# THE CROSSING CHURCH (METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED)

England & Wales · Charity number 1140500

## Details

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| **Status** | Registered |
| **Legal form** | Other |
| **Registered** | 2011-02-21 |
| **Register** | View on the Charity Commission register |

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## Activities

**Objects:** The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches. In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):a) the celebration of public worship; b) the teaching of the Christian faith; c) mission and evangelism; d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

**Activities:** The Crossing Church has two main activities. The first is centred on furtherance of Christianity in The Worksop district and includes providing a caring welcome to all. The second is based on putting the Christian faith into action through engagement in with the local community including a wide range of community and charitable groups.

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## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Nottinghamshire

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
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| 2025-08-31 | £181,347 | £161,451 | - | - |
| 2024-08-31 | £137,299 | £180,325 | - | - |
| 2023-08-31 | £182,279 | £168,747 | - | - |
| 2022-08-31 | £119,555 | £141,026 | - | - |
| 2021-08-31 | £98,462 | £142,161 | - | - |
| 2020-08-31 | £150,270 | £145,304 | - | - |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| ANNE MAXINE TAYLOR | | |
| Annette Jean Barker | | 2020-09-18 |
| Annette Westerby | | 2016-11-06 |
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| Emily Hoe-Crook | | 2021-09-01 |
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| Ian Edward Smith | | 2026-03-01 |
| Kathleen Lucy Jordan | | 2023-02-19 |
| Margaret Mary Merrills | | 2023-02-19 |
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# Accounts

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# THE CROSSING CHURCH

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

The Church Council present their report along with the financial statements of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts.

**Objectives and Policies**

The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating Churches. We seek to offer a welcoming, caring place of worship, prayer and friendship and to support the people of Worksop and district through a range of community events and activities.

To achieve its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

a) the celebration of public worship
b) the teaching of the Christian faith
c) mission and evangelism
d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Church Council is aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of The Church. This is assured by our mission statement.
The Church Council believes that The Church provides benefit to the public by:

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.

Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Providing significant access to the building to community organisations, charities and other organisations whose own works contribute to public benefit.

**Review of the year**

**Revd Julie Coates**

It has been a delight to read through the annual reports for The Crossing. Thank you to all of our trustees and volunteers - whether you serve through pastoral care, worship, gardening, safeguarding, café teams, uniformed organisations, events like fayres and model transport exhibitions or in one of the many other ways - your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Highlights from the past year include creative ways we shared the Christmas story, the introduction of quarterly Tea Time Praise services and launching the Over 60's Light Lunch following the closure of the Methodist Homes' lunch provision.

We have welcomed new members and said poignant farewells to those who have been promoted to glory.

We've seen continued commitment across our church groups and we celebrate the wide range of charities supported through Friday Coffee as well as Link to Hope shoebox appeal.

It is encouraging to see our growing connections with the North Notts College Flex Team and the other organisations regularly using our premises. Financially, we're also grateful to report that income exceeded budget expectations.

It has been particularly encouraging to see the expanding role of our Facilities and Community Manager, who now oversees property maintenance, caretaking staff and room bookings - making a real difference to the life and work of The Crossing.

Looking ahead, we're excited about partnerships with Priory Primary Academy and preparations for our 20th Anniversary celebrations.

**Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook**

Firstly a sincere thank you, Lisa and I have both felt uplifted in prayer and supported, during so much ill-health this past year. It's been frustrating not to be amongst you for much of the time, but health is relatively stable again at the moment and I am getting back to some semblance of 'normal', able to minister slowly but surely.

Developments the last few months have included sadly taking and involvement in funeral services of 4 members. Each of our dear friends will be missed, but we hold on to our faith and hope.

An exciting development is the new venture at Priory Primary Academy - along with the Head of RE, I have established a weekly Christian lunch-time Club where we read a story from the Bible, respond with a craft or prayer activity and have lively discussion questions. So far the take-up is growing and we anticipate reaching up to 24 children each week. Please keep this venture and all of the children who come along and talk about God in their lives week after week, in your prayers.

The visionaries continue to pray, discern and plan the way ahead missionally, including Messy Church and Family Events - we're preparing for a 'Tabby McTat' event based on Julia Donaldson's popular children's book featuring themes of homelessness and belonging, tying in with ministry we share amongst the homeless community in Worksop. The Visionaries is an open group, anyone is welcome to come and listen or contribute.

Plans are coming together for the 20th Anniversary of The Crossing Church, with a Flower Festival on the 15th - 17th and a meal on Saturday 23rd May 2026, the idea being that local businesses will sponsor flower displays curated by church groups and users of The Crossing and featuring an Afternoon Tea and church family meal.

Last year's 'Journey to Christmas' - exploring the nativity story and characters each Sunday in December and adding to the wonderfully crafted, wooden stable display in the front windows was popular and so the Visionaries have envisioned something similar for this year, utilising the Methodist Church's resources on the theme 'Gifted'. We are looking forward to a special Nativity Festival 20th - 21st December with the Café open for refreshments, a whole host of different nativity sets from around the world, Messy Church - style activities for all ages on the Saturday, culminating in our Carol Service and opportunity to see the nativity sets again on the Sunday morning. A Christingle Service for all ages is planned on Christmas Eve.

As many of you know by now, my five year appointment is coming to an end in the summer of 2026 and as hard as it will be to move on to another diaconal appointment, we feel it's the right time for us and for you to welcome another minister (all being well a URC one) to work along side you. I'm grateful to have this year left with you, to solidify and stabilise the work we're doing together, and to continue relationships between church and community.

**Pastoral Support Team**

Currently the Church Membership stands at 97. Sadly 4 members have passed away this year and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They were all long standing church members and they will be sadly missed.

We have also had some new members this year and we send them a warm welcome.

In May we held Afternoon Tea, to which all members and friends were invited. It was an enjoyable afternoon and something we are hoping to repeat again on a regular basis. Thank you to all our Pastoral Team for their hospitality.

