

# MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1135818

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2010-05-06

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.2.1 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 AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHURCH; 3.2.2 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

**Activities:** The primary aims of the charity are to fulfil the role of a Christian Church in the Rochdale and district area and also to provide help to others in promoting the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and overseas.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE
- Rochdale

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£91,317	£77,766	-	-
2024-03-31	£103,171	£89,420	-	-
2023-03-31	£82,504	£82,663	-	-
2022-03-31	£82,663	£74,550	-	-
2021-03-31	£82,541	£66,364	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr TIMOTHY SIMON PLATTS		
JOHN NICHOLAS CORBETT		2019-05-30
JULIAN HURST		
Sam Cappleman-Lynes		2022-10-27

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# Accounts

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# **MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ending 31 March 2025**

**Registered Address**    **22 New Street  
Milnrow  
Rochdale  
OL16 3PQ**

**Charity Registration Number 1135818**

**Approved by the Trustees on 28/12/25**

**Trustees**            **Julian Hurst (Elder)  
Dr Timothy Platts (Deacon)  
John Corbett (Treasurer and Deacon)  
Sam Cappleman-Lynes (Deacon)**

**Bankers**            **H S B C  
2 Yorkshire Street  
Rochdale  
OL16 1EE**

**Independent Examiner:**    **STANLEY OZGOWICZ  
MA (Cantab) CTA  
Atrament Limited  
11 Sadlers Gate  
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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### CHARITABLE OBJECT

The primary aims of the Trust are to fulfil the role of a Christian Church in the Rochdale and district area and to provide help to others in promoting the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and overseas.

### THE CHURCH : ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Church is a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of the World.

The New Testament describes the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and loving and serving Him, are also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they live.

Milnrow Evangelical Church, its Trustees and members are committed to the maintenance of these New Testament principles, as also are many other Churches, not only in this country, but also all over the world.

The powers of appointment or removal of Trustees rests with the Trustees. New Trustees are selected from within the elders and deacons of the Church and appointed in accordance with the Members' Manual. This means that the Trustee body is wholeheartedly involved in fulfilling the mission of the Church worked out in practice. New Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and of the legal and financial framework in which the Church operates.

The Church employs one Elder full time and one part time Administrator, but all members are involved in the work. Each member does what they are able as time and abilities permit. Some are involved in leading the worship services, or in a teaching ministry. Others are able to visit the sick and needy. All are involved in prayer for the work and in its financial support.

## THE YEAR: ITS OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year ending 31 March 2025, the church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and suffered one of its worst trials since it began. The great enemy of the church, Satan, caused division, which resulted in a significant number of people leaving the church. A proposal was brought to the whole membership, which was not carried. After this, three elders stood down from office and they and some members of the church left.

Two members went to be with the Lord and 24 others left. Despite this sad and painful experience, those who remained renewed their commitment to each other and the Lord's work here in Milnrow and beyond and have pressed on together. We continued our various meetings and forms of outreach.

The main ways that the Church has sought to achieve the calling of Christ upon it and its charitable purposes for the public benefit have been as follows:

### \* Lord's Day Services.

Our main Sunday services continued each Sunday at 11.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. We continued to ventilate the hall and sanitize our hands to limit the spread of germs. A time of fellowship was held after the evening service with refreshments.

We continued to live stream our services, and keep the video recordings on our church Facebook page and YouTube page.

### \* Morning Prayer Meetings.

This prayer meeting took place online using Zoom and met three mornings a week from 9.00am to 9.30am.

### \* Midweek Meetings.

On a Wednesday morning and evening the ladies meet for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The morning meeting uses Zoom if some are not able to attend in person, but increasing numbers have met in person. The evening meeting is on Zoom.

On a Thursday evening at 7.45 p.m. there is a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at the church building when the Home Groups are not meeting. Home Groups are typically on the first and third Thursday of each month.

\* Men's Meeting.

The men met on Saturday mornings, twice a month. We had breakfast together and looked at a chapter of Christian book together. This stopped after June 2024, when numbers dropped.

\* Trainee.

The church took on a self-employed trainee, called Paul Morgan, up until the end of September 2024, when his placement period ended. He was supported by the church and lived in the church flat. He helped with outreach, youth work and preaching.

\* Missionary Support.

This year £20,034 was donated for the support of missionary work worldwide.

We agreed to lend £15,000 to Wilstead Evangelical Church in November 2022 to enable them to buy a new church building. The funds were transferred in February 2023 and were expected to be repaid within 12-18 months. A request for a 12 month extension was agreed in Summer 2024. As of 31 March 2025, the loan remained outstanding.

\* Outreach.

**Book table work.** We continued our outreach using book tables. We offer Bibles, Gospels, Christian books and leaflets. We run 2 book tables in Rochdale town centre each week and help with another in Halifax once a week. These stopped once Paul Morgan finished his placement.

**Open Airs.** We continued with our open airs once a month in Rochdale, meeting on a Saturday. We have Gospel messages preached with the help of visual aids, hand out Christian literature and have discussions with any who show interest.

**Door to door visitation.** We have restarted door to door visitation now that covid concerns have eased. We do this when the weather is not suitable for the book tables and during our Week of Outreach. This stopped being a regular activity once Paul Morgan finished his placement.

**Leaflet Distribution.** We continue to deliver Christian literature and invitations to various church meetings. These are mostly done in connection with special events; including Christmas, Spring, Easter and our 'Week of Outreach' in August.

**Personal Bible Studies.** We run personal Bible studies for those who want to understand more about the Christian faith. In particular, we often run 'Christianity Explored' for those who are desiring to be baptised and join the church to ensure that they understand clearly what being a Christian means.

Our **annual Week of Outreach** took place in late August / early September as usual. We ran a normal programme of outreach in 2024 with an encouraging number of helpers and gospel conversations. We ran a Summer Barbecue which was well attended by the church with many visitors..

We continued running our meetings for mothers / fathers / carers and their young children, called **Stay & Play**. The purpose of this meeting is to build relationships with local families and seek opportunities to share the gospel.

We continued running our **youth work**. This included Good News Club for primary school age children and JETS, for secondary school aged children.

During **the month of December** we had a Christmas Supper, a Carol Service and a Christmas Day service to which neighbours and friends were invited.

\* Word of Hope Ministries.

This work continues to be in demand, with orders coming for the literature from various parts of the country and a number of requests coming from abroad.

This work is maintained by a group of devoted volunteers who give many hours of their time each year.

\* Hospitality.

Hospitality was given regularly on both an organized and spontaneous basis.

\* Church Website.

The church website ([www.milnrow.org](http://www.milnrow.org)) continues to be a valuable asset to members of the church and viewers from outside. MP3 audios and MP4 videos are regularly accessed through the website. These include messages preached at the church on Thursdays and Sundays, by various speakers. Videos are available to watch, sharing personal stories of faith in Jesus Christ, and answers to life's questions.

Activities of the church are advertised using this platform; from Youth Groups to Seasonal Suppers.

The website continues to be linked to other sites such as [www.thechristiananswer.org](http://www.thechristiananswer.org); which provides more educational materials on the Christian faith, resulting in a number of requests for Christian literature. [Jesus-islam.com](http://Jesus-islam.com) is another; providing information for the many who enquire into the Christian faith from a Muslim background. It is now available in English, French, Arabic, Urdu and Persian. [AndyMcIntosh.org](http://AndyMcIntosh.org) is another website that provides helpful information on science and creation.

The church's website is updated by a member of the church skilled in the area of IT.

The church also has a Facebook page and YouTube page on which most meetings are livestreamed. These videos are then available for people to watch at any time.

**\* Supporting Other Christian Works.**

Help is provided to a number of other churches and organizations, particularly in support of their outreach;

**Chorlton Evangelical Church.** We supported their week of outreach, which was in June 2024, with helpers and in prayer.

**Droylsden Independent Church.** We supported their week of outreach in September with helpers and in prayer.

**Halifax Grace Baptist Church:** Members of our church help weekly on a Thursday with general outreach. This stopped after Paul Morgan finished his placement. We also helped in their annual outreach week in September.

**United Beach Missions.** Church members are involved in leadership of and participating in teams throughout the year. These teams operate in the UK and also in continental Europe.

Many from our church helped the **Christian Answer (CA)** team in London in May 2024, as well as other CA teams around the UK over the summer period.

**The Open-Air Mission.** Members support their week of outreach in Manchester in late September.

We also assist **other local churches** by providing preachers from the church to assist them in their ministry.

\* Food Bank and Samaritan's Purse

We have an ongoing voluntary collection of food from members, which is donated to the local food bank. In addition, some members fill shoe boxes in December and donate them to Samaritan's Purse.

\* Pastoral Care.

During the year our pastors have also been involved in the support of a number of members and others who attend the church who have had a variety of problems.

\* Personal Bible studies.

These studies have continued in person and online with the use of Zoom if preferred.

\* Safe-Guarding Policy.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regards to their suitability for their work, including all necessary legal checks. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.

\* Public Benefit.

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the church is providing a benefit to the public.

\* Trustees.

This year, there was one resignation from the trustees. That was from the deacon and trustee, Edgar Moreira.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The work of the church during this past year has been both challenging and encouraging. We have sought to press on with both evangelistic activities and discipleship training through our various meetings.

The membership has seen a significant reduction in size. Two of our older members died. Twenty four members resigned. The total membership thus reduced by 26 to 36. Those who have remained have stepped up to fill any gaps by those who have left. Despite the sadness of seeing people leave, we have seen many visitors and have made contact with those seeking God and have pressed on to serve the Lord where He has put us. We saw one profession of faith after our Summer Barbecue and a number of others have expressed interest in being baptized and joining the church.

The various mid-week meetings continue to be well attended by those able to attend.

We have supported a church revitalization project in Rochdale by allowing a Christian worker, called Joost from Holland, to stay in the flat after Paul Morgan vacated it. He is helping revitalize Hope Chapel in Rochdale, whose building has been refurbished and was opened to the public on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

## THE NEW YEAR

The spiritual goals of the church are to continue to be faithful to the Lord, His Word and His great commission, and to pray that He will restore the years that the locusts have eaten and do far above and beyond all that we ask or imagine (Joel 2:25, Ephesians 3:20).

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is entirely dependent upon the generous giving of its members as we have no collections, but there is an offering box at the back of the church. The full financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statement.

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining reserves sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the church to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

In view of the departure of a significant number of members in June 2024, the trustees reviewed the churches income and outgoings, and recommended changes to our missionary giving to reflect our change in circumstances. These were agreed by the members. This has ensured that the church's finances are now stable and sustainable, subject to any future changes.

The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are insurance policies in place to minimize these risks. All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches and employers' insurance.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's Trust Deed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28/12/25.

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	2024/25	2023/24
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£
General Giving (for general fund)		12,592	7,776
MEC Gift Aid Scheme	1	67,621	79,132
Stewardship/CAF (for general fund)		4,495	6,730
Rental of 22a New Street	2	6,360	6,360
Bank Interest		199	173
Flat Utilities (Joost)		50	0
Sale of Minibus		0	3,000
		<u>91,317</u>	<u>103,171</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Pastoral - Julian & Ruth Hurst	3	27,148	25,945
Pastoral – Expenses	4	4,682	4,879
Visiting Preachers/Deputations		3,400	2,330
Missionary Support	5	20,034	25,781
Young People's Work	6	1,417	537
Outreach	7	1,709	1,899
Building Repairs & Renewals	8	5,650	11,147
Insurance		2,260	2,215
Utility Services	9	8,320	8,060
Welfare	10	163	0
Minibus	11	0	1,460
Materials/Publications	12	1,295	1,900
Audit of Accounts		210	230
Bank Charges		163	167
General Expenses	14	1,315	2,870
		<u>77,766</u>	<u>89,420</u>
Net surplus for the year		<u>13,551</u>	<u>13,751</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**GIFT AID ACCOUNT**

Notes	2024/25 £	2023/24 £	
<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>			
General	10,380	191	
African Pastors Conference	5,700	5,100	
Adamu	3,000	3,000	
Jyoti	2,000	2,000	
Dan Hill	20	0	
Ukraine Appeal	0	5,000	
	<u>21,100</u>	<u>15,291</u>	
		21,100	15,291
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Fund	52,724	61,784	
Dan Hill	2,940	3,120	
Hicham & Elizabeth	320	1,480	
African Pastors Conference	6,000	5,700	
Adamu	3,000	3,000	
Jyoti	2,000	4,400	
Bosco	5,020	1,000	
Bank Charges	30	(83)	
	<u>72,034</u>	<u>80,401</u>	
		72,034	80,401
<b>HMRC</b>			
HMRC - General Fund	14,897	17,348	
Hicham & Elizabeth	110	370	
Dan Hill	760	770	
African Pastors Conference	1,425	1,361	
Adamu	750	750	
Jyoti	500	1,259	
Bosco	1,250	250	
Ukraine Appeal	0	1,250	
	<u>19,692</u>	<u>23,358</u>	
		19,692	23,358
		<u>112,826</u>	<u>119,050</u>
Transfers to No1 Account		<u>(110,766)</u>	<u>(97,950)</u>
		2,060	21,100
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>			
General	45	10,380	
African Pastors Conference	0	5,700	
Adamu	0	3,000	
Joyti	2,000	2,000	
Bosco	20	0	
Dan Hill	(5)	20	
	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>21,100</u>
	2,060	2,060	21,100

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**MEC WORD OF HOPE MINISTRIES**

