



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Solihull Presbyterian Church Trust

**Other names charity is known by** Solihull Presbyterian Church

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1136155

**Charity's principal address** 160 Ulverley Green Road  
Solihull  
  
**Postcode** B92 8AB

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Falko Drijfhout	Chairman		
2	Stephen Johnston	Treasurer		
3	Rev. Stephen Dancer	Secretary		
4	Jonny Umpleby			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year


### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Declaration of Trust dated 21 May 2010

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

As a trust

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The church is a congregation belonging to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW), itself a registered charity. As such it shares the same vision as the 11 other congregations within the Presbytery, and through the Presbytery, with other like-minded churches throughout the world such as with The Presbyterian Church of America (PCA).

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the Subordinate Standard of Faith as defined in the Book of Church Order, in Solihull and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may, from time to time, think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable, and which are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

<p>To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick, and to relieve the distress caused thereby, in Solihull and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world.</p>
<p>Holding public worship services on a Sunday and other meetings throughout the week to promote the spiritual growth of those in attendance. The door is open to all and the church welcomes all who are entering the building on a Sunday. Supporting missionary activities through prayer and financial aid and giving similar support to individuals who find themselves in need.</p> <p>The trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. In doing so, we can confirm that the church's activities wholly comply with this guidance. In particular, this is evidenced by the way we have sought to advance the Christian faith through outreach and teaching ministries to as many members of the public, both at home and abroad, as we are able to reach.</p> <p>Hospital visits are made to both members and non-members who request some individually or through immediate family, in order to provide spiritual comfort and guidance in time of distress and worry.</p> <p>The minister provides written commentary on religious and theological matters on a periodic basis.</p> <p>Financial support, when possible, for a small Church has been forthcoming both directly and through the congregation collectively in order to support other Christian organizations both in England and abroad.</p>

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Since the church only employs one person, the work of every member of the church, aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, makes a significant difference in its ability to achieve the above objectives. The financial resources of the church, to a very large extent, are also given by the members, and much work is done privately, without recognition, and the hours and value of that time cannot be quantified. The ethos of being the salt and light is at the heart of the congregation

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this year the main ways in which the church has sought to fulfil the calling of Christ upon it have been as follows:

- Preaching, teaching and showing practical care in the community. This was achieved through the normal teaching of the church on Sunday morning and evening, midweek, and also by running occasional church membership courses to address practical and theological issues from a Christian viewpoint. This includes the ordained and licensed Presbyterian minister being on call twenty-four hours a day to meet any emergency Spiritual needs such as being in hospital.
- Sharing the good news about the love of Christ through church members participating in and supporting local activities in Solihull, practicing the ethos of being the salt and the light.
- We continue to worship in a building at Tudor Grange Academy in Solihull.
- Inviting those living in the area where the church worships to come and worship with us, especially during the summer and during Christmas for our annual Carol service.
- Providing financial, practical and prayer support to individuals and organisations seeking to advance the gospel of Christ overseas.
- We were able to provide some financial support the mission abroad.
- This year we started to support a man from the congregation who is studying for the ministry. Per September 2024, he will be working part time in the congregation, preaching the Word and leading in Bible studies.
- The minister was instrumental in several ways to support those who are ill and/or bereaved.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

This is a relatively young Church, based on historical UK standards, and is maintaining an unrestricted reserve fund equal to three months expenses. This Church has no liabilities nor does it plan to assume any debt or other liabilities, secured or otherwise. The Church has considered the possible economic effects of the current downturn and is constantly appraising its finances.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

Not applicable

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funding for the Church has come from voluntary contributions of the members of the Congregation with additional funds from other UK or US based Churches.


Funding received is used to support a minister and renting of a place to worship. We were also able to provide some financial support to the mission abroad.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Falko Drijfhout

Jonathan Umpleby

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

chair

Date

30 January 2025





Charity Name Solihull Presbyterian Church Trust	No (if any) 1136155
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
PRESBYTERY GRANT		-	-	-	-
OUTSIDE GRANTS	3,100	-	-	3,100	3,561
TITHES AND GIFTS	67,889		-	67,889	54,980
INTEREST	646		-	646	54
OTHER	4,379		-	4,379	
GIFT AID	7,155	-	-	7,155	5,680
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>83,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,169</b>	<b>64,275</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>83,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,169</b>	<b>64,275</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
MINISTER SUPPORT	41,424	-	-	41,424	38,164
MINISTER PENSION	2,394			2,394	1,478
PRESBYTERY SUPPORT	1,500	-	-	1,500	
BOOKS / LITERATURE	185	-	-	185	270
IT EXPENSES	763	-	-	763	174
CHARITABLE	370	-	-	370	1,700
SPEAKER FEES	4,654	-	-	4,654	1,673
HOSPITALITY	398	-	-	398	47
INSURANCE	305	-	-	305	295
EQUIPMENT				-	174
OFFICE SUPPLIES	338	-	-	338	
OUTREACH MATERIAL	267	-	-	267	
TRAINING	5,200			5,200	
RENT	9,531	-	-	9,531	5,470
BANK CHARGES		-	-	-	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	145	-	-	145	145
TRAVEL	497	-	-	497	106
CONFERENCE	532	-	-	532	67
BOOKS (MINISTER)	198	-	-	198	
ACCOUNT FEES	780	-	-	780	780
OTHER	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>69,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,481</b>	<b>50,543</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>69,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,481</b>	<b>50,543</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>13,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,688</b>	<b>13,732</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>75,596</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,596</b>	<b>61,864</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>89,284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,284</b>	<b>75,596</b>



Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CURRENT ACCOUNT	24,375	-	-
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	29,022	-	-
	TRAINING FUND	201		
	DIACONATE FUND	1,073		
	BUILDING FUND	34,613		-
	Total cash funds	89,284	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Falko Drijfhout	15/01/2025

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**SOLIHULL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUST**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1136155**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 MARCH 2024**

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**SOLIHULL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUST**

**CHARITY NO: 1136155**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Solihull Presbyterian Church Trust**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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29 January 2025