

# TAUNTON FAMILY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1138996

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2010-11-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 THE NAME OF THE CHURCH IS 'TAUNTON FAMILY CHURCH' (OR ANY OTHER NAME CHOSEN BY RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEES)3.2 THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC: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;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; AND3.2.3 TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.3.3 THE TRUSTEES MUST USE THE INCOME AND MAY USE THE CAPITAL OF THE CHURCH IN PROMOTING THE OBJECTS

**Activities:** Church services and other meetings for the promotion and education of Christianity.Other courses to support marital/partnership relationships and the raising of Children

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Laos
- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£69,130	£74,753	-	-
2023-12-31	£76,000	£85,000	-	-
2022-08-31	£6,900	£6,900	-	-
2021-08-31	£69,100	£69,142	-	-
2020-08-31	£85,644	£94,722	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Tancock	Chair	2013-04-21
Blake Robinson		2023-12-01
RICHARD LEONARD SHAW		2019-11-10

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# Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the period ended 31 December 2024**

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Trustees	Mr C Tancock (Chair) Mr P Collings Mr R Shaw
Independent examiners	Cooper Associates Accountants Ltd 40 St James Buildings St James Street Taunton Somerset TA1 1JR

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
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- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that this basis applies.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Report of the Trustees Continued**

**For the period ended 31 December 2024**

**Governing document**

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**Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The existing trustees, along with the church leadership, are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees from within the church membership. In doing so the trustees believe that any new trustees are respected members of faith and ensures that good relations are maintained with the local church the charity seeks to serve.

In selecting new trustees, the spiritual leadership seeks to identify people who regularly attend meetings and events organised by the church and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees meeting. This process allows due consideration of the persons eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have undertaken an assessment of the risks the charity faces through its regular activities. A risk matrix has been constructed which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of this risk occurring and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees regularly review this matrix and are duly satisfied that systems and practices are in place to manage all identified risks. Risk assessments are consistently reviewed as practices change.

Disclosure and Barring Services checks are carried out on individuals who work with children and other vulnerable groups within the church.

The church has purchased insurance cover for all activities and the finance of the charity is reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure the charity is spending within its means.

**Objectives and activities**

**Our aims**

The objectives of the charity are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows:

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, through education and discerning scripture, worship and prayer.

To relieve sickness and hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods and services including through the provision of counselling and support where support exists within the church membership.

**Our objective**

Our objective is to enable as many people as possible to worship at our meetings, providing teaching which enables them to develop their knowledge and trust in Jesus. Our meetings, held weekly on Sunday mornings and throughout the week in our members homes, put faith into practice through worship, prayer and scripture.

It is intended that in each subsequent year the trustees intend to review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In performing this duty the trustees will consider the Charity Commissions general guidance relating to public benefit and in particular its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Report of the Trustees Continued**

For the period ended 31 December

**Objectives and activities continued**  
**Activities and achievements**

With the amalgamation of Canon Street Church (Canon St) and Taunton Family Church (TFC), into New Creation Church (NCC), we have been focused on helping former TFC members find their place in NCC and bring about a stable transition.

Sim Cracknell (SC) and Richard Shaw (RS) co-lead NCC with the help of the Trustees and Leadership teams.

Trustees, with agreement of TFC and Canon St congregations, and with the help of Howard Mathers, have instructed Anthony Collins legal firm in the transfer of assets to NCC. This is not yet completed.

TFC's previous Objectives and Activities are now being achieved through NCC, and the goal is to discontinue Canon St and TFC charities in the coming year.

As is seen in the Financial Report, most of the giving is now through NCC, who have also taken on all costs previously serviced by TFC finances.

The vision for the NCC remains the same as Taunton Family Church and continues to out work that through its life groups and outreach in the town and local area.

Throughout the year, TFC continues to support international missionary work in the Middle East and one of our members working in Youth with a Mission.

Since last year this commitment to support our overseas missionaries has passed across to New Creation Church.

TFC members are now taking an active role in serving and worshiping as New Creation Church. We are now in a position, in this coming year, to close TFC as a charity, as all the objectives are now being met through the new New Creation Church CIO.