Notes	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>		
Opening Balance	4,719	1,903
Less uncleared cheques	(225)	(90)
Payments received	<u>6,577</u>	<u>7,011</u>
	11,071	8,824
	11,071	8,824
Less: Purchases and Expenses	(4,212)	(4,330)
Plus uncleared cheque	<u>0</u>	<u>225</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>6,859</u></u>	<u><u>4,719</u></u>
Outstanding amount owed to the church at the year end	<u><u>643</u></u>	<u><u>779</u></u>
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT</b>		
Sales	5,937	6,711
Stock increase/(decrease)	<u>1,930</u>	<u>(661)</u>
	7,867	6,050
Publications & Postage	<u>(3,651)</u>	<u>(4,016)</u>
Gross profit	4,216	2,034
Audit Fees	120	100
Annual Website	120	105
Bank Charges	79	90
Other costs	<u>262</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenses	(581)	(295)
Net Profit	<u><u>3,635</u></u>	<u><u>1,739</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**BOOKSTALL ACCOUNT**

Notes	2024/25 £	2023/24 £	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance	0	(235)	
Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	(235)
		0	
Less: Purchases and Expenses		0	0
Written off on closure		0	235
Closing Balance		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Sales	0	0	
Gifts of Books	0		
Closing Stock	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
		0	
Purchases			
Opening Stock	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
		0	
Gross Profit/(Loss)		0	0
Expenses	0		
Gifts of Stock	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
		0	
Net Profit/(Loss)		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

**DESIGNATED GIFTS ACCOUNT**

Notes	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Opening Balance	2,460	3,454
Gifts Received	<u>25,820</u>	<u>29,495</u>
	28,280	32,949
Payments made	(26,266)	(30,489)
Closing Balance	<u><u>2,014</u></u>	<u><u>2,460</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
as at 31 March 2025

**BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Property - Butterworth Hall, 22 New Street, Milnrow		800,000	800,000
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	15	<u>700</u>	<u>603</u>
		<u>800,700</u>	<u>800,603</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank and In Hand	16	56,270	52,545
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Stock		11,154	9,224
Bookstall		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>67,424</u>	<u>61,769</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors net of debtors	17	13,629	13,319
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>81,053</u>	<u>75,088</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>881,753</u></u>	<u><u>875,691</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Gift Aid Account		2,060	21,100
MEC Word of Hope Ministries		18,013	13,943
Bookstall		0	0
General Fund		<u>861,680</u>	<u>840,648</u>
		<u>881,753</u>	<u>875,691</u>

During the year ended 31 March 2023 the church undertook a revaluation of its property at New Street, Milnrow.

The revaluation was carried out by an independent valuer and he valued the property at £800,000. Its historical cost is £500,000 and its rebuild cost is £2,400,000 which was previously shown as the market value.

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<b>1. MEC GIFT AID SCHEME</b>		
For General Fund	52,724	61,784
HMRC – General Fund	<u>14,897</u>	<u>17,348</u>
	<u>67,621</u>	<u>79,132</u>
<b>2. RENTAL INCOME FROM 22a NEW STREET</b>		
Rental	2,980	2,980
Use of Gas, Electricity and Water	<u>3,380</u>	<u>3,380</u>
	<u>6,360</u>	<u>6,360</u>
<b>3. PASTORAL, JULIAN &amp; RUTH HURST</b>		
Julian Hurst Salary	16,320	16,320
Ruth Hurst Salary	9,522	8,319
Pension – NEST	<u>1,306</u>	<u>1,306</u>
	<u>27,148</u>	<u>25,945</u>
<b>4. PASTORAL EXPENSES</b>		
J.H. Mileage	817	462
Conferences/Training Days	555	555
J.H. Christian Answer Fee	0	61
Parking	10	1
Paul Morgan Leaving Gift	500	0
Paul Morgan Payment for Services Rendered	<u>2,800</u>	<u>3,800</u>
	<u>4,682</u>	<u>4,879</u>
<b>5. MISSIONARY SUPPORT</b>		
UFM -Kevin & Susan Matthews	3,780	7,440
UFM - Hicham & Elizabeth	5,166	7,440
Mark Penner	2,772	2,717
Philip & Margaret McIntosh	2,772	2,728
Dan Hill	2,772	2,728
Bosco & Heidi	<u>2,772</u>	<u>2,728</u>
	<u>20,034</u>	<u>25,781</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<b>6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK</b>		
Sunday School	189	54
JETS	776	443
Stay and Play	172	8
YPF	142	32
Good News Club	138	0
	<u>1,417</u>	<u>536</u>
<b>7. OUTREACH</b>		
Reaching Rochdale Team	500	650
Reaching Rochdale Meals/Ancillaries	1,029	204
Answers in Genesis Conference	0	555
Ark Conference	0	350
Carol Service/Supper	180	0
Spring Supper	0	140
	<u>1,709</u>	<u>1,899</u>
<b>8. BUILDING REPAIRS AND RENEWALS</b>		
Gas Services	0	312
Fire Safety Inspection	354	422
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	61	0
Lighting	16	749
Fire Alarm	0	96
Plumber	192	537
Burglar Alarm	434	371
Miscellaneous	99	0
Electricity Safety Checks	224	205
Electrician	0	78
Roof	80	0
Audio/Visual	652	0
Repointing, Fencing, Toilet Upgrades	0	2,410
Gardening Supplies	0	26
Repairs	2,055	260
Piano Tuner	40	75
Piano Repair	0	80
Decorator	1,393	2,800
22a repairs	0	126
Phones	50	0
Paving	0	2,600
	<u>5,650</u>	<u>11,146</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<b>9. UTILITY SERVICES</b>		
Gas/Electric (combined)	6,388	6,586
Water	1,533	1,093
Telephone	399	381
	<u>8,320</u>	<u>8,060</u>
<b>10. WELFARE</b>		
Payments Made	163	0
Less Gifts Received	0	0
	<u>163</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>11. MINIBUS (sold during 23/24 financial year)</b>		
Depreciation	0	1,477
Insurance	0	434
Insurance Refund following sale	0	(451)
Repairs	0	0
Tax	0	0
MOT	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,460</u>
<b>12. MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS</b>		
Photocopier	92	78
Holiday Churches - ET	60	0
Microsoft Office	80	80
Stationery/Copier Paper	45	143
Literature	147	1,101
Easter	36	0
Advertising	0	115
CCLI Licence	835	383
	<u>1,295</u>	<u>1,900</u>
<b>13. DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		
Bosco	6,270	0
Dan Hill	3,745	3,870
African Pastors Conference	7,125	6,461
Kevin & Susan	0	1,000
Adamu	3,750	3,750
Ukraine Appeal	0	6,250
Hicham & Elizabeth	430	1,850
Jyoti	4,500	6,314
	<u>25,820</u>	<u>29,495</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<b>14. GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		
Christian Safeguarding Services	343	100
Connected Conference	125	150
Carey Conference	0	195
ICO Registration Fee	35	35
Postage	27	13
COVID Supplies	0	40
Zoom	156	144
DBS Check	0	9
Men's Breakfast	304	462
Train tickets for Jyoti	0	250
Legal Fees (Trust Deed Amendment)	0	630
50th Anniversary	12	0
Flowers	0	38
Catering (Food)	223	258
Catering Supplies (Plates, cups etc)	0	173
Cleaning Products	58	0
Travel, Insurance etc for El Mostain visit	0	0
Toiletries	130	205
Depreciation – General	(98)	168
	<u>1,315</u>	<u>2,869</u>
<b>15. FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Overhead Projector at 31/3	331	131
Cooker – Flat at 31/3	26	33
Piano at 31/3	68	76
Projectors (2) at 31/3	26	33
Dishwasher at 31/3	138	172
Colour Copier at 31/3	111	158
	<u>700</u>	<u>603</u>
<b>16. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>		
General cash in hand	0	0
Current Account	37,232	16,531
Uncleared Cheques	(310)	(34)
Gift Aid Scheme Account	2,060	21,100
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Account	6,859	4,718
Deposit Account	10,429	10,230
	<u>56,270</u>	<u>52,545</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<b>17. CREDITORS/(DEBTORS)</b>		
Designated Gifts	2,014	2,460
Word of Hope Ministries	(643)	(779)
Wilstead	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>
	<u>(13,629)</u>	<u>(13,319)</u>
<b>18. CHURCH FUNDS</b>		
Designated Gifts	2,014	2,460
General Fund	45,337	24,267
MEC Word of Hope Ministries	6,859	4,718
Gift Aid Scheme Account	<u>2,060</u>	<u>21,100</u>
	<u>56,270</u>	<u>52,545</u>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 MARCH 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1135818

**Set out on pages**

ONE TO TEN

*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 MARCH 2025

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*Stanley Ozgowicz*

**Date:**

17/01/2026

**Name:**

STANLEY OZGOWICZ

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

**Address:**

11 SADLERS GATE

WOMBWELL

BARNSELY S73 8NG

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

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

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1135818

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# Accounts

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# **MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ending 31 March 2024**

**Registered Address**    **22 New Street  
Milnrow  
Rochdale  
OL16 3PQ**

**Charity Registration Number 1135818**

**Approved by the Trustees on 20/01/2025**

**Trustees**            **Julian Hurst (Elder)  
Dr Timothy Platts (Deacon)  
John Corbett (Treasurer and Deacon)  
Sam Cappleman-Lynes (Deacon)**

**Bankers**            **H S B C  
2 Yorkshire Street  
Rochdale  
OL16 1EE**

**Independent Examiner:**    **STANLEY OZGOWICZ  
MA (Cantab) CTA  
Atrament Limited  
11 Sadlers Gate  
Wombwell  
Barnsley  
S73 8NG**

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### CHARITABLE OBJECT

The primary aims of the Trust are to fulfil the role of a Christian Church in the Rochdale and district area and to provide help to others in promoting the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and overseas.

### THE CHURCH : ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Church is a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of the World.

The New Testament describes the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and loving and serving Him, are also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they live.

Milnrow Evangelical Church, its Trustees and members are committed to the maintenance of these New Testament principles, as also are many other Churches, not only in this country, but also all over the world.

The powers of appointment or removal of Trustees rests with the Trustees. New Trustees are selected from within the elders and deacons of the Church and appointed in accordance with the Members' Manual. This means that the Trustee body is wholeheartedly involved in fulfilling the mission of the Church worked out in practice. New Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and of the legal and financial framework in which the Church operates.

The Church employs one Elder full time and one part time Administrator, but all members are involved in the work. Each member does what they are able as time and abilities permit. Some are involved in leading the worship services, or in a teaching ministry. Others are able to visit the sick and needy. All are involved in prayer for the work and in its financial support.

## THE YEAR: ITS OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year ending 31 March 2024, the church gradually returned to its pre-covid pandemic levels of activity, with a few changes. Morning prayer meetings continued to be held on Zoom, as introduced during the pandemic, due to greater convenience for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Communion was held twice a month again, as happened before the pandemic.

One member went to be with the Lord. Two members got married to each other. There were 3 baptisms and others joined the church as mature believers. We continued our various meetings and forms of outreach.

The main ways that the Church has sought to achieve the calling of Christ upon it and its charitable purposes for the public benefit have been as follows:

### \* Lord's Day Services.

Our main Sunday services continued each Sunday at 11.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. We continued to ventilate the hall and sanitize our hands to limit the spread of germs.

A time of fellowship was held after the evening service with refreshments.

We continued to live stream our services, and keep the video recordings on our church Facebook page and YouTube page.

### \* Morning Prayer Meetings.

This prayer meeting was kept online using Zoom and met three mornings a week from 9.00am to 9.40am. This was to retain the increased numbers we had had during the pandemic.

### \* Midweek Meetings.

On a Wednesday morning and evening the ladies meet for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The morning meeting uses Zoom if some are not able to attend in person, but increasing numbers have met in person. The evening meeting is on Zoom.

On a Thursday evening at 7.45 p.m. there is a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at the church building when the Home Groups are not meeting.

Home Groups are typically on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Two of our members married each other and the service was held at the church.

\* Men's Meeting.

The men met on Saturday mornings, initially once a month, then twice a month. We had breakfast together and looked at a chapter of "Disciplines of a godly man."

\* Trainee.

The church took on a self-employed trainee, called Paul Morgan, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 for a further twelve-month period. He was supported by the church and lived in the church flat. He helped with outreach, youth work and preaching.

\* Missionary Support.

This year £25,781 was donated for the support of missionary work worldwide.

In addition, we had a special gift day in June 2023 to support Jyoti Chakravarty. This raised £3,813.75

We agreed to lend £15,000 to Wilstead Evangelical Church in November 2022 to enable them to buy a new church building. The funds were transferred in February 2023 and were expected to be repaid within 12-18 months. As of 31 March 2024, the loan remained outstanding.

\* Outreach.

**Book table work.** We continued our outreach using book tables. We offer Bibles, Gospels, Christian books and leaflets. We run 2 book tables in Rochdale town centre each week and help with another in Halifax once a week.

**Open Aairs.** We continued with our open aairs once a month in Rochdale, meeting on a Saturday. We have Gospel messages preached with the help of visual aids, hand out Christian literature and have discussions with any who show interest.

**Door to door visitation.** We have restarted door to door visitation now that covid concerns have eased. We do this when the weather is not suitable for the book tables and during our Week of Outreach.

**Leaflet Distribution.** We continue to deliver Christian literature and invitations to various church meetings. These are mostly done in connection with special events; Christmas, Easter and ‘Week of Outreach’ meetings in particular.

**Personal Bible Studies.** We run personal Bible studies for those who want to understand more about the Christian faith. In particular, we often run ‘Christianity Explored’ for those who are desiring to be baptised and join the church to ensure that they understand clearly what being a Christian means.

Our **annual Week of Outreach** took place in late August / early September as usual. We ran a normal programme of outreach in 2023 with an encouraging number of helpers and gospel conversations. We ran an evangelistic men’s breakfast and special Sunday services, to which people were invited.