We are continuing to make available to members "Emergency Contact Forms" these are simple forms on which members can complete details of relatives or friends whom they would like to be contacted should a member become unwell.

The Pastoral Team continue to hold regular meetings to keep up to date with members welfare and help celebrate personal and family events and achievements as well as also supporting at difficult times.

Much of this care and support goes "under the radar" but I know the help given by the Pastoral Team is appreciated by those involved and it is a valuable asset to The Crossing Church.

**Staffing**

The Crossing Church is registered as an employer with HMRC and employs two part time caretakers, both working 14.5 hours each per week. Our policy is to be a living wage employer.

These staff provide valuable support to our volunteer teams and enable us to provide a professional service to the organisations who hire our rooms. During this year our caretakers both agreed to a reduction in paid hours, this exercise was followed in an effort to reduce costs in order to ensure a balanced budget, the needs and preferences of our staff were fully explored and included in this decision making.

We are heavily supported by the Trinity Methodist Circuit. The Circuit Operations Manager initially took responsibility for line managing the staff and continues to support the Church Council in many ways.

A Circuit Facilities and Community Manager was appointed in March 2024 and has now taken over all operational and property management responsibilities, including the line management of our caretaking team and additionally acts as our bookings secretary overseeing all room bookings and working hard to increase our income from this.

A part-time Circuit Volunteer Co-ordinator was appointed in February 2024 and supported The Crossing with volunteer recruitment, support and training. The appointment was fully funded for one year only and so left our employment in March 2025.

**Volunteering**

The Volunteer Co-ordinator post was only funded until March 2025. We have some amazing volunteers who spend nearly as much time working at The Crossing as they are at home.

We have compiled a list of volunteers and the hours they have worked. There are some that work from home and this is not included in the total of 2,310 volunteer hours from January to August of 2025.

During 2024/25 we interviewed and did over 30 DBS checks for people wanting to join the volunteering team. Not all of the appointments were successfully taken up or the volunteer tried it for a few weeks and then left.

We did have some new volunteers who started on the Welcome Desk and then managed to find a full-time job. Our thanks go to them for the time they spent with us.
We managed to get some excellent new volunteers who are now helping the treasurer with finance. We are also grateful to the volunteers who spent the summer looking after the garden area outside.

Despite the large number quoted above, we are still desperate for volunteers for the church in positions such as on the Church Council, Church Stewards, on the Welcome Desk and to do other jobs around the church. The café is the one place people do seem to enjoy volunteering. The AV desk operators could also do with some extra hands.

Every three months a rota of jobs is compiled for Sunday morning and sometimes we seem to need a magic wand, as we are always short of volunteers even for the simple jobs.

All volunteers have to go through an informal interview process, DBS checks, safeguarding and fire training before they can work as a volunteer. This is just a legal requirement and not too strenuous.

**Facilities and Community Manager**

It has certainly been a learning experience and the time has flown. The church community has grown with new bookings from companies and community groups. The buzz around the church is a lot more positive and it is great to see.

A huge thank you to all who have supported me through the last year and gone along with trying new ideas. My hope for the next year is to continue to grow the bookings for the church, getting more involved in the community so people see The Crossing as the place to go in Worksop for not only community spirit but also divine.

The role has slightly changed this year with the volunteer co-ordinator role ceasing, I now look after the volunteer recruitment.

Over the past year we have applied for grants/funding from the CO-OP, this was a successful bid and we received an initial £500 to spend on the garden. We are hoping we will receive more from them but it will depend on how many people have voted for the project.

We have submitted an application to the Police and Crime Commissioner for grant funding to continue and expand Warm Spaces on a Friday afternoon, the funding would be for 3 years.

We have also approached Local Giving, Severn Trent Water and the Methodist District for a new beginnings grant but unfortunately these were not successful. We will keep applying and if anyone has any ideas or would like to help with the application process it would be greatly appreciated.

**Environmentally Friendly Church**

We are working hard to increase our "Eco-Friendly" activities.
In the official accreditation system, we have achieved a Bronze certificate and we are working towards a Silver.

We have a number of collection points for items that can be recycled or reused:

Used plastic milk container tops are collected and passed on to raise funds for Yorkshire Cancer Research

Used glasses are collected to be re-used via the Lions Club International collection point.

Empty crisp packets, these used to be recycled by the Teracycle scheme, but as most of our local supermarkets now have a collection point we encourage everyone to take these directly. We do however still provide the service for anyone who does not have transport to take them to a supermarket.

**Property Report**

The Facilities and Community manager has slowly started to take over the property requirements part of the role and has created a spreadsheet so it can be seen at a glance proactively what has been done and what needs to be done.

With the age of the building, it is still a very responsive system with breakdowns etc happening unexpectedly, the aim is to keep these to a minimum. One such example is the recent attempted break-in, the door where access was tried is rotten as nothing has been done to it for years and it is now an urgent problem to be solved.

During the last 12 months we have attended to the following property repairs and renewals:

- Removal of weeds from the roof which were damaging our roof materials.
- Café heating repair when our underfloor heating was faulty.
- Sorting out and relocating church storage. We now have staging and filing cabinets and have pruned

the items that we no longer need to keep.
- New water boiler for the café when the old one reached the end of its working life.
- We are in the process of changing our telecoms system, our contract has come to an end and we need to change from analogue to digital and improve our wi-fi strength.
- Purchased a TV and stand for Dementia singing and any other groups who want to use it.
- Repair/replace the handwash sink in the café kitchen - the tap was permanently leaking.
- AV desk - projector repair and new computer, the old one was obsolete.
- New washing machine when the old one stopped working.
- North Notts BID have been to clean and tidy the front of the church and a request is going in for them to fix the lettering on the front of the church.
- The front doors have once again been an issue, but hopefully this has been resolved with a new visor to shield the sun when it is low in the sky.
- The emergency lighting had its annual inspection and some fixes were needed, these have now been completed.
- The car park has been repainted.