This year we are so thankful to God for the seamless integration of the two congregations and the amazing growth we have seen with new members joining NCC.

**Financial review**

In the year the church made a deficit of £5,623 (£9,347 - 2023). Total income and expenses were lower but were broadly similar for the year.

**Reserves policy**

There has been no change to the reserves policy in the year. The unrestricted cash balances carried forward totaling £6,569 are the reserves.

**Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:**

**Mr R Shaw**

**Trustee**

**Date 22/10/25**

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees**  
**For the period ended 31 December 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 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison on the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you the trustees concerning any 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

**Mr K Parsons**  
**Cooper Associates Accountants**  
**40 St James Buildings**  
**St James Street**  
**Taunton**  
**Somerset TA1 1JR**

**Date 22/10/2025**

Taunton Family Church

**Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the period ended 31 December 2024**

	Restricted fund	Unrestricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<b>Note</b>				
Offerings and Donations		65,847	65,847	63,493
Gift Aid Tax Refunds		3,283	3,283	12,426
Loans Received				
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>69,130</u>	<u>69,130</u>	<u>75,919</u>
 <b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Ministries				
Running Costs	1	18,887	18,887	12,876
Employment Costs		28,473	28,473	38,507
Giving and Support	2	10,635	10,635	14,410
Purchase of Assets	3	16,758	16,758	19,473
		<u>0</u>	<u>74,753</u>	<u>85,266</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	0	-5,623	-5,623	-9,347
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	0	-20,000	-20,000	0
<b>BALANCES AT 01/09/2023</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,192</u>	<u>32,192</u>	<u>41,539</u>
<b>BALANCES AT 31/12/2024</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,569</u>	<u>6,569</u>	<u>32,192</u>

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**Notes to Receipts and Payments  
Account**

**For the period ended 31 December  
2024**

	2024	2023
<b>Note 1 (Running Costs)</b>		
Administration/General Expenses	5,999	4,597
Repairs and Renewals	2,252	878
Communications (incl website)	1,797	2,247
Insurance	667	414
Licences / CCPAS	1,615	676
Independent Exam Fee	-	350
Fellowship	1,907	2,815
Travel, Food and Accommodation	857	57
Publicity and Advertising	775	42
Venue Hire	1,125	800
Professional fees	1,440	-
IT & Computer costs	453	-
	<u>18,887</u>	<u>12,876</u>
<b>Note 2 (Giving and Support)</b>		
Oversees Support	4,151	2,200
Catalyst / Newfrontiers Support	4,174	1,560
Visiting Preachers	1,113	790
Persons within TFC	323	2,300
Persons and Ministries outside TFC	448	1,836
Special Ministries within TFC (Cry)	184	4,148
Conference and Training	243	1,576
	<u>10,635</u>	<u>14,410</u>
<b>Note 3 (Assets)</b>		
Computers and Software	3,397	582
Office and other equipment	12,782	16,449
PA/Music Equipment	580	2,442
	<u>16,758</u>	<u>19,473</u>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**For the period ended 31 December**

**2024**

<b>Cash funds</b>	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Bank Current Account		6,569	6,569	25,561
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,569</u>	<u>6,569</u>	<u>25,561</u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Repayments	0	0	0	6,631
<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,631</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Ministries				
Running Costs				
Employment				
Giving and Support				
Office Equipment				
PA Equipment				
Independent Examination Fee	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**Assets retained for own use**

The charity holds PA, computer, and office equipment.

Mr R Shaw

Trustee

Date 22/10/2025

# Taunton Family Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the period ended 31 December 2024

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the receipts and payments basis and comply with the Charities Act 2011. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 and the 2008 regulations.

#### 2. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Richard Shaw, a trustee, is employed by the church as pastor. The church's trust deed allows for the employment of a trustee where it is in the interests of the church to do so and where the terms of employment are reasonable and subject to review. The church's trust deed also determines that where a trustee has a personal interest in a matter, they need to withdraw from any relevant meeting where this is being discussed.

#### 3. Restricted funds

We continue to support the work of the Good News Church in Goa, India and all monies received for this work was given to them in the year and no balance was carried forward.