We continued running our meetings for mothers / fathers / carers and their young children, called **Stay & Play**. The purpose of this meeting is to build relationships with local families and seek opportunities to share the gospel.

We continued running our **youth work**. This included Good News Club for primary school age children and JETS, for secondary school aged children.

During **the month of December** we had a Christmas Supper, a Carol Service and a Christmas Day service to which neighbours and friends were invited.

\* Word of Hope Ministries.

This work continues to be in demand, with orders coming for the literature from various parts of the country and a number of requests coming from abroad.

This work is maintained by a group of devoted volunteers who give many hours of their time each year.

\* Hospitality.

Hospitality was given regularly on both an organized and spontaneous basis.

\* Church Website.

The church website ([www.milnrow.org](http://www.milnrow.org)) continues to be a valuable asset to members of the church and viewers from outside. MP3 audios and MP4

videos are regularly accessed through the website. These include messages preached at the church on Thursdays and Sundays, by various speakers. Videos are available to watch, sharing personal stories of faith in Jesus Christ, and answers to life's questions.

Activities of the church are advertised using this platform; from Youth Groups to Seasonal Suppers.

The website continues to be linked to other sites such as [www.thechristiananswer.org](http://www.thechristiananswer.org); which provides more educational materials on the Christian faith, resulting in a number of requests for Christian literature. [Jesus-islam.com](http://Jesus-islam.com) is another; providing information for the many who enquire into the Christian faith from a Muslim background. It is now available in English, French, Arabic, Urdu and Persian. [AndyMcIntosh.org](http://AndyMcIntosh.org) is another website that provides helpful information on science and creation.

The church's website is updated by a member of the church skilled in the area of IT, guided by our previous Pastor; the author of the website.

The church also has a Facebook page and YouTube page on which most meetings are livestreamed. These videos are then available for people to watch at any time.

**\* Supporting Other Christian Works.**

Help is provided to a number of other churches and organizations, particularly in support of their outreach;

**Halifax Grace Baptist Church:** Members of our church help weekly on a Thursday with general outreach. We also participate in their annual outreach week in September.

**Chorlton Evangelical Church.** We support their week of outreach, which was in June 2023 with helpers and in prayer.

**United Beach Missions.** Church members are involved in leadership of and participating in teams throughout the year. These teams operate in the UK and also in continental Europe.

Many from our church helped the **Christian Answer (CA)** team in London in May 2023, as well as other CA teams around the UK over the summer period.

**The Open-Air Mission.** Members support their monthly outreaches in Manchester and have worked together with them occasionally in Bolton.

We also assist **other local churches** by providing preachers from the church to assist them in their ministry.

\* Food Bank and Samaritan's Purse

We have an ongoing voluntary collection of food from members, which is donated to the local food bank. In addition, some members fill shoe boxes and donate them to Samaritan's Purse.

\* Pastoral Care.

During the year our pastors have also been involved in the support of a number of members and others who attend the church who have had a variety of problems.

\* Personal Bible studies.

These studies have continued in person and online with the use of Zoom if preferred.

\* Safe-Guarding Policy.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regards to their suitability for their work, including all necessary legal checks. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.

\* Public Benefit.

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the church is providing a benefit to the public.

\* Trustees.

This year, there was no change in the people appointed as trustees.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The work of the church during this past year has been both challenging and encouraging. We have sought to press on with both evangelistic activities and discipleship training through our various meetings.

The membership has seen a number of changes. One of our older members died. Six members resigned. Four new members joined the church and three were baptized and added to the church. One member moved to another church and one was suspended. The total membership

thus reduced by one to 62.

The various mid-week meetings continue to be well attended.

## THE NEW YEAR

The spiritual goals of the church remain the same. The church is looking forward to celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is entirely dependent upon the generous giving of its members as we have no collections, but there is an offering box at the back of the church. The full financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statement.

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining reserves sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the church to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are insurance policies in place to minimize these risks. All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches and employers' insurance.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's Trust Deed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20/01/2025.

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	2023/24	2022/23
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£
General Giving (for general fund)		7,776	9,510
MEC Gift Aid Scheme	1	79,132	57,615
Stewardship/CAF (for general fund)		6,730	8,781
Rental of 22a New Street	2	6,360	6,360
Bank Interest		173	38
Minibus Rental		0	200
Sale of Minibus		3,000	0
		<u>103,171</u>	<u>82,504</u>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>			
Pastoral - Julian & Ruth Hurst	3	25,945	23,003
Pastoral – Expenses	4	4,879	7,747
Visiting Preachers/Deputations		2,330	2,040
Missionary Support	5	25,781	26,430
Young People's Work	6	537	718
Outreach	7	1,899	1,314
Building Repairs & Renewals	8	11,147	17,530
Insurance		2,215	2,040
Utility Services	9	8,060	8,153
Welfare	10	0	1,116
Minibus	11	1,460	3,748
Materials/Publications	12	1,900	1,705
Audit of Accounts		230	210
Bank Charges		167	226
Wilstead Loan		0	15,000
General Expenses	14	2,870	2,303
		<u>89,420</u>	<u>113,283</u>
 Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u>13,751</u>	<u>(30,779)</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**GIFT AID ACCOUNT**

Notes	2023/24 £	2022/23 £	
<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>			
General	191	1,205	
African Pastors Conference	5,100	0	
Adamu	3,000	0	
Jyoti	2,000	0	
Ukraine Appeal	5,000	0	
	<u>15,291</u>	<u>1,205</u>	
		15,291	1,205
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Fund	61,784	45,636	
Dan Hill	3,120	2,860	
Hicham & Elizabeth	1,480	480	
African Pastors Conference	5,700	10,446	
Adamu	3,000	3,000	
Jyoti	4,400	2,000	
Ukraine Appeal	0	12,715	
Bosco	1,000	0	
Wilstead Building	0	2,000	
Bank Charges	(83)	88	
	<u>80,401</u>	<u>79,225</u>	
		80,401	79,225
<b>HMRC</b>			
HMRC - General Fund	17,348	11,979	
Hicham & Elizabeth	370	120	
Dan Hill	770	697	
African Pastors Conference	1,361	1,250	
Adamu	750	265	
Jyoti	1,259	502	
Bosco	250	0	
Ukraine Appeal	1,250	3,828	
Wilstead Building	0	500	
	<u>23,358</u>	<u>19,141</u>	
		<u>23,358</u>	<u>19,141</u>
		119,050	99,571
Transfers to No1 Account		<u>(97,950)</u>	<u>(84,280)</u>
		21,100	15,291
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>			
General	10,380	191	
African Pastors Conference	5,700	5,100	
Adamu	3,000	3,000	
Joyti	2,000	2,000	
Dan Hill	20	0	
Ukraine Appeal	0	5,000	
	<u>21,100</u>	<u>15,291</u>	
	21,100	15,291	15,291

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**MEC WORD OF HOPE MINISTRIES**

Notes	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>		
Opening Balance	1,903	1,563
Less uncleared cheques	(90)	(140)
Payments received	<u>7,011</u>	<u>5,883</u>
	8,824	7,306
	8,824	7,306
Less: Purchases and Expenses	(4,330)	(5,493)
Plus uncleared cheque	<u>225</u>	<u>90</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>4,719</u></u>	<u><u>1,903</u></u>
Outstanding amount owed to the church at the year end	<u><u>779</u></u>	<u><u>1,053</u></u>
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT</b>		
Sales	6,711	6,591
Stock (decrease)/increase	<u>(661)</u>	<u>220</u>
	6,050	6,811
Publications & Postage	<u>(4,016)</u>	<u>(5,196)</u>
Gross profit	2,034	1,615
Audit Fees	100	105
Annual Website	105	105
Bank Charges	<u>90</u>	<u>88</u>
Expenses	(295)	(298)
Net Profit	<u><u>1,739</u></u>	<u><u>1,317</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**BOOKSTALL ACCOUNT**

Notes	2023/24 £	2022/23 £	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance	(235)	(89)	
Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>494</u>	
		(235)	405
Less: Purchases and Expenses		0	(640)
Written off on closure	<u>235</u>		<u>0</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>(235)</u></u>	

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Sales	0	494	
Gifts of Books	0	0	
Closing Stock	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
		0	494
Purchases	0	640	
Opening Stock	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
		0	640
Gross Profit/(Loss)		0	(146)
Expenses	0	0	
Written off on closure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
		0	
Net Profit/(Loss)	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>(146)</u></u>	

**DESIGNATED GIFTS ACCOUNT**

Notes	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Opening Balance	3,454	16,674
Gifts Received	<u>29,495</u>	<u>24,446</u>
	32,949	41,120
Payments made	(30,489)	(37,666)
Closing Balance	<u><u>2,460</u></u>	<u><u>3,454</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
as at 31 March 2024

**BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Property - Butterworth Hall, 22 New Street, Milnrow		800,000	800,000
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	15	<u>603</u>	<u>2,248</u>
		<u>800,603</u>	<u>802,248</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank and In Hand	16	52,545	42,813
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Stock		9,224	9,885
Bookstall		<u>0</u>	<u>(146)</u>
		<u>61,769</u>	<u>52,552</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors net of debtors	17	13,319	12,599
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>75,088</u>	<u>65,151</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>875,691</u></u>	<u><u>867,399</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Gift Aid Account		21,100	15,291
MEC Word of Hope Ministries		13,943	11,788
Bookstall		0	(146)
General Fund		<u>840,648</u>	<u>840,466</u>
		<u>875,691</u>	<u>867,399</u>

During the year ended 31 March 2023 the church undertook a revaluation of its property at New Street, Milnrow.

The revaluation was carried out by an independent valuer and the valued the property at £800,000. Its historical cost is £500,000 and its rebuild cost is £2,400,000 which was previously shown as the market value.

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<b>1. MEC GIFT AID SCHEME</b>		
For General Fund	61,784	45,636
HMRC – General Fund	<u>17,348</u>	<u>11,979</u>
	<u>79,132</u>	<u>57,615</u>
<b>2. RENTAL INCOME FROM 22a NEW STREET</b>		
Rental	2,980	2,980
Use of Gas, Electricity and Water	<u>3,380</u>	<u>3,380</u>
	<u>6,360</u>	<u>6,360</u>
<b>3. PASTORAL, JULIAN &amp; RUTH HURST</b>		
Julian Hurst Salary	16,320	15,576
Ruth Hurst Salary	8,319	6,300
Pension – NEST	<u>1,306</u>	<u>1,127</u>
	<u>25,945</u>	<u>23,003</u>
<b>4. PASTORAL EXPENSES</b>		
J.H. Mileage	462	670
Conferences/Training Days	555	440
J.H. Christian Answer Fee	61	37
Parking	1	0
Paul Morgan Payment for Services Rendered	<u>3,800</u>	<u>6,600</u>
	<u>4,879</u>	<u>7,747</u>
<b>5. MISSIONARY SUPPORT</b>		
UFM -Kevin & Susan Matthews	7,440	6,815
UFM - Hicham & Elizabeth	7,440	9,315
Mark Penner	2,717	2,500
Philip & Margaret McIntosh	2,728	2,500
Dan Hill	2,728	2,500
Bosco & Heidi	<u>2,728</u>	<u>2,800</u>
	<u>25,781</u>	<u>26,430</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<b>6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK</b>		
Sunday School	54	74
JETS	443	445
Stay and Play	8	175
YPF	32	0
Good News Club	0	24
	<u>537</u>	<u>718</u>
<b>7. OUTREACH</b>		
Reaching Rochdale Team	650	650
Reaching Rochdale Meals	204	145
Answers in Genesis Conference	555	0
Ark Conference	350	0
Carol Service/Supper	0	137
Spring Supper	140	24
Light Party	0	357
	<u>1,899</u>	<u>1,314</u>
<b>8. BUILDING REPAIRS AND RENEWALS</b>		
Gas Services	312	0
Fire Safety Inspection	422	308
Lighting	749	32
Fire Alarm	96	208
Plumber	537	145
Burglar Alarm	371	0
Miscellaneous	0	22
Electricity Safety Checks	205	168
Electrician	78	2,265
Loop System	0	297
Repointing, Fencing, Toilet Upgrades	2,410	0
Gardening Supplies	26	0
Repairs	260	218
Piano Tuner	75	0
Piano Repair	80	0
Decorator	2,800	0
22a repairs	126	13,868
Paving	2,600	0
	<u>11,147</u>	<u>17,530</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<b>9. UTILITY SERVICES</b>		
Gas/Electric (combined)	6,586	6,749
Water	1,093	1,066
Telephone	381	338
	<u>8,060</u>	<u>8,153</u>
<b>10. WELFARE</b>		
Payments Made	0	1,116
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,116</u>
<b>11. MINIBUS (sold during 23/24 financial year)</b>		
Depreciation	1,477	492
Insurance	434	783
Insurance Refund following sale	(451)	0
Repairs	0	786
Tax	0	165
MOT	0	1,014
	<u>1,460</u>	<u>3,240</u>
<b>12. MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS</b>		
Photocopier	78	20
Depreciation	0	97
Holiday Churches - ET	0	60
Life Evangelistic Magazines	0	0
Microsoft Office	80	80
Stationery/Copier Paper	143	72
Literature	1,101	1,107
Bibles	0	90
Hymn Books	0	142
Easter	0	0
Advertising	115	37
CCLI Licence	383	0
	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,705</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<b>13. DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		
Wilstead	0	2,500
Dan Hill	3,870	3,561
African Pastors Conference	6,461	6,866
Kevin & Susan	1,000	0
Adamu	3,750	265
Ukraine Appeal	6,250	10,143
Hicham & Elizabeth	1,850	600
Jyoti	6,314	513
	<u>29,495</u>	<u>24,446</u>
<b>14. GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		
Christian Safeguarding Services	100	173
Food Safety Training	0	152
Connected Conference	150	175
Carey Conference	195	195
Open Air Equipment	0	105
ICO Registration Fee	35	35
Postage	13	13
COVID Supplies	40	63
Zoom	144	144
DBS Check	9	0
Men's Breakfast	462	520
Train tickets for Jyoti	250	0
Legal Fees (Trust Deed Amendment)	630	0
Speakerphones for Home Groups	0	165
Flowers	38	0
Catering (Food)	258	98
Catering Supplies (Plates, cups etc)	173	0
Cleaning Products	0	138
Travel, Insurance etc for El Mostain visit	0	106
Toiletries	205	0
Depreciation – General	168	221
	<u>2,870</u>	<u>2,303</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<b>15. FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Overhead Projector at 31/3	131	164
Cooker – Flat at 31/3	33	41
Piano at 31/3	76	84
Ford Minibus 31/3	0	1,477
Projectors (2) at 31/3	33	41
Dishwasher at 31/3	172	215
Colour Copier at 31/3	158	226
	<u>603</u>	<u>2,248</u>
<b>16. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>		
General cash in hand	0	0
Current Account	16,531	15,804
Uncleared Cheques	(34)	(242)
Gift Aid Scheme Account	21,100	15,291
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Account	4,718	1,903
Deposit Account	10,230	10,057
	<u>52,545</u>	<u>42,813</u>
<b>17. CREDITORS/(DEBTORS)</b>		
Designated Gifts	2,460	3,454
Word of Hope Ministries	(779)	(1,053)
Wilstead	(15,000)	(15,000)
	<u>(13,319)</u>	<u>(12,599)</u>
<b>18. CHURCH FUNDS</b>		
Designated Gifts	2,460	3,454
General Fund	24,267	22,165
MEC Word of Hope Ministries	4,718	1,903
Gift Aid Scheme Account	21,100	15,291
	<u>52,545</u>	<u>42,813</u>