**Community Café**

Our café space is ideally placed for lots of events where we can provide refreshments in some way. We have a lovely team of café volunteers providing drinks, cakes, light lunches, buffets etc throughout the year.

- Every Tuesday a light lunch for older people.
- Every Wednesday a coffee morning in partnership with the staff and students from the North Notts College Flex Team (10am to 2pm). Serving hot drinks, cakes and sandwiches. This is a valuable exercise for the Flex Team who use it as a training course for the students, giving them skills that can be transferred to the workplace once they leave college.
- Every Friday, a coffee morning (10am - 12 noon) run by church volunteers. We have an amazing team of volunteers, some come every week and some on a rota basis. We are now so busy that we really need 4 or 5 people each week.
- Every Friday afternoon (12.30pm to 3.30pm) Warm Spaces
- Every Sunday morning, we serve coffee and biscuits after the service, a wonderful time to sit and chat and especially to welcome visitors.
- We are asked on occasions to open the café when we have a special event on in the church, as well as Church Fayres and Model Transport Days, this also includes the occasional public advice day.
- We can also provide buffets for training courses, funerals, birthday parties etc.
- Tiny sandwiches and cakes for TeaTime Praise afternoon teas.
- The space is also used by many regular user groups for their refreshments.

Our ethos is to use fairtrade products where we can and to use local suppliers where possible. We have an Espresso machine and therefore can offer Barista training for our volunteers (We do need one or two more who are willing to learn this skill for coffee mornings and special events).

We have a wonderful team of cake bakers who provide delicious home made cakes for all of the above occasions.

**Warm Spaces - Welcome Spaces**

We have continued to keep open the café space on Friday afternoons, 12.30pm to 3.30pm. We offer drinks, cakes, toast, sandwiches, fruit and pot noodles. In the hot weather we have also supplied ice lollies.

The footfall has increased and we often have 30 or more 'customers'. We do not charge for refreshments, but do ask for a voluntary donation where possible. We have many regular visitors, mostly people in need.

This service we provide would not be possible without the help of our very dedicated volunteers, the busiest time is between 12.30pm to 1.30pm, and we would welcome any additional help especially around this busy time.

**Support for the homeless and those in need**

As well as our Friday afternoon warm spaces which are attended by many local people who are either homeless

or living in hostels, we now have a stock of feminine hygiene products which we can hand out when requested. This is under the "Ask for Sandy" initiative.

We have also reached out to Framework who are an organisation who work closely with those who are living on the streets, their staff are supporting us in the small ways that we are trying to help.

**Worship Group**

Though not a formal group as such there is the requirement once every three months for members of the church to lead worship at what is described as an 'Own Arrangement' service. This is usually put together by members of the Church Council, but the services themselves are very varied utilising the gifts and skills of those who are willing to take part. These services allow an opportunity for those who feel able to take a small part in worship but who would struggle with the entire service and they can be used as a stepping-stone to greater involvement.

During this year we have begun the practice of a quarterly "TeaTime Praise" on a Sunday afternoon at 3pm, followed by afternoon tea. This is particularly popular with members who find it difficult to get out in a morning, some of our pastoral support team are providing lifts for those who want to attend.

**Singing with Dementia**

Our group maintains a steady number although it has changed slightly. We now seem to have less from the nursing homes and more individual visitors. We welcome especially a group from our congregation who have begun to come along. We are also pleased to have had a recent enquiry from the Gateford Hill nursing home.

Although "Elvis" has hung up his blue suede shoes and is no longer able to join us on Wednesday and we have welcomed some new entertainers who have proved very popular. Our special thanks go to Denise and Roger Marsden, Russell Weaver and Annie Fotheringham who are stalwart regulars.

The Christmas party is always the highlight of the year and we are busy preparing for this. We continue to depend on donations and are very grateful for the raffle prizes and small items for the £1 stall which are provided by members of the congregation.

We are very fortunate to have been awarded a grant from Home Instead and hope to use this to fund a visit from "Our Dementia Choir" (as seen on TV).

**Shoe Box Appeal**

We were very grateful that once again we obtained a substantial donation from the Foresters Friendly Society which enabled us to fill 100 boxes for the "Link to Hope" Charity. The generosity of our congregation and supporters meant that we were able to give £300 towards the transport costs.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the families who receive, not only ours, but all boxes donated through love. Many thanks to all who helped doing shopping, packing and wrapping and helping to bring a smile to so many people in need.

**Thursday Group**

The Thursday Group continues to be a meeting enjoyed by ladies whether they are members of The Crossing or not, all ladies are welcome.

The meeting usually starts with a short time of devotion led by one of the committee members. This is followed by various activities which could be a speaker, quizzes, games or a sing song or any other activity suggested by members.

In the past year we have enjoyed several speakers on various subjects, a visit to the Food Bank to see the volunteers there in action, an afternoon out for tea at the Dukeries Garden Centre and of course a Christmas lunch at the Station Hotel.

We pay a subscription of £5 three times per year to cover expenses and anything left over is given to The Crossing Church. We have a voluntary charity box available at each meeting and members vote on the charity they wish to support at the end of the year. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month except for August and the last week in December, new members and visitors are always welcome.

**Grumpy Men Luncheon**

The 'Grumpy Men' meet each month on the second Wednesday from around 12 noon to 2pm.

This is an unstructured group who just enjoy each other's company, along with bacon butties (and other such delights from the café) plus tea and coffee.

There are generally between 4 and 10 who meet to discuss all sorts of things which seem relevant at the time and who usually catch up on each other's health and welfare.

Since the Wednesday coffee morning has been staffed by our friends from North Notts College and their students, we have been very well looked after and value their skills and their hospitality.

The only qualification to be part of this group is best described by its group name, but none of us are really 'grumpy', are we?

**The Art Group**

The Art Group continues to flourish. When the Art Society wanted to use the wall in the café for their work we were offered the staircase. My worry was that someone could miss a step and fall, but I worried needlessly.

To hear the children coming down from the creche talking about the pictures and adults too saying how enjoyable the display is, makes it worthwhile.