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**Report of the Trustees Continued**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

**Objectives and activities continued**  
**Activities and achievements**

Richard Shaw continues to lead the church with the support of a leadership team comprised of Trustees: Chris Tancock and Blake Robinson. Paul Collings stepped down after serving as a Trustee for many years.

This has been a year of having to establish community after Covid and making real change to ensure we are able to grow and provide a strong, well-resourced community, active in Taunton.

We decided in 2021 to join with Canon Street Church and start a new church together with the congregations of Taunton Family Church (TFC).

Canon Street Church joined the Catalyst group of churches – the same network as TFC, so it seemed natural for us to join together as the churches were similar in size. It was felt that coming out of Covid, this was an opportunity to do something new. As a result, New Creation Church was born.

A large part of 2022 was spent in preparing for, and launching, the new church.

We also moved out of The Albemarle Centre due to refurbishment work being undertaken by the centre. The lack of facilities in Taunton resulted in us using the Living Light Church facilities. Afternoon services were challenging, but we knew that at the beginning of 2023 we would be joining Canon Street and begin meeting in their building.

We held successful free community events for families over Easter and Christmas. As part of our community activity, we financially supported the Taunton Foodbank, and Howard Mathers continues to serve as Chair of the Foodbank Trustees.

We also continued running monthly network gatherings with many Christian ministries in Taunton attending regularly.

As a team of Trustee's, we met on a regular basis to the lead up to the two church's becoming one, this to ensure a smooth transition for TFC to join Canon Street Church, this was well planned and expedited without fuss.

The Trustees ensured the relevant employment discussions were held and agreed, as well as asset transfer obligations also took place in the build up to the church's becoming one.

The Trustees were also made aware that the CSC finance person had been ill, as such the accounts were not up to date and required attention.

Three months before the two church's, began to meet together, the TFC finance administrator began her involvement in the analysis of the CSC accounts, this was to ensure both church accounts were clean and understood, and any unfinished or incomplete obligations were fully known.

During the early part of 2023, any CSC outstanding obligations we settled and met, also new trustees were appointed.

In summary, 2022 was a year of transition, with a fresh vision for the way forward and an excitement to know that God had joined us two fellowships to become one.

**Financial review**

In the year the church made a deficit of £9,347 (surplus £5,097 - 2022). Total income and expenses were lower but were broadly similar for the year.

**Reserves policy**

There has been no change to the reserves policy in the year. The unrestricted cash balances carried forward totaling £32,192 are the reserves. These are sufficient to cover employment costs and venue hire for between 8 and 9 months. The trustees would wish to see further funds added to provide a stronger reserve which would facilitate the many opportunities to serve the community in the coming year.

Taunton Family Church  
**Report of the Trustees Continued**

**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mr C Tancock

Trustee

Date 23/07/2024

Taunton Family Church  
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees  
**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

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**Cooper Associates Accountants**  
**40 St James Buildings**  
**St James Street**  
**Taunton**  
**Somerset TA1 1JR**

**Date 25/07/2024**

Taunton Family Church

**Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

	Note	Restricted fund	Unrestricted funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Offerings and Donations			63,493	63,493	72,627
Gift Aid Tax Refunds			12,426	12,426	18,367
Loans Received					
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>75,919</u>	<u>75,919</u>	<u>90,994</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Ministries					
Running Costs	1		12,876	12,876	16,218
Employment Costs			38,507	38,507	39,705
Giving and Support	2		14,410	14,410	28,629
Purchase of Assets	3		19,473	19,473	1,345
		<u>0</u>	<u>85,266</u>	<u>85,266</u>	<u>85,897</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>-9,347</u>	<u>-9,347</u>	<u>5,097</u>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>BALANCES AT 01/09/2022</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>41,539</u>	<u>41,539</u>	<u>36,422</u>
<b>BALANCES AT 31/08/2023</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>32,192</u>	<u>32,192</u>	<u>41,539</u>

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**Notes to Receipts and Payments  
Account**