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended 31 MARCH 2024 Charity no (if any) 1135818

Set out on pages ONE TO TEN (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Stanley Ozgowicz Date: 24/01/2025

Name: STANLEY OZGOWICZ

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

Address: 11 SADLERS GATE WOMBWELL BARNSELY S73 8NG

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

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

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1135818

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# Accounts

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# **MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year ending 31 March 2023**

**Registered Address**    22 New Street  
                                  **Milnrow**  
                                  **Rochdale**  
                                  **OL16 3PQ**

**Charity Registration Number 1135818**

**Approved by the Trustees on 4/12/23**

**Trustees**                **Julian Hurst (Elder)**  
                                  **Dr Mike Worsell (Elder)**  
                                  **Dr Timothy Platts (Deacon)**  
                                  **John Corbett (Treasurer and Deacon)**  
                                  **Edgar Moreira (Deacon)**  
                                  **Sam Cappleman-Lynes (Deacon)**

**Bankers**                **H S B C**  
                                  **2 Yorkshire Street**  
                                  **Rochdale**  
                                  **OL16 1EE**

**Independent Examiner:**    **STANLEY OZGOWICZ**  
  **MA (Cantab) CTA**  
  **Atrament Limited**  
  **11 Sadlers Gate**  
  **Wombwell**  
  **Barnsley S73 8NG**

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### CHARITABLE OBJECT

The primary aims of the Trust are to fulfil the role of a Christian Church in the Rochdale and district area and to provide help to others in promoting the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and overseas.

### THE CHURCH : ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Church is a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of the World.

The New Testament describes the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and loving and serving Him, are also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they live.

Milnrow Evangelical Church, its Trustees and members are committed to the maintenance of these New Testament principles, as also are many other Churches, not only in this country, but also all over the world.

The powers of appointment or removal of Trustees rests with the Trustees. New Trustees are selected from within the elders and deacons of the Church, appointed in accordance with the Members' manual. This means that the Trustee body is whole heartedly involved in fulfilling the mission of the Church worked out in practice. New Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and of the legal and financial framework in which the Church operates.

The Church employs one Elder full time and one part time Administrator, but all members are involved in the work. Each member does what they are able as time and abilities permit. Some are involved in leading the worship services, or in a teaching ministry. Others are able to visit the sick and needy. All are involved in prayer for the work and in its financial support.

## THE YEAR: ITS OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year ended 31 March 2023 the church faced further challenges, as government rules concerning covid were further relaxed. In April 2022, the government said that churches could sing without people wearing masks. Due to ongoing concerns by some, this practice was not implemented until 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. Even with this delay, some struggled with the change.

In July and August 2022, the paid pastor had a two-month ministry break to allow him time to deal with practical matters in connection with the death of his parents and the advanced dementia of his mother-in-law.

The work of the church continued with activities becoming more like how they were before covid. Home Groups restarted in October 2022. Outreach activities returned to how they were before covid, with a Light Party started for the first time at the end of October. A men's meeting was started in April 2022, which met on Saturdays, once a month at first. This increased to twice a month in 2023. Communion continued to be held just once a month, not twice a month as happened before covid.

The main ways that the Church has sought to achieve the calling of Christ upon it and its charitable purposes for the public benefit have been as follows:

### \* Lord's Day Services.

Our main Sunday services continued each Sunday at 11.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. We continued to ventilate the hall and sanitize our hands to limit the spread of germs. We also provided a no singing room for those who prefer not to sing as part of a congregation indoors, but this then returned to its former use for praying before the services.

A time of fellowship was held after the evening service with refreshments.

We continued to live stream our services, and keep the video recordings on our church Facebook page, but stopped including the words for the hymns and the PowerPoint slides on the live stream. This was to save work and encourage people to return to the meetings in the church.

\* Morning Prayer Meetings.

This prayer meeting was kept online using Zoom and met three mornings a week at 9.00a.m till 9.40am. This was to retain the increased numbers we had had during the pandemic.

\* Midweek Meetings.

On a Wednesday morning and evening the ladies meet for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. These meetings have continued to use Zoom, but increasing numbers have met in person as restrictions were eased.

On a Thursday evening at 7.45 p.m. there is a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Home Groups restarted in October 2022.

Two of our older members died and both funerals were held at the church.

\* Trainee.

The church took on a self-employed trainee, called Paul Morgan, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 for a further twelve-month period. He was supported by the church and lived in the church flat. He helped with outreach, youth work and preaching.

\* Missionary Support.

This year £26,430 was donated for the support of missionary work worldwide.

In addition, we had a special gift day in December 2022 to support Christians working among Ukrainian refugees. This was divided equally between a church in Poland and UFM, and raised a total of £10,142.65.

We had a separate gift day in February 2023 for the work of African Pastor's Conferences (APC). We raised £5,615.81.

We also agreed to lend £17,500 to Wilstead Evangelical Church in November 2022 to enable them to buy a new church building. The funds were transferred in February 2023 and are expected to be repaid within 12-18 months.

\* Outreach.

This work returned, more or less, to how it was before covid.

**Book table work.** We continued our outreach using book tables. We offer Bibles, Gospels, Christian books and leaflets. We run 2 book tables

in Rochdale town center each week and help with another in Halifax once a week.

**Open Aairs.** We continued with our open aairs once a month in Rochdale, meeting on a Saturday. We have Gospel messages preached with the help of visual aids, hand out Christian literature and have discussions with any who show interest.

**Door to door visitation.** We have restarted door to door visitation now that covid concerns have eased. We do this when the weather is not suitable for the book tables and during our Week of Outreach.

**Leaflet Distribution.** We continue to deliver Christian literature and invitations to various church meetings. These are mostly done in connection with special events; Christmas, Easter and 'Week of Outreach' meetings in particular.

**Personal Bible Studies.** We run personal Bible studies for those who want to understand more about the Christian faith. In particular, we often run 'Christianity Explored' for those who are desiring to be baptised and join the church to ensure that they understand clearly what being a Christian means.

Our **annual Week of Outreach** took place in late August / early September as usual. We ran a normal programme of outreach in 2022 with an encouraging number of helpers and gospel conversations. We ran an evangelistic men's breakfast and special Sunday services, to which people were invited.

We continued running our meetings for mothers / fathers / carers and their young children, called **Stay & Play**. The purpose of this meeting is to build relationships with local families and seek opportunities to share the gospel.

We continued running our **youth work**. This included Good News Club for primary school age children and JETS, for secondary school aged children.

During **the month of December** we had a Christmas Supper, a Carol Service and a Christmas Day service to which neighbours and friends were invited.

\* Word of Hope Ministries.

This work continues to be in demand, with orders coming for the literature from various parts of the country and a number of requests coming from abroad. The drop in demand due to covid gradually picked up as more outreach was being done.

This work is maintained by a group of devoted volunteers who give many hours of their time each year.

**\* Hospitality.**

Hospitality was gradually restored as people become less worried about the risks of catching covid.

**\* Church Website.**

The church website ([www.milnrow.org](http://www.milnrow.org)) continues to be a valuable asset to members of the church and viewers from outside. MP3 audios and MP4 videos are regularly accessed through the website. These include messages preached at the church on Thursdays and Sundays, by various speakers. Videos are available to watch, sharing personal stories of faith in Jesus Christ, and answers to life's questions. A book offer is often available for visitors wishing to know more.

Activities of the church are advertised using this platform; from Youth groups to seasonal Suppers.

The website continues to be linked to other sites such as [www.thechristiananswer.org](http://www.thechristiananswer.org); which provides more educational materials on the Christian faith, resulting in a number of requests for Christian literature. [Jesus-islam.com](http://Jesus-islam.com) is another; providing information for the many who enquire into the Christian faith from a Muslim background. It is now available in English, French, Arabic, Urdu and Persian. [AndyMcIntosh.org](http://AndyMcIntosh.org) is another website that provides helpful information on science and creation.

The church's website is updated by a member of the church skilled in the area of IT, guided by our previous Pastor; the author of the website.

The church also has a Facebook page on which most meetings are livestreamed. These videos are then available for people to watch at any time.

**\* Supporting Other Christian Works.**

Help is provided with a number of other churches and organisations, particularly in support of their outreach;

**Halifax Grace Baptist Church:** Members of our church help weekly on a Thursday with general outreach. We also participate in their annual outreach week in September.

**Chorlton Evangelical Church.** We support their week of outreach, which was in June 2022 with helpers and in prayer.

**United Beach Missions.** Church members are involved in leadership of and participating in teams throughout the year. These teams operate in the UK and also in continental Europe.

Many from our church helped the **Christian Answer (CA)** team in London in June 2022, during Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee, as well as other CA teams around the UK over the summer period.

**The Open-Air Mission.** Members support their monthly outreaches in Manchester and have worked together with them occasionally in Bolton.

We also assist **other local churches** by providing preachers from the church to assist them in their ministry.

\* Food Bank and Samaritan's Purse

We have an ongoing voluntary collection of food from members, which is donated to the local food bank. In addition, some members fill shoe boxes and donate them to Samaritan's Purse.

\* Pastoral Care.

During the year our pastors have also been involved in the support of a number of members and others who attend the church who have had a variety of problems.

\* Personal Bible studies.

These studies have continued in person and online with the use of Zoom if preferred.

\* Safe-Guarding Policy.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regards to their suitability for their work, including all necessary legal checks. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.

\* Public Benefit.

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the church is providing a benefit to the public.

\* Trustees.

This year, Stephen Perrott, a long-standing trustee, retired from the diaconate and trusteeship. A further new deacon; Edgar Moreira, was appointed, and also became a trustee. Two men from outside the church, were considered as possible new elders and trustees, but one chose to serve elsewhere and the other did not prove suitable.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The work of the church during this past year has been both challenging and encouraging. We have adjusted the life and work of the church to take account of the relaxation of covid restrictions. We have started up a new men's meeting and held a Light Party for the first time.

The membership has seen a number of changes. Two of our older members died. One member was removed from membership due to lack of attendance and one new member rejoined us after a period away during the pandemic. The total membership thus reduced by two to 63.

The various mid-week meetings continue to be well attended.

## THE NEW YEAR

The spiritual goals of the church remain the same. The impact of Covid-19 has largely passed, but there are still some lingering impacts. All the activities of the church and needs of the members are under regular review, and ongoing adjustments will be required to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The church is actively addressing the vacancy left by the retirement of David and Colette Harding.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is entirely dependent upon the generous giving of its members as we have no collections, but there is an offering box at the back of the church. The full financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statement.

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining reserves sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the church to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are insurance policies in place to minimise these risks. All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches and employers' insurance.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on **4/12/23**.