Thanks to our gardeners who have donated frames for our use. Members are enthusiastic, working at their own level and speed and some members have started attending church services.

We meet on a Friday from 10am to 12 noon.

**Model Transport Exhibitions**

The exhibition in September 2025 will be the tenth such exhibition at The Crossing and we now hold two per year, in March and September, where we invite about a dozen model railway exhibitors to bring one of their layouts, along with model bus, trams and trolleybus layouts and suitable traders who sell items which are transport related.

These events have become very popular both with the public and the exhibitors alike and several exhibitors come along because they enjoy doing so and display their latest creations of a variety of scales. Most exhibitors like the environment of The Crossing, but especially value the excellent refreshments served up by the friendly volunteer staff in the kitchen.

These events can only take place and be such a success because of the many volunteers who willingly help out on the day, thank you to all who help in any way and to all our exhibitors and visitors.

**Crafty Corner**

Crafty corner continues with a core membership of 12 members. Most members bring their own projects to work on and also share new-found skills. As well as knitting, crocheting and sewing, members bring new projects using new skills to try out - weaving, felting, embroidery, silk painting and sashiko (Japanese sewing) have all been tried.

We put some of our work on the stall at the Autumn Fayre and raised £60. The members knit and sew together squares for blankets, as well as toys, hats, scarves etc for shoe boxes. Members also make things for other charities they support.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

As we move on into a new year, we continue supporting and encouraging each other. Our time together includes a 'cuppa' and biscuits, with cakes if we have a birthday to celebrate. We continue to meet 10am to 12 noon on Wednesdays at the Acorn. We ask for a donation to help cover costs.

**Card Stall**

The stand of cards is situated in the café area. There is a fine selection of cards for sale at very reasonable prices. The profits benefit the church.

**The Quizzes**

There are three quizzes each year, the proceeds going to charity. The quizzes are thought provoking, infuriating but fun - for only £1.

**Music at The Crossing**

This year has been another busy year for music at The Crossing with our full quota of 6 concerts.

In September, Anston Male Voice Choir enthralled audiences with their music and their special guest Oliver Harris, was warmly welcomed after his stint at Edinburgh Fringe.

Unfortunately, the Remembrance concert with Carlton Main Frickley Band was cancelled.

Also in November, Ryton Chorale returned with their Autumn concert and in December, Musicality Singers gave an excellent Christmas concert that was enjoyed by all.

In March, Ryton Chorale returned alongside their invited orchestra and had a sell out concert. May saw Anston Male Voice Choir and the Major Oak Ladies Pop Choir sing to a sell out audience. A logistical nightmare, but a very enjoyable night for the audience.

A full program of events are planned for 2025/2026.

**Church Fayres**

It has become our regular pattern to hold two Fayres during the year, we had a traditional Christmas Fayre in November 2024 and a Craft Fayre in April 2025.

The Christmas fayre was a really busy event but we struggled to attract many stalls for our Craft Fayre, it was a very "bijou" event. These Fayres generate much needed funding for the Church, but as we need lots of volunteers to run them we need to be sure that their time is well spent.

The stalls are usually a mix of local craftspeople bringing their wares for sale, our own church folk who have special talents and many "pre-loved" items looking for a new home, be they books, plants, jewellery, accessories, bric-a-brac etc.

Not forgetting homemade cakes and preserves, greetings cards, art work etc. These events are also an ideal time for us to open our community café and provide refreshments for stallholders and attendees alike and although busy and tiring, our fantastic team of catering volunteers all agree that it is lovely for the café to be "buzzing" and filled with the smell of cooking hot pork or bacon for sandwiches.

**The Over 60's Light Lunch**

The Over 60's Light Lunch group was started at The Crossing on Tuesday 11th February 2025.

The group was formed to enable older people from Worksop and surrounding area to have somewhere to meet have a chat and a light lunch. This was after the Methodist Homes for the Aged could no longer provide a lunch club, they finished at the end of January.

Members are welcomed and offered a drink on arrival, enquire that everyone is feeling generally well and

encourage chat between themselves. A word search is offered to anyone who is interested. A charge of £5 is made for lunch, including pudding, which is served at around 12 noon.

We keep a record of people's name, address and telephone numbers plus a relatives number, in case of emergency and welfare enquiries. We now have 17 members plus 3 volunteers who regularly help with serving, washing up, making drinks and talking to members. It is a happy atmosphere and up to now has been a great success for The Crossing.

**Seated Exercise Groups**

There are currently three classes, Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am (open to everyone), Thursday 11am - 12 noon (specific to people with MS but open to everyone) and Thursday 2pm - 3pm (specific to members of Worksop's Parkinson's Group).

Class attendance is improving this year and on the whole the classes are well received.

Tuesday is consistently attended by a regular group, some of whom attend the lunch club afterwards. We have quite a few new members to the group this year.

The groups are intended to bring people in the community together and enjoy some gentle exercises and stretches whilst being in the company of other people. This year we have also introduced some movement to music, which the groups seem to be enjoying. The groups are on the whole fun, light-hearted and supportive.

The MS group is well attended, the group are very supportive of one another and come together for regular activities. Due to the nature of MS members may not feel able to attend every week.

A volunteer on a Thursday morning, very kindly offers to make drinks for the group, for a small donation to The Crossing. The group now comes in early to take advantage of this and have a natter.

The Parkinson's Group continue to meet, we have a few new members. The group continue to be a huge support to one another and enjoy a fun class.

The exercise should remain fun and enjoyable and not a chore. The classes try to bring some cheer to the groups and appreciate all their ongoing support. We always warm up and mobilise the joints, then move on to some resistance exercises to promote bone strength and balance. Overall generally hoping for a sense of wellbeing. As a qualified Pilates teacher, I hope to continue to integrate some self care and wellbeing instruction into the classes.

**Baby and Toddlers**

The Crossing Baby and Toddler group meets on Wednesday mornings during term time.

It is a fun group for ages from birth to going to school, with many families attending for years with their children.