**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Note 1 (Running Costs)</b>		
Administration/General Expenses	4,597	1,901
Repairs and Renewals	878	246
Communications (incl website)	2,247	2,544
Insurance	414	385
Licences / CCPAS	676	905
Independent Exam Fee	350	600
Fellowship	2,815	3,324
Travel, Food and Accommodation	57	2,033
Publicity and Advertising	42	742
Venue Hire	800	3,538
	<u>12,876</u>	<u>16,218</u>
<b>Note 2 (Giving and Support)</b>		
Oversees Support	2,200	7,079
Catalyst / Newfrontiers Support	1,560	8,860
Visiting Preachers	790	400
Persons within TFC	2,300	6,689
Persons and Ministries outside TFC	1,836	4,980
Special Ministries within TFC (Cry)	4,148	82
Conference and Training	1,576	539
	<u>14,410</u>	<u>28,629</u>
<b>Note 3 (Assets)</b>		
Computers and Software	582	828
Office and other equipment	16,449	-
PA/Music Equipment	2,442	517
	<u>19,473</u>	<u>1,345</u>

Taunton Family Church

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

<b>Cash funds</b>	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
Bank Current Account	<u>                    </u>	<u>25,561</u>	<u>25,561</u>	<u>33,539</u>
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>25,561</u></u>	<u><u>25,561</u></u>	<u><u>33,539</u></u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Repayments	<u>                    </u>	<u>6,631</u>	<u>6,631</u>	<u>8,000</u>
<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>6,631</u></u>	<u><u>6,631</u></u>	<u><u>8,000</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Ministries				
Running Costs				
Employment				
Giving and Support				
Office Equipment				
PA Equipment				
Independent Examination Fee	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>			
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

**Assets retained for own use**

The charity holds PA, computer, and office equipment.

Trustee

Date

Taunton Family Church  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2023**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the receipts and payments basis and comply with the Charities Act 2011. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 and the 2008 regulations.

**2. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

Richard Shaw, a trustee, is employed by the church as pastor. The church's trust deed allows for the employment of a trustee where it is in the interests of the church to do so and where the terms of employment are reasonable and subject to review. The church's trust deed also determines that where a trustee has a personal interest in a matter, they need to withdraw from any relevant meeting where this is being discussed.

**3. Restricted funds**

We continue to support the work of the Good News Church in Goa, India and all monies received for this work was given to them in the year and no balance was carried forward.

**TAUNTON FAMILY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138996

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# Accounts

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Charity number: 1138996

Taunton Family Church

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2022

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**Taunton Family Church**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the church for the year ended 31 August 2022.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Charity registration number</b>	1138996
<b>Principal address</b>	The Willows, Regent Street Bradford on Tone Taunton TA4 1HB
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr C Tancock (Chair) Mr P Collings Mr R Shaw
<b>Independent examiners</b>	Simon A Martin Accountants Wessex House, 66 High Street Honiton Devon EX14 1PD

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommend practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that this basis applies.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Report of the Trustees Continued**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

**Governing document**

Taunton Family Church is constituted by Deed of Trust dated 31st August 2010 and was formally registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 12th November 2010.

**Organisational structure**

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial incentives.

The trustees meet regularly during the year, at least on two occasions, but more often as the needs of the charity demand. In doing so the trustees conduct the legal obligations with due regard to the spiritual direction of the church, which is determined by the spiritual leadership. At present the spiritual leadership rests upon Richard Shaw, Paul Collings and Chris Tancock, the former being employed by the trust on a full time basis as a Pastor and thereby oversees the church and its activities. This includes the holding of meetings, the appointment of volunteers and the pastoral care of both church and non-church members.

The church's trust deed allows for the employment of a trustee where it is in the interests of the church to do so and where the terms of employment are reasonable and subject to objective review. In keeping with the responsibilities which fall upon the trustees regular communication between the church leadership and the board of trustees is maintained to ensure that activities remain within the remit of the Deed of Trust.

**Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The existing trustees, along with the church leadership, are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees from within the church membership. In doing so the trustees believe that any new trustees are respected members of faith and ensures that good relations are maintained with the local church the charity seeks to serve.