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	2022/23	2021/22
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£
General Giving (for general fund)		9,510	6,525
MEC Gift Aid Scheme	1	57,615	63,954
Stewardship/CAF (for general fund)		8,781	5,486
Rental of 22a New Street	2	6,360	5,022
Bank Interest		38	1
Repayment of Word of Hope Loan		0	1,675
Minibus Rental		200	0
Rental of church flat		0	0
		<u>82,504</u>	<u>82,663</u>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>			
Pastoral - Julian & Ruth Hurst	3	23,003	22,019
Pastoral – Expenses	4	7,747	6,535
Visiting Preachers/Deputations		2,040	2,285
Missionary Support	5	26,430	25,044
Young People's Work	6	718	429
Outreach	7	1,314	1,412
Building Repairs & Renewals	8	17,530	2,965
Insurance		2,040	1,850
Utility Services	9	8,153	6,158
Welfare	10	1,116	0
Minibus	11	3,748	1,061
Materials/Publications	12	1,685	2,381
Audit of Accounts		210	315
Bank Charges		226	97
Wilstead Loan		15,000	0
General Expenses	14	2,304	1,999
		<u>113,264</u>	<u>74,550</u>
 Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		<u>(30,760)</u>	<u>8,113</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**GIFT AID ACCOUNT**

Notes	2022/23 £	2021/22 £	
<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>			
General	1,205	3,285	
African Pastors Conference	0	5,000	
Adamu	0	2,000	
Jyoti	0	2,000	
	<u>1,205</u>	<u>12,285</u>	
		1,205	12,285
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Fund	45,636	49,947	
Dan Hill	2,860	2,750	
Hicham & Elizabeth	480	480	
African Pastors Conference	10,446	5,000	
Adamu	3,000	3,185	
Jyoti	2,000	2,000	
Andy McIntosh	0	1,000	
Ukraine Appeal	12,715	7,545	
Ilyia	0	25	
Wilstead Loan	2,000	0	
Bank Charges	88	30	
	<u>79,225</u>	<u>71,962</u>	
		79,225	71,962
<b>HMRC</b>			
HMRC - General Fund	11,979	14,007	
Hicham & Elizabeth	120	120	
Dan Hill	697	690	
African Pastors Conference	1,250	1,250	
Adamu	265	1,031	
Jyoti	502	500	
Andy McIntosh	0	250	
Ukraine Appeal	3,828	0	
Wilstead Loan	500	0	
Ilyia	0	6	
	<u>19,141</u>	<u>17,854</u>	
		19,141	17,854
		<u>99,571</u>	<u>102,101</u>
Transfers to No1 Account		<u>(84,280)</u>	<u>(100,896)</u>
		15,291	1,205
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>			
General	191	1,205	
African Pastors Conference	5,100	0	
Adamu	3,000	0	
Joyti	2,000	0	
Ukraine Appeal	5,000	0	
	<u>15,291</u>	<u>1,205</u>	
	15,291	1,205	1,205

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**MEC WORD OF HOPE MINISTRIES**

Notes	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>		
Opening Balance	1,563	1,121
Less uncleared cheques	(140)	0
Payments received	<u>5,883</u>	<u>3,212</u>
	7,306	4,333
	7,306	4,333
Less: Purchases and Expenses	(5,493)	(2,770)
Plus uncleared cheque	<u>90</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>1,903</u></u>	<u><u>1,563</u></u>
Outstanding amount owed to the church at the year end	<u><u>1,053</u></u>	

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Sales	6,591	3,459
Stock increase/(decrease)	<u>220</u>	<u>(1,977)</u>
	6,811	1,482
Publications & Postage	<u>(5,196)</u>	<u>(908)</u>
Gross profit	1,615	574
Audit Fees	105	105
Annual Website	105	83
Bank Charges	<u>88</u>	<u>25</u>
Expenses	(298)	(213)
Net Profit	<u><u>1,317</u></u>	<u><u>361</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**BOOKSTALL ACCOUNT**

Notes	2022/23 £	2021/22 £	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance	(89)	(89)	
Sales	<u>494</u>	<u>0</u>	
		405	(89)
Less: Purchases and Expenses		(640)	0
Transfer – General Fund		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance		<u><u>(235)</u></u>	<u><u>(89)</u></u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Sales	494	0	
Gifts of Books	0	0	
Closing Stock	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
		494	0
Purchases	640	0	
Opening Stock	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
		640	0
Gross (Loss)		(146)	0
Expenses	0	0	
Gifts of Stock	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
		0	0
Net (Loss)		<u><u>(146)</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

**DESIGNATED GIFTS ACCOUNT**

Notes	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Opening Balance	16,674	2,991
Gifts Received	<u>24,446</u>	<u>40,156</u>
	41,120	43,147
Payments made	(37,666)	(26,473)
Closing Balance	<u><u>3,455</u></u>	<u><u>16,674</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**as at 31 March 2023**

**BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Property - Butterworth Hall, 22 New Street, Milnrow		2,400,000	500,000
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	15	<u>2,247</u>	<u>2,961</u>
		<u>2,402,247</u>	<u>502,961</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank and In Hand	16	42,813	62,523
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Stock		9,885	9,665
Bookstall		<u>(146)</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>52,552</u>	<u>72,188</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors net of debtors	17	12,598	(16,541)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>65,150</u>	<u>55,647</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>2,467,397</u></u>	<u><u>558,608</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Gift Aid Account		15,291	1,205
MEC Word of Hope Ministries		11,788	11,361
Bookstall		(146)	0
General Fund		<u>2,440,465</u>	<u>546,042</u>
		<u><u>2,467,397</u></u>	<u><u>558,608</u></u>

During the year the church undertook a revaluation of its property at New Street, Milnrow. The revaluation was carried out by an independent valuer and the valued the property at £2,400,000 Its historical cost is £500,000

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
<b>1. MEC GIFT AID SCHEME</b>		
For General Fund	45,636	49,947
HMRC – General Fund	<u>11,979</u>	<u>14,007</u>
	<u>57,615</u>	<u>63,954</u>
<b>2. RENTAL INCOME FROM 22a NEW STREET</b>		
Rental	2,980	2,980
Use of Gas, Electricity and Water	<u>3,380</u>	<u>2,042</u>
	<u>6,360</u>	<u>5,022</u>
<b>3. PASTORAL, JULIAN &amp; RUTH HURST</b>		
Julian Hurst Salary	15,576	14,832
Ruth Hurst Salary	6,300	6,000
Pension – NEST	<u>1,127</u>	<u>1,187</u>
	<u>23,003</u>	<u>22,019</u>
<b>4. PASTORAL EXPENSES</b>		
J.H. Mileage	670	303
Conferences/Training Days	440	0
J.H. Christian Answer Fee	37	37
New laptops	0	1,395
Paul Morgan Salary	<u>6,600</u>	<u>4,800</u>
	<u>7,747</u>	<u>6,535</u>
<b>5. MISSIONARY SUPPORT</b>		
UFM -Kevin & Susan Matthews	6,815	6,540
UFM - Hicham & Elizabeth	9,315	6,904
Mark Penner	2,500	2,400
Philip & Margaret McIntosh	2,500	2,400
Adamu	0	1,000
Dan Hill	2,500	2,400
Bosco & Heidi	<u>2,800</u>	<u>3,400</u>
	<u>26,430</u>	<u>25,044</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
<b>6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK</b>		
Sunday School	74	0
JETS	445	292
Stay and Play	175	3
Good News Club	24	134
	<u>718</u>	<u>429</u>
<b>7. OUTREACH</b>		
Reaching Rochdale Team	650	900
Reaching Rochdale Meals	145	87
Carol Service/Supper	137	58
Easter 2021	24	181
Light Party	357	0
Christmas Service	0	37
Youth Work Banner	0	149
	<u>1,314</u>	<u>1,412</u>
<b>8. BUILDING REPAIRS AND RENEWALS</b>		
Gas Services	0	312
Fire Safety Inspection	308	276
Exterior Light	32	100
Fire Alarm	208	198
Plumber	145	468
Miscellaneous	22	35
Electricity Safety Checks	168	191
Electrician	2,265	0
Loop System	297	0
CCTV	0	330
Gardening Supplies	0	100
Repairs	218	874
Piano Tuner	0	65
22a Kitchen and related repairs	13,868	0
Doorbell	0	16
	<u>17,530</u>	<u>2,965</u>
<b>9. UTILITY SERVICES</b>		
Gas/Electric (combined)	6,749	5,046
Water	1,066	775
Telephone	338	338
	<u>8,153</u>	<u>6,158</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
<b>10. WELFARE</b>		
Payments Made	1,116	0
Less Gifts Received	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1,116</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>11. MINIBUS</b>		
Depreciation	492	656
Insurance	783	405
Repairs	786	0
Tax	165	0
MOT	<u>1,014</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>3,240</u>	<u>1,061</u>
<b>12. MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS</b>		
Photocopier	20	21
Depreciation	97	139
Holiday Churches - ET	60	25
Life Evangelistic Magazines	0	98
Microsoft Office	80	80
Stationery/Copier Paper	72	0
Literature	1,107	1,152
Bibles	90	0
Hymn Books	142	0
Easter	0	337
Advertising	37	100
CCLI Licence	<u>0</u>	<u>429</u>
	<u>1,685</u>	<u>2,381</u>
<b>13. DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		
Andy McIntosh	0	1,250
Wilstead	2,500	0
Dan Hill	3,561	3,708
African Pastors Conference	6,866	11,250
Adamu	265	7,446
Ilya	0	31
David & Kath Owen	0	500
Ukraine Appeal	10,143	10,681
Hicham & Elizabeth	600	790
Jyoti	<u>513</u>	<u>4,500</u>
	<u>24,446</u>	<u>40,156</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
<b>14. GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		
Christian Safeguarding Services	173	240
Food Safety Training	152	0
Connected Conference	175	160
Carey Conference	195	325
Open Air Equipment	105	0
ICO Registration Fee	35	35
Postage	13	0
COVID Supplies	63	36
Zoom	144	0
AV Equipment	0	66
Men's Breakfast	520	0
Creche TV	0	249
Flat Improvements	0	352
Speakerphones for Home Groups	165	0
Vacuum Cleaners	0	286
Catering	98	0
Keys	0	39
Cleaning Products	138	48
Travel, Insurance etc for El Mostain visit	106	0
Funeral Service Costs	0	9
Depreciation – General	221	154
	<u>2,304</u>	<u>1,999</u>
<b>15. FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Overhead Projector at 31/3	164	205
Cooker – Flat at 31/3	41	51
Piano at 31/3	84	93
Ford Minibus 31/3	1,477	1,969
Projectors (2) at 31/3	41	51
Dishwasher at 31/3	215	269
Colour Copier at 31/3	226	323
	<u>2,247</u>	<u>2,961</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
<b>16. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>		
General cash in hand	0	0
Current Account	15,804	55,676
Uncleared Cheques	(242)	(5,941)
Gift Aid Scheme Account	15,291	1,205
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Account	1,903	1,563
Deposit Account	10,057	10,019
	<u>42,813</u>	<u>62,523</u>
<b>17. CREDITORS/(DEBTORS)</b>		
Designated Gifts	3,455	16,674
Word of Hope Ministries	(1,053)	(133)
Wilstead	(15,000)	0
	<u>(12,598)</u>	<u>16,541</u>
<b>18. CHURCH FUNDS</b>		
Designated Gifts	3,455	16,674
General Fund	22,164	43,081
MEC Word of Hope Ministries	1,903	1,563
Gift Aid Scheme Account	15,291	1,205
	<u>42,813</u>	<u>62,523</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2023 Charity no (if any) 1135818

Set out on pages

ONE TO TEN (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Stanley Gyz Date: 13/01/2024

Name: STANLEY OLHOWICZ

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

[Empty box for professional qualification]

Address:

11 SADLERS GATE
WOMBWELL
BARNSELY S73 8NG

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

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

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1135818

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# Accounts

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# **MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**for the year ending 31 March 2022**

**Registered Address 22 New Street  
Milnrow  
Rochdale  
OL16 3PQ**

**Charity Registration Number 1135818**

**Approved by the Trustees on 6/1/2023**

**Trustees**                    **Julian Hurst (Elder)**  
**Dr Mike Worsell (Elder)**  
**John Corbett (Treasurer and Deacon)**  
**Stephen Perrott (Deacon)**  
**Dr Timothy Platts (Deacon)**  
**Sam Cappleman-Lynes (Deacon)**

**Bankers**                    **H S B C**  
**2 Yorkshire Street**  
**Rochdale**  
**OL16 1EE**

**Independent Examiner: STANLEY OZGOWICZ**  
**MA (Cantab) CTA**  
**Atrament Limited**  
**1 Cliffe Cottages**  
**Roper Lane**  
**Thurgoland**

## **SHEFFIELD S35 7AA**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

#### **CHARITABLE OBJECT**

The primary aims of the Trust are to fulfil the role of a Christian Church in the Rochdale and district area and to provide help to others in promoting the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and overseas.

#### **THE CHURCH : ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Church is a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of the World.

The New Testament describes the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and loving and serving Him, are also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they live.

Milnrow Evangelical Church, its Trustees and members are committed to the maintenance of these New Testament principles, as also are many other Churches, not only in this country, but also all over the world.

The powers of appointment or removal of Trustees rests with the Trustees. New Trustees are selected from within the elders and deacons of the Church, appointed in accordance with the Members' manual. This means that the Trustee body is whole heartedly involved in fulfilling the mission of the Church worked out in practice. New Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and of the legal and financial framework in which the Church operates.

The Church employs one Elder full time and one part

time Administrator, but all members are involved in the work. Each member does what they are able as time and abilities permit. Some are involved in leading the worship services, or in a teaching ministry. Others are able to visit the sick and needy. All are involved in prayer for the work and in its financial support.

## THE YEAR: ITS OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year ended 31 March 2022 the church faced many new challenges. Following the previous government lockdowns to limit the spread of covid-19, restrictions began to ease. The government finally removed all mandatory restrictions on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, but advised some ongoing precautions. The whole of church life had to be reorganized once again. We began to sing together as a congregation again, re-launched our youth work in September 2021 in a new format and started a new mother and toddler group, called Stay & Play. We modified our live streaming of our services, to encourage people to return to meeting together at church. We continued to meet using Zoom for prayer meetings 3 mornings a week. Some people struggled more than others with the changes, and we tried to cater for all the members' concerns throughout. We delayed the restart of Home Groups due to the concerns of some people.

As well as our meetings, our outreach also adjusted to a new format, closer to what we did before the covid pandemic.

The main ways that the Church has sought to achieve the calling of Christ upon it and its charitable purposes for the public benefit have been as follows:

\* Lord's Day Services.