We have separate areas designed to give the children the tools to grow through play. The kitchen area is very popular as is the train set and cars, the ride-ons are always popular. Many children like the dressing up box and there is always a different craft each week for the children to make.

Snack time is geared for all children to sit together and a nutritious snack is provided, whilst parents and carers can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. We end the sessions with singing time where we celebrate any birthdays and plenty of action songs. We have a marvellous team of volunteers who each contribute massively to each session to ensure everything runs smoothly.

**Women's Mindfulness**

The Women's Mindfulness group started out as one thing and led into another.

Mindfulness is - paying more attention to that moment in time - the present - your thoughts and feelings, what's going on around you - it can improve mental wellbeing and self esteem. Becoming more aware of where you

are and what you are doing, without becoming overly reactive or overwhelmed by what is going on around you.

We meet on a Tuesday morning every week, we use various activities around arts and crafts as a kind of Mindfulness therapy such as painting, decoupage, sewing, knitting and clay work.

Concentrating on being creative is therapeutic and even those who profess not to being crafty can produce marvellous results by just letting their mind go off in a different direction.

The group has been going for three years now. Because it is enjoyed and appreciated by all who attend, quite often someone will donate something, a box of tea bags, sugar, biscuits, paint or other craft items. It means a great deal to be able to just turn up where nothing is expected from anyone, where no one is forced to take part in anything they don't feel happy with.

It helps with loneliness and isolation. We chat and discuss vast areas of topics each week, from current affairs and books we have read to what we have watched on TV.

**Safeguarding Officer**

2024-25 has been a year of finishing DBS checks for both volunteers experienced to The Crossing and also new volunteers and ensuring all new volunteers are happy. We are grateful for the work that the volunteer co-ordinator did during his 12 month appointment. Since his appointment ended I now work with the Facilities and Community Manager in interviewing all new volunteers as well as continuing to undertake DBS checks.

The next year will be a busy one with safeguarding training due for most of the experienced volunteers and all of the new volunteers. We also have to update the role descriptions and risk assessments. We have had regular contact with the District Safeguarding Officer who has answered any questions about volunteer applications and DBS checks.

**Uniformed groups**

The Crossing Church is home to a number of uniformed groups:

- 5th Worksop (Methodist) Rainbow Guides
- 5th Worksop (Methodist) Brownie Pack
- Guides
- 12th Worksop (URC) Scouts, Cubs & Beavers
- Worksop Trefoil Guild

**Future Developments**

As we approach the next year we are ready for the next chapter of our story with a strong team in place. Our Deacon who brings a caring, community focused, spiritual approach to ministry. The Visionaries group who pray for our church and seek to discern ways in which we can worship and serve God through The Crossing, our growing congregation, our small band of faithful volunteers, including the operations team, which oversees the day to day running of a busy, multi purpose building. Support from Trinity Methodist Circuit, Sheffield Methodist District and the East Midlands Synod of The United Reformed Church. We also have a wide range of partnerships with community agencies including Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Services, Bassetlaw Food Bank, YMCA, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Hope and Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network. Many of our members have trained to be Dementia Friends through the Alzheimer's Society.

Over the next 18 months we are committed to developing:

**Worship** - with a creative mix of inclusive accessible styles of services.

**A discipleship and spirituality programme** - with an emphasis on home groups and times of retreat. We will provide regular Morning Prayer sessions and a Prayer Space.

**A ministry in the town centre** - taking an active part in local events and working closely with our ecumenical

and interfaith colleagues - being attuned to the social, physical and spiritual needs of our community.

**The café space** - this can be used to meet needs in the local community such as serving meals within school holidays and providing comfortable, warm space over the winter months in response to the cost of living crisis. The facilities are also available as a training base for cooking/nutrition support. We are a Fair Trade Church.

**Outreach to those who are retired** - by providing a range of events to which church members can confidently invite their friends, such as Messy Vintage. We will continue to strengthen our relationship with the residents that live in flats close to the church.

**A key role as a Dementia Friendly Church** - with special services, events, training and facilities. We are currently acting as ambassadors for this movement.

**The use of our premises as a Centre of Wellbeing** - building on the work already carried out with arts and crafts groups, exercise classes, counselling services, mental and physical health support groups, Women's Wellbeing sessions and Blood Donors.

**Work with children and families** - nurturing our links with our Toddler Group and Uniformed Organisations, as well as exploring connections with local schools. We also aim to provide a safe space for families to socialise at a Community Cinema project.

**The recruitment, training and encouragement of volunteers** - we will seek to find suitable roles for those who are able to support our welcome desk, office administration, catering, gardening and work with children, families and older adults.

**The aim to achieve and maintain Silver Eco Church status** - which will include the development of our church wild life garden and community allotment.

**Inclusion** - we welcome refugees. The venue is registered for same-sex marriage.

**An online presence** - through our website and our Facebook page. We will also share good news about the church and community via our magazine and the local press.

**A site which is in the cultural quarter of Worksop** - the church hosts Concerts and a Model Transport Exhibition, as well as supporting the neighbouring Acorn Theatre.

**Financial Review**

There was a net surplus in the movement of funds for the year of £19,490 (2024 - deficit £43,026). This is after charging depreciation of fixed assets of £19,104 (2024 - £19,349). The total funds at 31 August 2025 was £1,619,935 (2024 - £1,600,039). Of this £1,509,646 (2024 - £1,528,750) is held as fixed assets, including the church building.

The total bank and cash balances held at 31 August 2025 were £102,914 including £20,503 reserve account and £9,212 other restricted funds. The designated flower fund balance of £216 is also included in the total cash and bank.

Within the cash held, there is money for flowers, gardening, singing with dementia, a grant from Notts County Council and money released from a TMCP fund which must be used for work with youth and children and a grant from Bassetlaw District Council for a creative writing course.

The Church finances continue to be supported by the Model Bus Exhibition and its members.
the restoration of models sold worldwide.