In selecting new trustees, the spiritual leadership seeks to identify people who regularly attend meetings and events organised by the church and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees meeting. This process allows due consideration of the persons eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have undertaken an assessment of the risks the charity faces through its regular activities. A risk matrix has been constructed which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of this risk occurring and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees regularly review this matrix and are duly satisfied that systems and practices are in place to manage all identified risks. Risk assessments are consistently reviewed as practices change.

Disclosure and Barring Services checks are carried out on individuals who work with children and other vulnerable groups within the church.

The church has purchased insurance cover for all activities and the finance of the charity is reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure the charity is spending within its means.

**Objectives and activities**

**Our aims**

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows:

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, through education and discerning scripture, worship and prayer.

To relieve sickness and hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods and services including through the provision of counselling and support where support exists within the church membership.

**Our objective**

Our objective is to enable as many people as possible to worship at our meetings, providing teaching which enables them to develop their knowledge and trust in Jesus. Our meetings, held weekly on Sunday mornings and throughout the week in our members homes, put faith into practice through worship, prayer and scripture.

It is intended that in each subsequent year the trustees intend to review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In performing this duty the trustees will consider the Charity Commissions general guidance relating to public benefit and in particular its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Report of the Trustees Continued**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

**Objectives and activities continued**  
**Activities and achievements**

Richard Shaw continues to lead the church with the support of a leadership team comprised of Trustees: Chris Tancock and Paul Collings; with the support of Howard Mathers.

This has been a challenging year due to Covid but with the support of Life Group Leaders and church members, we have been able to utilise the internet and good, old fashioned telephone calls to support and encourage, not only our own congregation, but others in our community.

Part of the effects of Covid was a food shortage, not only in Taunton, but in the different countries our network has churches in. We were able to continue supporting the local Foodbank financially and through one of our members being the Chairman. We were also able to offer financial support to local individuals in hardship and, through our Catalyst network of churches, to help alleviate food shortages in other nations.

Our online church services and our Zoom small group meetings have been successful in gathering and supporting our members spiritually and emotionally through this very difficult time. We have also run Alpha Online, which has been a great support for people in our community who responded to our Facebook adverts as they were seeking spiritual encouragement and guidance. Some of them have since become a regular part of our church community.

Even though there have been opportunities to meet in-between lockdowns, we have leaned on the cautious side and have not met much in person during this period.

Despite what could have been a very negative year, with both the threat of Covid for our members and the restrictions that go with the whole lockdown process, the church has bonded and continued to function as a united body in Christ. Financially God has been so good to us, our giving has remained stable and still the congregation have given generously from their hearts, and our bank balance has been sustained.

In summary, this has been a challenging year where we have had to adapt to continue supporting and encouraging as many people as possible in our town. It has also been a time of great opportunity to show the love of God to those around us. The church community has been exceptional in looking after each other and their neighbours.

**Financial review**

In the year the church made a surplus of £5,097 (deficit £42 - 2021). Total income and expenses were lower but were broadly similar for the year.

**Reserves policy**

There has been no change to the reserves policy in the year. The unrestricted cash balances carried forward totalling £41,539 are the reserves. These are sufficient to cover employment costs and venue hire for between 8 and 9 months. The trustees would wish to see further funds added to provide a stronger reserve which would facilitate the many opportunities to serve the community in the coming year.

**Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:**

**Trustee**

**Date**

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

**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 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison on the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you the trustees concerning any 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

**Mr D Barrow**  
**Simon A Martin Accountants**  
**Wessex House, 66 High Street**  
**Honiton**  
**Devon**  
**EX14 1PD**

**Date**

**Taunton Family Church  
Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

**Receipts**

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£
Offerings and Donations		0	72,627	72,627	57,555
Gift Aid Tax Refunds		0	18,367	18,367	11,545
Loans Received			0	0	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>90,994</u>	<u>90,994</u>	<u>69,100</u>

**PAYMENTS**

Ministries		0	0	0	0
Running Costs	1	0	16,218	16,218	17,088
Employment Costs		0	39,705	39,705	38,715
Giving and Support	2	0	28,629	28,629	11,563
Purchase of Assets	3		1,345	1,345	1,776
		<u>0</u>	<u>85,897</u>	<u>85,897</u>	<u>69,142</u>