Our main Sunday services continued each Sunday at 11.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. We continue to ventilate the hall and sanitize our hands to limit the spread of germs. We also provide a no singing room for those who prefer not to sing as part of a congregation indoors.

With time, we re-introduced a time of fellowship after the evening service with refreshments.

We continued to live stream our services, and keep the video recordings on our church Facebook page, but stopped including the words for the hymns and the PowerPoint slides on the live stream. This was to save work and encourage people to return to the meetings in the church.

We had the joy of holding two baptismal services on Sunday mornings after 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, so no special covid precautions were necessary.

\* Morning Prayer Meetings.

This prayer meeting was kept online using Zoom and met three mornings a week at 9.00a.m till 9.40am. This was to retain the increased numbers we had had during the pandemic.

\* Midweek Meetings.

On a Wednesday morning and evening the ladies meet for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. These meetings have continued to use Zoom, but increasing numbers have met in person as restrictions were eased.

On a Thursday evening at 7.45 p.m. there is a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Home Groups continued to be suspended due to concerns by some people regarding the possible spread of covid.

A funeral was held in the church on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and the church building was full of family and friends.

\* Trainee.

The church took on a self-employed trainee, called Paul Morgan, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 for a twelve-month period. He was supported by the church and lived in the church flat. He helped with outreach, youth work and preaching. As well as on-the-job training, he did guided reading.

\* Missionary Support.

This year £25,044 was donated for the support of missionary work worldwide.

In addition, we had a special gift day in March 2022 to raise funds to support refugees from Ukraine, following Russia's invasion of their country in February 2022. We raised £10,681.25 which was sent to Christian friends in Poland and others working with UFM, whom we knew were caring for refugees from Ukraine.

\* Outreach.

This work, like everything else, was adjusted as the covid rules were relaxed.

**Book table work.** We continued our outreach using book tables. We offer Bibles, Gospels, Christian books and leaflets. People have become more relaxed at the table and happier to stop and talk and to take literature as covid concerns have eased. We run 2 book tables in Rochdale town center each week and help with another in Halifax once a week.

**Open Aairs.** We continued with our open aairs once a month in Rochdale, meeting on a Saturday. We have Gospel messages preached with the help of visual aids, hand out Christian literature and have discussions with any who show interest.

**Door to door visitation.** We have restarted door to door visitation now that covid concerns have eased. We do this when the weather is not suitable for the book

tables and during our Week of Outreach.

**Leaflet Distribution.** We continue to deliver Christian literature and invitations to various church meetings. These are mostly done in connection with special events; Christmas, Easter and 'Week of Outreach' meetings in particular.

**Personal Bible Studies.** We run personal Bible studies for those who want to understand more about the Christian faith. In particular, we often run 'Christianity Explored' for those who are desiring to be baptised and join the church to ensure that they understand clearly what being a Christian means.

Our **annual Week of Outreach** took place in September as usual. We ran a normal programme of outreach in 2021, but the re-launch of the youth work around the same time and the lower numbers of helpers made things more difficult. We ran an evangelistic men's breakfast and special Sunday services, to which people were invited.

We started a new meeting for mothers / fathers / carers and their young children in September 2021. This was called **Stay & Play**. The purpose of this meeting is to build relationships with local families and seek opportunities to share the gospel.

We re-launched our **youth work** in September 2021. This included the relaunch of our club for primary school age children, called Good News Club, and a new club, called JETS, for secondary school aged children.

During **the month of December** we had a Christmas Supper with a visiting speaker, Joe Long, a Carol Service and a Christmas Day service to which neighbours and friends were invited.

We held a **Spring Supper** in March 2022, to which friends and neighbours were also invited.

\* Word of Hope Ministries.

This work continues to be in demand, with orders coming for the literature from various parts of the

country and a number of requests coming from abroad. The drop in demand due to covid gradually picked up as more outreach was being done.

This work is maintained by a group of devoted volunteers who give many hours of their time each year.

\* Hospitality.

Hospitality was gradually restored as people become less worried about the risks of catching covid.

\* Church Website.

The church website ([www.milnrow.org](http://www.milnrow.org)) continues to be a valuable asset to members of the church and viewers from outside. Mp3 audios and MP4 videos are regularly accessed through the website. These include messages preached at the church on Thursdays and Sundays, by various speakers. Videos are available to watch, sharing personal stories of faith in Jesus Christ, and answers to life's questions. A book offer is often available for visitors wishing to know more.

Activities of the church are advertised using this platform; from Youth groups to seasonal Suppers.

The website continues to be linked to other sites such as [www.thechristiananswer.org](http://www.thechristiananswer.org); which provides more educational materials on the Christian faith, resulting in a number of requests for Christian literature. [Jesus-islam.com](http://Jesus-islam.com) is another; providing information for the many who enquire into the Christian faith from a Muslim background. It is now available in English, French, Arabic, Urdu and Persian. [AndyMcIntosh.org](http://AndyMcIntosh.org) is another website that provides helpful information on science and creation.

The church's website is updated by a member of the church skilled in the area of IT, guided by our previous Pastor; the author of the website.

The church also has a Facebook page on which most meetings are livestreamed. These videos are then available for people to watch at any time.

\* Supporting Other Christian Works.

Help is provided with a number of other churches and organisations, particularly in support of their outreach;

**Halifax Grace Baptist Church:** Members of our church help weekly on a Thursday with general outreach. We also participate in their annual outreach week in September.

**Chorlton Evangelical Church.** We support their week of outreach, which was in June 2021 with helpers and in prayer.

**United Beach Missions.** Church members are involved in leadership of and participating in teams throughout the year. These teams operate in the UK and also in continental Europe.

Many from our church helped the **Christian Answer** team in Manchester in May 2021, which ran instead of their usual outreach in London.

**The Open-Air Mission.** Members support their monthly outreaches in Manchester and have worked together with them occasionally in Bolton.

We also assist **other local churches** by providing preachers from the church to assist them in their ministry.

\* Supporting those seeking asylum.

The number of people seeking asylum in the U.K. continues to provide churches with opportunities to give both spiritual and humanitarian support. Many in Rochdale are Christians who were persecuted in their land of origin, but others have not had an opportunity to consider the Christian Faith openly. Both spiritual and humanitarian support is given without regard to whether the individuals are Christian or not.

On a number of occasions in the past we have provided advice in their claims, including our pastors attending their appeals tribunals.

This year, the numbers coming to our church have been limited.

\* Food Bank and Samaritan's Purse

We have an ongoing voluntary collection of food from members, which is donated to the local food bank. In addition, some members fill shoe boxes and donate them to Samaritan's Purse.

\* Pastoral Care.

During the year our pastors have also been involved in the support of a number of members and others who attend the church who have had a variety of problems.

\* Personal Bible studies.

These studies have continued in person and online with the use of Zoom if preferred.

\* Safe-Guarding Policy.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regards to their suitability for their work, including all necessary legal checks. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.

\* Public Benefit.

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the church is providing a benefit to the public.

\* Trustees.

This year, David Owen, a long-standing trustee, retired from the eldership and trusteeship. A further two elders; Andy McIntosh and Mike Worsell, were appointed, and

Mike Worsell also became a trustee. Three men from outside the church, were considered as possible new elders and trustees, but did not prove suitable.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The work of the church during this past year has been both challenging and encouraging. We have adjusted the life and work of the church to take account of the relaxation of covid restrictions. We have started up a new group for children age 0-5 and their carers, and relaunched our youth work in a revised format.

The membership has seen a number of changes. Two new members have been baptized and added to the church, six have joined us from other churches, five have moved on to other churches, one resigned and three were removed from membership due to non-attendance. The total membership thus reduced by one to 65.

The various mid-week meetings continue to be well attended.

## THE NEW YEAR

The spiritual goals of the church remain the same. The impact of Covid-19 has largely passed, but there are still some lingering impacts. All the activities of the church and needs of the members are under regular review, and ongoing adjustments will be required to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The church is actively addressing the vacancy left by the retirement of David and Colette Harding. The church is also considering a period of ministry break for Julian and

Ruth Hurst (Elder and Administrator), who have had a number of family bereavements to contend with on top of the pressures of the last few years.

The church is also preparing to launch a new Men's meeting in April 2022, for men of all ages. Initially the plan is to meet once a month on a Saturday morning and study a mixture of practical theology and a book called Disciplines of a Godly Man.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is entirely dependent upon the generous giving of its members as we have no collections, but there is an offering box at the back of the church. The full financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statement.

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining reserves sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the church to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are insurance policies in place to minimise these risks. All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches and employers' insurance.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on **6/1/2023**.

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	2021/22	2020/21
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£
General Giving (for general fund)		6,525	2,895
MEC Gift Aid Scheme	1	63,954	66,156
Stewardship/CAF (for general fund)		5,486	6,898
Rental of 22a New Street	2	5,022	4,704
Bank Interest		1	5
Repayment of Word of Hope Loan		1,675	0
Rental of church flat		0	1,883
		<u>82,663</u>	<u>82,541</u>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>			
Pastoral - Julian & Ruth Hurst	3	22,019	22,019
Pastoral – Expenses	4	6,535	157
Visiting Preachers/Deputations		2,285	910
Missionary Support	5	25,044	23,880
Young People's Work	6	429	0
Outreach	7	1,412	1,029
Building Repairs & Renewals	8	2,965	1,584
Insurance		1,850	1,839
Utility Services	9	6,158	5,682
Materials/Publications	12	2,381	3,874
Welfare	10	0	1,025
Minibus	11	1,061	1,486
Audit of Accounts		315	205
Bank Charges		97	0
General Expenses	14	1,999	2,674
		<u>74,550</u>	<u>66,364</u>
 Net surplus for the year		<u>8,113</u>	<u>16,177</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**GIFT AID ACCOUNT**

Notes	2021/22 £	2020/21 £	
<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>			
General	3,285	10,255	
African Pastors Conference	5,000	5,000	
Adamu	2,000	2,000	
Jyoti	2,000	2,000	
Dan Hill	0	10	
	<u>12,285</u>	<u>19,265</u>	
		12,285	19,265
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Fund	49,947	51,749	
Dan Hill	2,750	2,760	
Hicham & Elizabeth	480	480	
African Pastors Conference	5,000	5,000	
Adamu	3,185	2,000	
Jyoti	2,000	2,000	
Andy McIntosh	1,000	0	
Ukraine Appeal	7,545	0	
Ilyia	25	0	
Bank Charges	30	0	
	<u>71,962</u>	<u>63,989</u>	
		71,962	63,989
<b>HMRC</b>			
HMRC - General Fund	14,007	14,407	
Hicham & Elizabeth	120	123	
Dan Hill	690	635	
African Pastors Conference	1,250	1,250	
Adamu	1,031	500	
Jyoti	500	500	
Andy McIntosh	250	0	
Ilyia	6	0	
	<u>17,854</u>	<u>17,415</u>	
		17,854	17,415
		<u>102,101</u>	<u>100,669</u>
Transfers to No1 Account		-100,896	-88,384
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>			
General	1,205	3,285	
African Pastors Conference	0	5,000	
Adamu	0	2,000	
Joyti	0	2,000	
	<u>1,205</u>	<u>12,285</u>	
	1,205	12,285	12,285

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**MEC WORD OF HOPE MINISTRIES**

Notes	2021/22 £	2020/21 £	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance	1,121	115	
Gifts and Transfers	0	0	
Cash From Sales	<u>3,212</u>	<u>1,351</u>	
	4,333	1,466	
		4,333	1,466
Less: Purchases and Expenses		-2,770	-345
Closing Balance		<u><u>1,563</u></u>	<u><u>1,121</u></u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Sales	3,459	1,392	
Stock increase/(decrease)	<u>-1,977</u>	<u>598</u>	
	1,482	1,990	
Publications & Postage	<u>-908</u>	<u>-1,904</u>	
Gross profit		574	86
Audit Fees	105	105	
Annual Website	83	83	
Bank Charges	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	
Expenses		-213	-188
Net Profit/(loss)		<u><u>361</u></u>	<u><u>-102</u></u>