Once again, The Church is incredibly grateful for all of the many donations it has received from the congregation, members and Church groups including our Guiding groups. Thank you also for the continued support of Sunday offerings from members including those who pay by our preferred method of SO / bank transfer.

Receipts from lettings/rent/Acorn/community café invoices are much closer to the property expenditure. The

Finance group, Church Council, Operations Manager and Methodist District continue to search for funding and ways to balance the budget and give long term security. Income from rents in particular have increased due to having a community manager. This post has been provided by funding from District and Circuit. From March 2025 we will be able to contribute a larger share of these costs.

The reserve account balance is now £20,504. This includes a provision for redundancies since the Church now employs the caretakers.

Budget and actual comparisons for the year show that congregational income was greater than budget. Rental income has exceeded on budget and previous years actual figures. Ministry spend was roughly on budget.

Property spend was considerably less than budget. Repairs and maintenance costs were not as high as in previous years. There are some anticipated large property costs in the future, but we do have a good cashflow and our balance of payments continues to improve.

A budget has been prepared for 2025-26, there is a positive cashflow to the end of the year with an overall slight deficit of income over expenditure, an improvement on recent years.

The community café has once again been very successful. We must thank all the church volunteers and North Notts College for their hard work, enabling the Church to provide a community café for the public on Fridays and Wednesdays.

During this year we have purchased a "Sum Up" machine, which means that we can now take card payments. This is regularly used at the café counter when open, but can be used for other payments.

With God's help and our prayers, I hope that we can continue to move forward positively, so that we can improve our work in the Church and community in line with our mission.

**Risk Management and Reserves Policy**

The Church Council regularly reviews the major risks which the charity faces. All operational procedures have been examined and policies are in place for Health & Safety, Data protection, Safeguarding of Children and Young People, Smoking, Older People and Disadvantaged People. The Crossing is complying with all relevant legislation.

The Church Council has a low risk approach to investment and invests all funds with The Methodist Church Finance Board. Bequest money is invested under Methodist law with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The Council is painfully aware that the level of financial reserves is insufficient for an organisation of this size and regrets that no significant transfers to reserves were made during the year.

Typically twelve months expenditure amounts to around £150,000 and unrestricted net current assets only stand at £103,101.

**Statement of the Church Council responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Church Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Council is required to:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;

c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Church Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is 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.

**Organisational Structure**

The full Church Meeting sets and/or approves mission, vision, constitution and policy. It identifies priorities and elects the Church Council members. Policies include community relationships and engagement, in addition to pastoral, mission, worship and learning.

The Church Council, which is chaired by the Minister, has duties to devise strategies, including the allocation of resources to deliver various policies. It must monitor their achievements and being the Managing Trustees of The Crossing, ensure financial viability targets and commitments are met.

The following groups have responsibilities within the church organisational structure:

| | |
|---|---|
| Resources and Property Group | Management of property and resources. |
| Finance Action Group | Overview of finance and sustainability. |
| Friends of The Crossing | Generate funds via events and activities. |

**Reference and administrative details:**

Registered Charity number: 1140500

| | |
|---|---|
| Principal address: | Newcastle Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2AT |
| Independent Examiner: | N M Knowles ACA, Williams Knowles & Co<br>Lloyd Chambers, 139 Carlton Road, Worksop, S81 7AD |
| Solicitors: | Andrew & Co<br>St Swithin's Square, Lincoln, LN2 1HB |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank<br>CAF Bank Limited<br>Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church |
| Church Council: | Rev Julie Coates — Chair: September 24 to February 25<br>Rev Angela Pothecary — Chair: February 25 to August 25<br>Annette Westerby (Treasurer)<br>Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook<br>Annette Barker (Safeguarding Officer)<br>Iris Franks<br>Rev Bob Heathcote<br>Anne Taylor (Clerk)<br>Kath Jordan<br>Richard Peake<br>Margaret Merrils<br>Jean Roberts |

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

## Church Council

The Trustees of The Crossing Church are the "Church Council" who, in addition to the commitments to our Lord, the local church and it's wider councils, and to the local community, have statutory obligations as "Managing Trustees" and "Charity Trustees". We are grateful to those members of the church who have been prepared to accept these responsibilities as Church Council members during the year.

## Status of the Crossing Church

The Crossing Church, Worksop is a single congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) and is part of the wider Methodist and United Reformed Churches. The Crossing Church is a registered Charity - the charity number is 1140500.

The Crossing Church is in the Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church. The church is also part of the East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church. The present title of the church - The Crossing Church - was adopted in May 2006 when the new building was opened. Previously it was known as Worksop United Church since the setting up of the LEP in 2001 and previously to that it was known as Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop.

## Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner

The Church Council members who held office at the date of approval of this annual report confirm that:-

So far as they are aware, there is no relevant financial information, or other information needed by the Charity's examiners in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's examiner is unaware; and

They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Managing Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information, and to establish that the Charity's examiner is aware of that information.

## Approval

This report was approved by the Church Council and signed on its behalf.

**Church Council Member**

Signed: ...A Westerby.....  Name: A. WESTERBY

**Church Council Member**

Signed: ...A M Taylor.....  Name: A. TAYLOR

Dated: .....12/4/26

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2025, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

N M Knowles A C A
as principal of
Williams Knowles & Co
Chartered Accountants
Lloyd Chambers
139 Carlton Road
Worksop
S81 7AD

Date: 24 April 2026

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2024-25 | Total 2023-24 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 28,724 | - | - | - | **28,724** | **28,724** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 20,267 | - | 3,685 | - | **23,952** | **12,206** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 11,886 | - | - | - | **11,886** | **5,252** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 2,745 | - | 813 | - | **3,558** | **3,946** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 112,742 | 485 | - | - | **113,227** | **87,171** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **176,364** | **485** | **4,498** | **-** | **181,347** | **137,299** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 30,900 | - | - | - | **30,900** | **30,900** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | 134 | - | - | - | **134** | **50** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 16,951 | - | - | - | **16,951** | **28,680** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 34,920 | - | 800 | - | **35,720** | **46,218** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 19,104 | - | - | - | **19,104** | **19,349** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 7,100 | - | - | - | **7,100** | **5,697** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 47,961 | 282 | 3,299 | - | **51,542** | **49,431** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| | | | | | | | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **157,070** | **282** | **4,099** | **-** | **161,451** | **180,325** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **19,294** | **203** | **399** | **-** | **19,490** | **(43,026)** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | (3,000) | - | 3,000 | - | - | - |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **16,294** | **203** | **3,399** | **-** | **19,490** | **(43,026)** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,573,710 | 13 | 26,316 | - | **1,600,039** | **1,643,065** |
| **25 Total funds carried forward** | | **1,590,004** | **216** | **29,715** | **-** | **1,619,935** | **1,600,039** |

Please see page 17, Statement of Financial Activity for 31 August 2024 for full analysis of comparative figures.