<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>-42</u>
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<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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<b>BALANCES AT 01/09/2021</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>36,442</u>	<u>36,442</u>	<u>36,484</u>
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<b>BALANCES AT 31/08/2022</b>			<u><b>41,539</b></u>	<u><b>41,539</b></u>	<u><b>36,442</b></u>
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**Taunton Family Church**  
**Notes to Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Note 1 (Running Costs)</b>		
Administration/General Expenses	1,901	1,117
Repairs and Renewals	246	0
Communications (incl website)	2,544	1,411
Insurance	385	325
Licences/CCPAS	905	828
Independent Exam Fee	600	600
Fellowship	3,324	968
Travel, Food and Accommodation	2,033	0
Publicity and Advertising	742	176
Venue Hire	3,538	11,663
	16,218	17,088
<b>Note 2 (Giving and Support)</b>		
Oversees Support	7,079	3,045
Catalyst/Newfrontiers Support	8,860	3,660
Visiting Preachers	400	250
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Special Ministries within TFC (Cry)	82	1,484
Conference and Training	539	534
	28,629	11,563
<b>Note 3 (Assets)</b>		
Computers and Software	828	699
Office and other equipment		1,077
PA/Music Equipment	517	0
	1,345	1,776

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Bank Current Account		33,539	33,539	32,442
Petty Cash				
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>		<u><u>33,539</u></u>	<u><u>33,539</u></u>	<u><u>32,442</u></u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Repayments		8,000	8,000	4,000
Loan Repayments				
<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>		<u><u>8,000</u></u>	<u><u>8,000</u></u>	<u><u>4,000</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Ministries				
Running Costs				
Employment				
Giving and Support				
Office Equipment				
PA Equipment				
Independent Examination Fee		0	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

**Assets Retained for own use**

The charity holds PA, computer and office equipment.

**Trustee**

**Date**

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2022**

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**Accounting convention**

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**TAUNTON FAMILY CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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Charity number: 1138996

Taunton Family Church

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

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**Taunton Family Church**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2020**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Charity registration number</b>	1138996
<b>Principal address</b>	The Albemarle Centre Albemarle Road Taunton TA1 1BA
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr C Tancock (Chair) Mr P Collings Mr R Shaw
<b>Independent examiners</b>	Vernon Barrow Ltd Wessex House, 66 High Street Honiton Devon EX14 1PD

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**Taunton Family Church**  
**Report of the Trustees Continued**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2020**

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It is intended that in each subsequent year the trustees intend to review our objectives and activities to ensure that they continue to reflect our aims. In performing this duty the trustees will consider the Charity Commissions general guidance relating to public benefit and in particular its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Report of the Trustees Continued**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2020**

**Objectives and activities continued**  
**Activities and achievements**

We continued with Sunday morning meetings at the Albemarle Centre until the UK lockdown in March 2020, at which point we moved all our services online.

This year Richard Shaw took over the leadership of Taunton Family Church (TFC) from Jeff Moss, in November 2019. Jeff also stepped down from his role as Chair of Trustees of Taunton Foodbank. Howard Mathers, who is part of the TFC leadership team, was elected as chairperson in his place. TFC continues to support the foodbank financially.

Over Christmas we started events for local families, with a successful carol service in partnership with Canon Street Church. This event gathered around 200 families for fun, crafts and carol singing. This was followed up with a free family event at a local activity centre, attended by many of the same families. Unfortunately, the lockdown prevented us from having more events of this nature.

Throughout this lockdown we have continued to gather online and we have used social media to run online courses. These online gatherings have helped to combat isolation and support mental health. Our small group volunteer leaders consistently telephoned our members, friends and neighbours during the lockdown to offer help and a listening ear.

We have also started a hardship fund that has helped those who have lost income due to self-isolation.

In summary, we have grown slightly through our online Alpha Course and, in spite of the considerable challenges of not being able to continue meeting, we have been able to adapt and maintain a sense of family, supporting those in need around us. The Trustees and leadership team are optimistic that our online services and small group support will continue to bring hope to those who find themselves alone and anxious. The foodbank continues to meet the growing demand and the hardship fund is available when needed.

