-	2,291
Mercy	351	-	(351)	-	-	-
Outreach events	-	697	(697)	-	-	-
	560	3,322	(1,590)	-	-	2,291
Aggregate of funds	895,112	204,848	(217,867)	-	-	882,092

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>			
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £
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)
	818,213	61,589	2,291	882,092

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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
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	Note	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
		General 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	General 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 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