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 24 | Total 23 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 28,724 | - | - | - | **28,724** | **28,190** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 9,407 | - | 2,799 | - | **12,206** | **54,985** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 5,252 | - | - | - | **5,252** | **7,440** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 3,097 | - | 849 | - | **3,946** | **1,585** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 86,881 | 290 | - | - | **87,171** | **90,079** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **133,361** | **290** | **3,648** | **-** | **137,299** | **182,279** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 30,900 | - | - | - | **30,900** | **30,900** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | 50 | - | - | - | **50** | **-** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 28,680 | - | - | - | **28,680** | **34,605** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 45,218 | - | 1,000 | - | **46,218** | **29,189** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 19,349 | - | - | - | **19,349** | **19,677** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 5,697 | - | - | - | **5,697** | **5,838** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 46,707 | 332 | 2,392 | - | **49,431** | **48,538** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **176,601** | **332** | **3,392** | **-** | **180,325** | **168,747** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **(43,240)** | **(42)** | **256** | **-** | **(43,026)** | **13,532** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | (1,400) | - | 1,400 | - | - | - |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **(44,640)** | **(42)** | **1,656** | **-** | **(43,026)** | **13,532** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,618,350 | 55 | 24,660 | - | **1,643,065** | **1,629,533** |
| **25 Total funds carried forward** | | **1,573,710** | **13** | **26,316** | **-** | **1,600,039** | **1,643,065** |

**THE CROSSING CHURCH** **Circuit no: 25 no 19**

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

| | Notes | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Totals 2025 £ | Totals 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Church building and other property | 12 | 1,509,646 | - | - | - | 1,509,646 | 1,528,750 |
| Investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total fixed assets*** | | **1,509,646** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **1,509,646** | **1,528,750** |
| **Current Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 14 | 30,118 | - | - | - | 30,118 | 17,074 |
| Loans by the Churches | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments with TMCP | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | 15 | 51,798 | - | 29,715 | - | 81,513 | 68,229 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 15 | 21,185 | 216 | - | - | 21,401 | 10,062 |
| ***Total current assets*** | | **103,101** | **216** | **29,715** | **-** | **133,032** | **95,365** |
| **Current liabilities** | | | | | | | |
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 16 | 4,241 | - | - | - | 4,241 | 4,374 |
| Grants payable within 2025-26 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total current liabilities*** | | **4,241** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **4,241** | **4,374** |
| ***Net current assets/liabilities*** | | **98,860** | **216** | **29,715** | **-** | 128,791 | **90,991** |
| ***Total assets less current liabilities*** | | **1,608,506** | **216** | **29,715** | **-** | **1,638,437** | **1,619,741** |
| **Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)** | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2025-26 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loans to the Church | | 18,502 | - | - | - | **18,502** | **19,702** |
| ***Net assets*** | | **1,590,004** | **216** | **29,715** | **-** | **1,619,935** | **1,600,039** |
| **Funds of the Church** | | | | | | | |
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 18 | 1,590,004 | | | | 1,590,004 | 1,573,710 |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | 18 | | 216 | | | 216 | 13 |
| ***Total Unrestricted Funds*** | | | | | | **1,590,220** | **1,573,723** |
| Restricted Funds | 18 | | | 29,715 | | 29,715 | 26,316 |
| Endowment Funds | 18 | | | | - | - | - |
| ***Total Funds*** | | **1,590,004** | **216** | **29,715** | **-** | **1,619,935** | **1,600,039** |

Church Council Member

Signed: A Westerby

Name: A. WESTERBY

Date: 12th April 2026

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is an unincorporated organisation. The registered address is The Crossing Church, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT.

## 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the financial statements are as follows:

### a. Basis of preparation

The Crossing Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

### b. Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### c. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of estimation means that the outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The most significant area of estimation uncertainty for the charity is in relation to the useful economic life of the fixed assets.

### d. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Church Council for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

### e. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

- Investment income is included when receivable.

- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**f. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT where it cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage.

**g. Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

| | |
|---|---|
| Building | 1% straight line |
| Equipment | 33% reducing balance basis |
| Organ | 10% reducing balance basis |
| Fixtures & fittings | 15% reducing balance basis |

**h. VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

**i. Fixed asset investments**

The investments of The Crossing Church are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