**Financial review**

In the year the church made a deficit of £9,078 (deficit £414 - 2019). Total income was lower and expenses are broadly similar to last year.

**Reserves policy**

There has been no change to the reserves policy in the year. The unrestricted cash balances carried forward totalling £36,484 are the reserves. These are sufficient to cover employment costs and venue hire for between 8 and 9 months. The trustees would wish to see further funds added to provide a stronger reserve which would facilitate the many opportunities to serve the community in the coming year.

**Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:**

**Trustee**

**Date**

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2020**

**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 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and
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**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison on the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you the trustees concerning any 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**

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- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements;
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  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 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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**Wessex House, 66 High Street**  
**Honiton**  
**Devon**  
**EX14 1PD**

**Date**

**Taunton Family Church  
Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the year ended 31 August 2020**

**Receipts**

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£
Offerings and Donations		120	69,558	69,678	72,571
Gift Aid Tax Refunds		0	13,566	13,566	20,851
Loans Received			2,400	2,400	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>120</u>	<u>85,524</u>	<u>85,644</u>	<u>93,422</u>

**PAYMENTS**

Ministries		120	3,722	3,842	5,250
Running Costs	1	0	19,393	19,393	22,865
Employment Costs			55,102	55,102	49,097
Giving and Support	2	0	13,512	13,512	16,624
Purchase of Assets	3		2,873	2,873	0
		<u>120</u>	<u>94,602</u>	<u>94,722</u>	<u>93,836</u>

<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	0	-9,078	-9,078	-414
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<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	0	0	0	0
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<b>BALANCES AT 01/09/2019</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,562</u>	<u>45,562</u>	<u>45,976</u>
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<b>BALANCES AT 31/08/2020</b>		<u><b>36,484</b></u>	<u><b>36,484</b></u>	<u><b>45,562</b></u>
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**Taunton Family Church**  
**Notes to Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the year ended 31 August 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Note 1 (Running Costs)</b>		
Administration/General Expenses	675	930
Repairs and Renewals	1,074	479
Communications (incl website)	794	587
Insurance	336	306
Licences/CCPAS	0	0
Independent Exam Fee	540	540
Fellowship	4,212	3,462
Travel, Food and Accommodation	1,849	2,386
Publicity and Advertising	838	975
Venue Hire	9,075	13,200
Office Rental	0	0
	<u>19,393</u>	<u>22,865</u>
<b>Note 2 (Giving and Support)</b>		
Oversees Support	1,778	6,240
Catalyst/Newfrontiers Support	6,530	1,560
Visiting Preachers	1,226	1,770
Persons within TFC	1,475	3,038
Persons and Ministries outside TFC	0	0
Special Ministries within TFC (Cry)	2,070	2,306
Conference and Training	433	810
Loans	0	900
	<u>13,512</u>	<u>16,624</u>
<b>Note 3 (Assets)</b>		
Computers and Software	2,873	0
Office and other equipment	0	0
PA/Music Equipment	0	0
	<u>2,873</u>	<u>0</u>

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2020**

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Bank Current Account		30,481	30,481	39,330
Petty Cash		3	3	232
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>		<b>30,484</b>	<b>30,484</b>	<b>39,562</b>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Repayments		6,000	6,000	6,000
Loan Repayments				
<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>		<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Ministries				
Running Costs				
Employment				
Giving and Support				
Office Equipment				
PA Equipment				
Independent Examination Fee		0	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Assets Retained for own use**

The charity holds PA, computer and office equipment.

**Trustee**

**Date**

**Taunton Family Church**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2020**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the receipts and payments basis and comply with the Charities Act 2011. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 and the 2008 regulations.

**2. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

Richard Shaw, a trustee, is employed by the church as pastor. The church's trust deed allows for the employment of a trustee where it is in the interests of the church to do so and where the terms of employment are reasonable and subject to review. The church's trust deed also determines that where a trustee has a personal interest in a matter, they need to withdraw from any relevant meeting where this is being discussed.

**3. Restricted funds**

We continue to support the work of the Good News Church in Goa, India and all monies received for this work was given to them in the year and no balance was carried forward.