**BOOKSTALL ACCOUNT**

Notes	2021/22 £	2020/21 £	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance	-89	-89	
Sales	<u>          </u>	<u>0</u>	
		-89	-89
Less: Purchases and Expenses		0	0
Transfer – General Fund			0
Closing Balance		<u><u>-89</u></u>	<u><u>-89</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**DESIGNATED GIFTS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Opening Balance		2,991	33
Gifts Received	13	<u>40,156</u>	<u>22,288</u>
		43,147	22,321
Payments made		-26,473	-19,330
Closing Balance		<u><u>16,674</u></u>	<u><u>2,991</u></u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Property - Butterworth Hall, 22 New Street, Milnrow		500,000	500,000
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	15	<u>2,961</u>	<u>3,911</u>
		<u>502,961</u>	<u>503,911</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank and In Hand	16	62,523	57,650
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Stock		9,665	11,642
Bookstall		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>72,188</u>	<u>69,292</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors net of debtors	17	-16,541	-4,675
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>55,647</u>	<u>64,617</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>558,608</u></u>	<u><u>568,528</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Gift Aid Account		1,205	12,285
MEC Word of Hope Ministries		11,361	12,763
Bookstall		0	0
General Fund		<u>546,042</u>	<u>543,480</u>
		<u><u>558,608</u></u>	<u><u>568,528</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
<b>1. MEC GIFT AID SCHEME</b>		
For General Fund	49,947	51,749
HMRC – General Fund	<u>14,007</u>	<u>14,407</u>
	<u>63,954</u>	<u>66,156</u>
<b>2. RENTAL INCOME FROM 22a NEW STREET</b>		
Rental	2,980	2,980
Use of Gas, Electricity and Water	<u>2,042</u>	<u>1,724</u>
	<u>5,022</u>	<u>4,704</u>
<b>3. PASTORAL, JULIAN &amp; RUTH HURST</b>		
Julian Hurst Salary	14,832	14,832
Ruth Hurst Salary	6,000	6,000
Pension – NEST	<u>1,187</u>	<u>1,187</u>
	<u>22,019</u>	<u>22,019</u>
<b>4. PASTORAL EXPENSES</b>		
J.H. Mileage	303	157
J.H. Christian Answer Fee	37	0
New laptops	1,395	0
Paul Morgan Salary	<u>4,800</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>6,535</u>	<u>157</u>
<b>5. MISSIONARY SUPPORT</b>		
UFM -Kevin & Susan Matthews	6,540	6,540
UFM - Hicham & Elizabeth	6,904	6,890
Mark Penner	2,400	2,400
Philip & Margaret McIntosh	2,400	2,400
Adamu	1,000	0
Dan Hill	2,400	2,600
UBM	0	500
Lanka Evangelical Fellowship of Churches	0	150
Bosco & Heidi	<u>3,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	<u>25,044</u>	<u>23,880</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
<b>6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK</b>		
Sunday School	0	0
JETS	292	0
Stay and Play	3	0
Good News Club	134	0
	<u>429</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>7. OUTREACH</b>		
Reaching Rochdale Team	900	780
Reaching Rochdale Meals	87	0
Carol Service/Supper	58	0
Easter 2021	181	0
Christmas Service	37	249
Youth Work Banner	149	0
	<u>1,412</u>	<u>1,029</u>
<b>8. BUILDING REPAIRS AND RENEWALS</b>		
Gas Services	312	0
Fire Safety Inspection	276	0
Exterior Light	100	0
Fire Alarm	198	235
Energy Performance Certificates	0	80
Plumber	468	468
Miscellaneous	35	364
Electricity Safety Checks	191	190
Security Alarm	0	206
CCTV	330	0
Gardening Supplies	100	41
Repairs	874	0
Piano Tuner	65	0
Doorbell	16	0
	<u>2,965</u>	<u>1,584</u>
<b>9. UTILITY SERVICES</b>		
Gas	0	2,415
Electricity	0	2,169
Gas/Electric (combined during early 2022)	5,046	0
Water	775	677
Telephone	337	421
	<u>6,158</u>	<u>5,682</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
<b>10. WELFARE</b>		
Payments Made	0	1,025
Less Gifts Received	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,025</u>
<b>11. MINIBUS</b>		
Depreciation	656	875
Insurance	405	296
MOT	0	315
	<u>1,061</u>	<u>1,486</u>
<b>12. MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS</b>		
Photocopier	21	0
Depreciation	139	198
Holiday Churches - ET	25	25
Life Evangelistic Magazines	98	0
Microsoft Office	80	0
Stationery/Copier Paper	0	67
Literature	1,152	3,356
Easter 2021	337	0
Advertising	100	0
CCLI Licence	429	228
	<u>2,381</u>	<u>3,874</u>
<b>13. DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		
Pella	0	550
Andy McIntosh	1,250	0
Dan Hill	3,708	8,885
African Pastors Conference	11,250	6,250
Adamu	7,446	2,500
Ilya	31	0
David & Colette Harding	0	1,000
David & Kath Owen	500	0
Ukraine Appeal	10,681	0
Hicham & Elizabeth	790	603
Jyoti	4,500	2,500
	<u>40,156</u>	<u>22,288</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
<b>14. GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		
Christian Safeguarding Services	240	505
Connected Conference	160	0
Carey Conference	325	0
Open Air Equipment	0	16
ICO Registration Fee	35	35
Postage	0	9
COVID Supplies	36	132
Zoom	0	180
AV Equipment	66	1,605
Creche TV	249	0
Flat Improvements	352	0
Vacuum Cleaners	286	0
Keys	39	0
Cleaning Products	48	0
Funeral Service Costs	9	
Depreciation – General	154	192
	<u>1,999</u>	<u>2,674</u>
<b>15. FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Overhead Projector at 31/3	205	256
Cooker – Flat at 31/3	51	64
Piano at 31/3	93	104
Colour Printer at 31/3	Written Off	Written Off
Ford Minibus 31/3	1,969	2,625
Projectors (2) at 31/3	51	64
Dishwasher at 31/3	269	336
Colour Copier at 31/3	323	462
	<u>2,961</u>	<u>3,911</u>
<b>16. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>		
General cash in hand	0	0
Current Account	55,676	36,076
Uncleared Cheques	-5,941	-1,850
Gift Aid Scheme Account	1,205	12,285
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Account	1,563	1,121
Deposit Account	10,019	10,018
	<u>62,523</u>	<u>57,650</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2022**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
<b>17. CREDITORS/(DEBTORS)</b>		
Designated Gifts	16,674	2,991
Word of Hope Ministries	-133	1,684
Others	0	0
	<u>16,541</u>	<u>4,675</u>
<b>18. CHURCH FUNDS</b>		
Designated Gifts	16,674	2,991
General Fund	43,081	41,253
MEC Word of Hope Ministries	1,563	1,121
Gift Aid Scheme Account	1,205	12,285
	<u>62,523</u>	<u>57,650</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

MILNR0W EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2022

Charity no (if any)

1135818

Set out on pages

ONE TO NINE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Stanley Ogaw

Date: 13/01/2023

Name: STANLEY OZGOWICZ

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

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THURGOAND
SHEFFIELD S35 7AA

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

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

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1135818

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# Accounts

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# **MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**for the year ending 31 March 2021**

**Registered Address 22 New Street  
Milnrow  
Rochdale  
OL16 3PQ**

**Charity Registration Number 1135818**

**Approved by the Trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Trustees**                    **Julian Hurst (Elder)**  
**David Owen (Elder)**  
**John Corbett (Treasurer and Deacon)**  
**Stephen Perrott (Deacon)**  
**Dr Timothy Platts (Deacon)**

**Bankers**                    **H S B C**  
**2 Yorkshire Street**  
**Rochdale**  
**OL16 1EE**

**Independent Examiner: STANLEY OZGOWICZ**  
**MA (Cantab) CTA**  
**Atrament Limited**  
**1 Cliffe Cottages**  
**Roper Lane**  
**Thurgoland**

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### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

#### **CHARITABLE OBJECT**

The primary aims of the Trust are to fulfil the role of a Christian Church in the Rochdale and district area and also to provide help to others in promoting the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and overseas.

#### **THE CHURCH : ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Church is a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of the World.

The New Testament describes the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by loving and serving Jesus Christ, are also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they live.

Milnrow Evangelical Church, its Trustees and members are committed to the maintenance of these New Testament principles, as also are many other Churches, not only in this country, but also all over the world.

The powers of appointment or removal of Trustees rests with the Trustees. New Trustees are selected from within the membership of the Church as this means that the Trustee body is whole heartedly involved in fulfilling the mission of the Church worked out in practice. New Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and of the legal and financial framework in which the Church operates.

The Church employs one Elder full time and one part time Administrator, but all members are involved in the work. Each member does what they are able as time and

abilities permit. Some are involved in leading the worship services, or in a teaching ministry. Others are able to visit the sick and needy. All are involved in prayer for the work and in its financial support.

## THE YEAR: ITS OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year ended 31 March 2021 the church faced many challenges. Following the Government imposed first lockdown at the end of March 2020, the whole of church life had to be reorganized. The church building was closed. We stopped using the church minibus, suspended our youth work and moved our regular public services of Christian worship and Bible study online. We used email, Zoom, YouTube, and then live streaming to Facebook to keep the congregation informed, to deliver the preaching of God's word and to maintain fellowship. We have sought to improve our services with time, and adjust them to comply with the ever changing covid restrictions. The main ways that the Church has sought to achieve the calling of Christ upon it and its charitable purposes for the public benefit have been as follows:

\* Lord's Day Services.

Our main Sunday services continued each Sunday at 11.00a.m. and 6.00p.m.

With time, we introduced a time of fellowship after the evening service using Zoom.

We upgraded the church Wi-Fi to prepare for live streaming, which we launched in July 2020 when we re-started holding Sunday morning worship services in the

church building again.

We started holding evening services at church again in October 2020, until the next lockdown in November 2020. The church re-opened on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

We had the joy of holding a baptismal service on Sunday morning on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021, which was done in a manner compliant with the covid rules at that time.

\* Morning Prayer Meetings.

This prayer meeting moved online using Zoom and met each weekday at 9.00a.m till 9.30am. We saw an increase in the numbers of people attending.

\* Midweek Meetings.

On a Thursday evening at 7.45 p.m. there is a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Home Groups were suspended due to covid.

We also introduced a Monday evening quiz night, held about once every two months, using Zoom. This involved a Bible quiz, and a talk from a missionary that we had links with.

A funeral was held in the church on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with close family only present in the building.

\* Training.

The trustees and youth group leaders did some further online safeguarding training in July 2020, in preparation for re-launching our youth work in due course.

\* Missionary Support.

This year £23,880 was donated for the support of missionary work worldwide.

\* Outreach.

This work, like everything else, was severely disrupted by the covid pandemic. However, we continued to do what we could at any given time.

**Book table work.** This has changed due to the Covid situation. We now have a larger and better stocked table from which we offer Bibles, Gospels, Christian books and leaflets. People now approach the table to browse more than us distributing to passers-by. We run 2 book tables in Rochdale town center each week and help with another in Halifax once a week.

**Open Airs.** We ran less open airs due to the Covid situation but are now back to a monthly meeting on a Saturday. We have Gospel messages preached with the help of visual aids, hand out Christian literature and have discussions with any who show interest.

**Door to door visitation.** We have postponed door to door visitation for the time being. We are waiting for the Covid situation to become such that people, particularly those who are vulnerable, will not feel uneasy about us visiting their homes.

**Leaflet Distribution.** We continue to deliver Christian literature and invitations to various church meetings. These are mostly done in connection with special events; Christmas and Easter meetings in particular.

**Personal Bible Studies.** We run personal Bible studies for those who want to understand more about the Christian faith. In particular, we often run 'Christianity Explored' for those who are desiring to be baptised and join the church to ensure that they understand clearly what being a Christian means.

Our **annual week of outreach** took place in September as usual. We adapted the street work so that we had several places where we distributed and spoke to people. This was to keep numbers low at each place due to Covid. We ran several evangelistic meetings which were live-streamed for people to watch online.

During **the month of December** we had special Christmas themed evenings each Sunday. These were run on zoom so those interested could join us for Carol singing and a Christmas message.

\* Hospitality.

Hospitality was greatly reduced because of covid. As soon as the covid regulations allowed, we began to meet with people outdoors.

\* Word of Hope Ministries.

This work continues to be in demand, with orders coming for the literature from various parts of the country and a number of requests coming from abroad. However, covid has caused a drop in demand while opportunities to use the literature are reduced. Many of the titles have been or are in the process of being translated into other languages. Publications are now available in English, Farsi, Arabic, Turkish and French.

This work is maintained by a group of devoted volunteers who give many hours of their time each year.

\* Church Website.

The church website ([www.milnrow.org](http://www.milnrow.org)) continues to be a valuable asset to members of the church and viewers from outside. Visitors' statistics on the website are regularly up to about 150 daily, over each month, and normally over two pages are viewed by each. 'Hits' to the website are over 90 each day but 'visitors' are identifiable and indicate different users.

Mp3 audios and MP4 videos are regularly accessed through the website. These include messages preached at the church on Thursdays and Sundays, by various speakers. Videos are available to watch, sharing personal stories of faith in Jesus Christ, and answers to life's questions. A book offer is often available for visitors wishing to know more.

Activities of the church are advertised using this

platform; from Youth groups to seasonal Suppers. Information of our church services and regular weekly activities can be sourced here.

The website continues to be linked to other sites such as [www.thechristiananswer.org](http://www.thechristiananswer.org); which provides more educational materials on the Christian faith, resulting in a number of requests for Christian literature. [Jesus-islam.com](http://Jesus-islam.com) is another; providing information for the many who enquire into the Christian faith from a Muslim background. It is now available in English, French, Arabic, Urdu and Persian. [AndyMcIntosh.org](http://AndyMcIntosh.org) is another that provides helpful information on science and creation.

The church's website is updated by a member of the church skilled in the area of IT, guided by our previous Pastor; the author of the website.

The church also has a Facebook page on which most meetings are livestreamed. These videos are then available for people to watch at any time.

#### \* Supporting Other Christian Works.

Help is provided with a number of other churches and organisations, particularly in support of their outreach, although this year it has been more limited due to covid;

Halifax Grace Baptist Church: Members of our church help weekly on a Thursday with general outreach. We also participate in their annual outreach week in September.

United Beach Missions. Church members are involved in leadership of and participating in teams throughout the year. These teams operate in the UK and also in continental Europe.

The Open-Air Mission. Members support their monthly outreaches in Manchester and have worked together with them occasionally in Bolton.

We also assist other local churches by providing preachers from the church to assist them in their ministry.

Members are involved in the support of the Evangelical Baptist Church, Cacassonne, France. This includes

practical help with their building and in their outreach work, when possible. Covid travel restrictions have prevented this during this year.

\* Supporting those seeking asylum.

The number of people seeking asylum in the U.K. continues to provide churches with opportunities to give both spiritual and humanitarian support. Many in Rochdale are Christians who were persecuted in their land of origin, but others have not had an opportunity to consider the Christian Faith openly. Both spiritual and humanitarian support is given without regard to whether the individuals are Christian or not.

On a number of occasions in the past we have provided advice in their claims, including our pastors attending their appeals tribunals.

This year, covid has limited the help that we are able to provide.

\* Pastoral Care.

During the year our pastors have also been involved in the support of a number of members and others who attend the church who have had a variety of problems.

\* Personal Bible studies.

These studies have continued online with the use of Zoom.

\* Safe-Guarding Policy.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regards to their suitability for their work, including all necessary legal checks.

\* Public Benefit.

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the

church is providing a benefit to the public.

\* Trustees.

This year a further elder / trustee was invited to join the church from another church, but in the end, he chose to remain where he was.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The work of the church has been both challenging and encouraging over the past year. Although we have lost contact with a few people who used to attend our services, most have kept in touch using the online services. A number of new people have attended our online services and become regular attenders with us.

The year though has seen a number of changes. Two of our members went to be with the Lord and two believers who were already baptized were added to the membership. One person was baptized and added to the membership. One person was removed under church discipline and one was suspended. The total membership thus remains 66.

The various mid-week meetings continue to be well attended.

## THE NEW YEAR

The spiritual goals of the church remain the same, but the impact of Covid-19 remains a challenge. All the activities of the church and needs of the members are under regular review, and ongoing adjustments will be required to face the challenges and opportunities that lie

ahead.

The church is actively addressing the vacancy left by the retirement of David and Colette Harding.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is entirely dependent upon the generous giving of its members as no offerings are taken at any meetings. The full financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statement.

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining reserves sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the church to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks. All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches and employers' insurance.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

**GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCO**

	Notes	2020/21
<b>INCOME</b>		£
General Giving (for general fund)		2,895
MEC Gift Aid Scheme	1	66,156
Stewardship/CAF (for general fund)		6,898
Rental of 22a New Street	2	4,704
Bank Interest		5
Photocopying		0
Rental of church flat		1,883
		<u>82,541</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Pastoral - Julian & Ruth Hurst	3	22,019
Pastoral - Expenses	4	157
Visiting Preachers/Deputations		910
Missionary Support	5	23,880
Young People's Work	6	0
Outreach	7	1,029
Building Repairs & Renewals	8	1,584
Insurance		1,839
Utility Services	9	5,682
Materials/Publications	12	3,874
Welfare	10	1,025
Minibus	11	1,486
Audit of Accounts		205
General Expenses	14	2,674
		<u>66,364</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u>16,177</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

**GIFT AID ACCOUNT**

Notes	2020/21 £	
<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>		
General	10,255	
African Pastors Conference	5,000	
Adamu	2,000	
Jyoti	2,000	
Dan Hill	10	
	<u>19,265</u>	19,265
<b>INCOME</b>		
General Fund	51,749	
Dan Hill	2,760	
Hicham & Elizabeth	480	
African Pastors Conference	5,000	
Adamu	2,000	
Jyoti	2,000	
Spen Valley Church	0	
	<u>63,989</u>	63,989
<b>HMRC</b>		
HMRC - General Fund	14,407	
Hicham & Elizabeth	123	
Spen Valley Church	0	
Dan Hill	635	
African Pastors Conference	1,250	
Adamu	500	
Jyoti	500	
	<u>17,415</u>	<u>17,415</u>
		<u>100,669</u>
Transfers to No1 Account		-88,384
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>		
General	3,285	
Dan Hill	0	
African Pastors Conference	5,000	
Adamu	2,000	

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2,000
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**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

**MEC WORD OF HOPE MINISTRIES**

Notes	2020/21	
	£	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>		
Opening Balance	115	
Gifts and Transfers	0	
Cash From Sales	<u>1,351</u>	
	1,466	1,466
Less: Purchases and Expenses		-345
Closing Balance		<u><u>1,121</u></u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Sales	1,392	
Stock increase/(decrease)	<u>598</u>	
	1,990	
Publications & Postage	<u>-1,904</u>	
Gross profit/(loss)		86
Audit Fees	105	
Annual Website	83	
Stationery/Copier Paper	0	
Advert E.T.	0	
Stall at Keswick	0	
New Computer	0	
Royalties to Hicham	0	
Use of Copier	<u>0</u>	
Expenses		-188
Net Profit/(loss)		<u><u>-102</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

**BOOKSTALL ACCOUNT**

	Notes	2020/21 £	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance		-89	
Sales		<u>0</u>	-89
Less: Purchases and Expenses			0
Transfer - General Fund			<u>0</u>
Closing Balance			<u><u>-89</u></u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Sales		0	
Gifts of Books		0	
Closing Stock		<u>0</u>	0
Purchases		0	
Opening Stock		<u>0</u>	0
Gross Profit/(Loss)			0
Expenses		0	
Gifts of Stock		<u>0</u>	0
Net Profit/(Loss)			<u><u>0</u></u>

**DESIGNATED GIFTS ACCOUNT**

Notes	2020/21 £
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Opening Balance		33
Gifts Received	13	<u>22,288</u>
		22,321
Payments made		-19,330
Closing Balance		<u><u>2,991</u></u>

**MINLNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
as at 31 March 2021**

**BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	2020/21 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Property - Butterworth Hall, 22 New Street, Milnrow		500,000
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	15	<u>3,911</u>
		<u>503,911</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	16	57,650
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Stock		11,642
Bookstall		<u>0</u>
		<u>69,292</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors net of debtors	17	-4,675
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>64,618</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>568,529</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
Gift Aid Account		12,285
MEC Word of Hope Ministries		12,763
Bookstall		0
General Fund		<u>543,480</u>
		<u><u>568,529</u></u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2020/21 £
<b>1. MEC GIFT AID SCHEME</b>	
For General Fund	51,749
HMRC - General Fund	14,407
	<u>66,156</u>
<b>2. RENTAL INCOME FROM 22a NEW STREET</b>	
Rental	2,980
Use of Gas, Electricity and Water	1,724
	<u>4,704</u>
<b>3. PASTORAL, JULIAN &amp; RUTH HURST</b>	
Julian Hurst Salary	14,832
Ruth Hurst Salary	6,000
Pension - NEST	1,187
	<u>22,019</u>
<b>4. PASTORAL EXPENSES</b>	
J.H. Mileage	157
J.H. EMW Church Training Day	0
J.H. Bala Ministers' Conference	0
	<u>157</u>
<b>5. MISSIONARY SUPPORT</b>	
UFM -Kevin & Susan Matthews	6,540
UFM - Hicham & Elizabeth	6,890
Mark Penner	2,400
David & Colette Harding	0

Philip & Margaret McIntosh	2,400
African Pastors Conference	0
Adamu	0
Jyoti	0
Dan Hill	2,600
Spen Valley Church	0
UBM	500
Lanka Evangelical Fellowship of Churches	150
Bosco & Heidi	2,400
	<u>23,880</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2020/21
	£
<b>6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK</b>	
Sunday School	0
Lads/Crossfire	0
Equipment	0
Gems	0
	<u>0</u>

**7. OUTREACH**

Reaching Rochdale Team	780
Reaching Rochdale Meals	0
10ofthose Leaflets	0
Cream Tea Invites	0
Carol Service/Supper	0
RR Fliers	0
Carnival	0
Christmas Service	249
North West Partnership	0
Streetwise Ad	0
Catering	0
Spring Supper	0
Bonfire Night	0
Dinosaur Roadshow	0
Nativity	0
RR Leaflets/Posters	0
	<u>1,029</u>

**8. BUILDING REPAIRS AND RENEWALS**

Gas Services	0
Fire Appliances	0
New Heating System	0
Fire Alarm	235
Energy Performance Certificates	80
Plumber	468
Miscellaneous	364
Electricity Safety Checks	190
Security Alarm	206
Vacuum Cleaner Repair	0
Gardening Supplies	41
Gutters	0
Pest Control	0
	<u>1,584</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2020/21 £
<b>9. UTILITY SERVICES</b>	
Gas	2,415
Electricity	2,169
Water	677
Telephone	421
	<u>5,682</u>
<b>10. WELFARE</b>	
Payments Made	1,025
Less Gifts Received	0
	<u>1,025</u>
<b>11. MINIBUS</b>	
Depreciation	875
Insurance	296
MOT	315
Fuel	0
Repairs	0
Breakdown Recovery	0
Road Tax	0
	<u>1,486</u>
<b>12. MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS</b>	
Photocopier	0
Depreciation	198

Holiday Churches - ET	25
Home Group Study Notes	0
Microsoft Office	0
Stationery/Copier Paper	67
Literature	3,356
Easter Books	0
Gospel Centred Marriage Books	0
Word of Hope	0
Hymn Books	0
Bibles	0
Christian Hymns (Music edition)	0
Flowers	0
Evangelistic Books	0
Christianity Explored	0
CCLI Licence	228
	<u>3,874</u>

**MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2020/21
	£
<b>13. DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>	
Pella	550
Dan Hill	8,885
African Pastors Conference	6,250
Adamu	2,500
David & Colette Harding	1,000
Kevin & Sue Matthews	0
Spen Valley Church	0
Hicham & Elizabeth	603
Jyoti	2,500
	<u>22,288</u>

**14. GENERAL EXPENSES**

Christian Safeguarding Services	505
Connected Conference	0
Carey Conference	0
Open Air Equipment	16
ICO Registration Fee	35
Postage	9
COVID Supplies	132
Zoom	180
AV Equipment	1,605
Dan Mileage	0
UBM Fees	0

Computer Parts	0
Microphones	0
Miscellaneous	0
Depreciation - General	192
	<u>2,674</u>

#### **15. FIXED ASSETS**

Overhead Projector at 31/3	256
Cooker - Flat at 31/3	64
Piano at 31/3	104
Colour Printer at 31/3	Written Off
Ford Minibus 31/3	2,625
Projectors (2) at 31/3	64
Dishwasher at 31/3	336
Colour Copier at 31/3	462
	<u>3,911</u>

### **MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH** **Year ended 31 March 2021**

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

	2020/21 £
<b>16. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>	
General cash in hand	0
Current Account	36,076
Uncleared Cheques	-1,850
Gift Aid Scheme Account	12,285
MEC Word of Hope Ministries Account	1,121
Deposit Account	10,018
	<u>57,650</u>

#### **17. CREDITORS/(DEBTORS)**

Designated Gifts	2,991
Word of Hope Ministries	1,684
Others	0
	<u>4,675</u>

#### **18. CHURCH FUNDS**

Designated Gifts	2,991
General Fund	41,253
MEC Word of Hope Ministries	1,121
Gift Aid Scheme Account	12,285
	<u>57,650</u>

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2019/20

£

4,049

62,683

7,246

4,704

40

20

0

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78,742

22,019

918

1,525

32,755

1,448

3,712

3,371

1,908

4,971

2,259

840

3,897

205

1,692

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81,520

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-2,778

2019/20  
£

235  
0  
0  
0  
0  

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235

235

50,715  
470  
580  
10,000  
3,000  
3,000  
500  

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68,265

68,265

11,968  
150  
125  
0  
1,250  
250  
250  

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13,993

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13,993  

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82,493

-63,228

10,255  
10  
5,000  
2,000

2,000	
<u>19,265</u>	<u>19,265</u>

2019/20  
£

3,290	
0	
<u>3,417</u>	
6,707	
	6,707
	-6,592
	<u>115</u>

3,244	
<u>2,525</u>	
5,769	
<u>-5,870</u>	
	-101

105	
83	
60	
43	
18	
293	
100	
<u>20</u>	
	-722
	<u>-999</u>

2019/20  
£

0	
<u>451</u>	451
	-540
	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>-89</u></u>

451	
0	
<u>100</u>	551
540	
<u>0</u>	-540
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0	
<u>0</u>	0
	<u><u>11</u></u>

2019/20  
£

-432  
13,565  
13,133  
-13,565  
  
-432

2019/20  
£

500,000  
5,175  
505,175

38,296  
11,045  
100  
49,441

507  
  
49,948

555,123

19,265  
11,235  
11  
524,612  
555,123

2019/20  
£

50,715  
11,968  

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62,683

2,980  
1,724  

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4,704

14,832  
6,000  
1,187  

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22,019

688  
70  
160  

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918

6,540  
6,540  
2,400  
3,100

2,400  
6,250  
1,250  
1,250  
0  
625  
0  
0  
2,400  

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32,755

2019/20  
£

178  
1,054  
215  
1  

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1,448

1,350  
166  
209  
34  
79  
125  
194  
0  
183  
95  
13  
65  
108  
372  
25  
695  

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3,712

312  
235  
1,764  
198  
0  
0  
112  
95  
53  
49  
33  
170  
350  

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3,371

2019/20  
£

2,116  
1,679  
846  
330  

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4,971

840  
0  

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840

1,150  
973  
241  
919  
344  
105  
165  

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3,897

191  
280

15  
280  
80  
0  
536  
20  
18  
55  
411  
116  
28  
16  
50  
26  
136  
2,259

2019/20  
£

0  
0  
6,250  
1,250  
2,000  
1,000  
625  
725  
1,715  
13,565

120  
140  
345  
0  
40  
0  
0  
0  
0  
437  
162

22  
156  
12  
259  

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1,692

320  
80  
115  
Written Off  
3,500  
80  
420  
660  

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5,175

2019/20  
£

15  
8,888  
0  
19,265  
115  
10,013  

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38,296

-432  
-75  
0  

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-507

-432  
19,348  
115  
19,265  

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38,296



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: MILNROW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2021

Charity no (if any)

1135818

Set out on pages

ONE TO TEN

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Stanley Ogocz

Date: 11/01/2021

Name: STANLEY OGOCZ

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

Address: 1 CLIFFE COTTAGES, ROPER LANE THURGO LAND SHEFFIELD S35 7AA

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

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