**j. Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**k. Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

| 4a. **Donations & grants** | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2025 Total | 2024 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations & gifts | 19,699 | 1,385 | 21,084 | 10,783 |
| Legacies | - | - | - | - |
| Grants | | | | |
| URC- Re energy | 90 | - | 90 | 923 |
| Methodist District - Family days | - | - | - | 500 |
| Methodist District - Volunteers | 250 | - | 250 | - |
| Methodist District - Eco survey | 228 | - | 228 | - |
| CO-OP - Garden | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| Bassetlaw District Council - Writing courses | - | 1,800 | 1,800 | - |
| | 20,267 | 3,685 | 23,952 | 12,206 |

| 4b. **Other charitable income** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund raising | 6,291 | - | 6,291 | 6,430 |
| Lettings | 86,740 | - | 86,740 | 61,018 |
| Other | 2,991 | - | 2,991 | 3,229 |
| Flower fund (designated) | 485 | - | 485 | 310 |
| Seated exercise | 2,876 | - | 2,876 | 4,444 |
| Café | 13,844 | - | 13,844 | 11,740 |
| | 113,227 | - | 113,227 | 87,171 |

| 5. **Property maintenance** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Service contracts | 5,008 | - | 5,008 | 6,688 |
| Repairs and renewals | 4,963 | - | 4,963 | 17,129 |
| Cleaning equipment & services | 3,218 | - | 3,218 | 1,542 |
| Window cleaning | 613 | - | 613 | 526 |
| Business waste | 3,149 | - | 3,149 | 2,795 |
| | 16,951 | - | 16,951 | 28,680 |

| 6. **Insurance, utilities etc** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Light & heat | 26,993 | 800 | 27,793 | 39,652 |
| Insurance | 5,513 | - | 5,513 | 4,913 |
| Water rates | 1,333 | - | 1,333 | 1,025 |
| General rates | 1,081 | - | 1,081 | 628 |
| | 34,920 | 800 | 35,720 | 46,218 |

**7. Office expenditure**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Telephone | 4,176 | - | 4,176 | 3,010 |
| Stationery & postage | 64 | - | 64 | 260 |
| Printing expenses | 2,860 | - | 2,860 | 2,427 |
| | 7,100 | - | 7,100 | 5,697 |

**8. Other expenditure**

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | 2025 Total | 2024 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Service expenses | 517 | - | - | 517 | 1,552 |
| Sundries | 1,114 | 3,299 | - | 4,413 | 3,414 |
| Bank charges & interest | 337 | - | - | 337 | 310 |
| FOTC fundraising costs | 312 | - | - | 312 | 104 |
| Accountancy | 2,266 | - | - | 2,266 | 1,938 |
| Card sales | 617 | - | - | 617 | 633 |
| Café | 6,096 | - | - | 6,096 | 2,721 |
| Licences | 557 | - | - | 557 | 369 |
| I T & Equipment | 2,808 | - | - | 2,808 | 2,429 |
| Administration wages | 4,992 | - | - | 4,992 | 5,625 |
| Caretakers wages | 21,915 | - | - | 21,915 | 22,641 |
| Donations to external organisations | 1,888 | - | - | 1,888 | 2,497 |
| Seated exercise | 3,100 | - | - | 3,100 | 3,500 |
| Light lunches | 503 | - | - | 503 | - |
| Legal fees | - | - | - | - | 1,200 |
| Training | - | - | - | - | 90 |
| Volunteers expenses | 718 | - | - | 718 | - |
| Marketing / Advertising | 221 | - | - | 221 | - |
| Flower fund (designated) | 282 | - | - | 282 | 408 |
| | 48,243 | 3,299 | - | 51,542 | 49,431 |

**9. Payment to Trustees**

No payments were made to the Trustees for services or expenses.

**10. Fees for examination of the accounts**

| | 2025 Total | 2024 Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | 750 | 700 |
| Other fees for accountancy services paid to the independent examiner | 1,516 | 1,238 |

## 11. Staff costs paid during the year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | 20,939 | 26,186 |

The average number of employees engaged by the charity amounted to 2 (2024 - 3).

## 12. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | Church Building | Fixtures fittings & equipment | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| COST | | | |
| At 1 September 2024 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| Additions | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2025 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | |
| At 1 September 2024 | 312,120 | 105,866 | 417,986 |
| Charge for the year | 18,360 | 744 | 19,104 |
| At 31 August 2025 | 330,480 | 106,610 | 437,090 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | |
| At 31 August 2025 | 1,505,684 | 3,962 | 1,509,646 |
| At 31 August 2024 | 1,524,044 | 4,706 | 1,528,750 |

## 14. Debtors & prepayments

| | 2025 Total £ | 2024 Total £ |
|---|---|---|
| Debtors from lettings | 13,029 | 10,109 |
| Gift aid receivable | 12,623 | 2,727 |
| Prepaid circuit assessment | 2,575 | 2,575 |
| Other prepayments | 1,891 | 1,663 |
| | 30,118 | 17,074 |

## 15. Cash at bank and in hand

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank balance held in CFB | 81,513 | 68,229 |
| Bank balance held in CAF | 21,339 | 9,999 |
| Cash | 62 | 63 |
| Total | 102,914 | 78,291 |

## 16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trade creditors | - | - |
| Accruals | 4,241 | 4,374 |
| Other creditors | - | - |
| | 4,241 | 4,374 |

## 17. Related parties

The Crossing Church had a loan from Trinity Circuit when building the church, the amount still outstanding at the year end was £ 11,102 (2024 - £11,102) the loan is due on demand, however, there is no specific repayment date and no interest is being charged.

A further loan was received from the Trinity Circuit for £13,000 in December 2020 towards property repairs. This is being repaid at £100 per month. The amount outstanding at the year end was £7,400 (2024 - £8,600).

## 18. Analysis of funds

| | Opening balance £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Revaluation £ | Closing balance £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Restricted funds** | | | | | | |
| Designated gifts | 1,118 | 41 | - | (380) | - | 779 |
| Benevolence | 41 | 2 | - | - | - | 43 |
| Church reserve | 16,543 | 765 | - | 3,195 | - | 20,503 |
| Music | 98 | 5 | - | - | - | 103 |
| Singing with dementia | 2,556 | 1,075 | (1,038) | - | - | 2,593 |
| YMCA project | 1,994 | - | - | - | - | 1,994 |
| Youth & Children TMCP 1579 | 1,418 | - | - | - | - | 1,418 |
| Warm spaces | 2,548 | 210 | (2,755) | - | - | 3 |
| BDC creative writing course | - | 1,800 | - | - | - | 1,800 |
| Gardening | - | 600 | (306) | 185 | - | 479 |
| | 26,316 | 4,498 | (4,099) | 3,000 | - | 29,715 |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | | | | |
| General reserve | 1,573,710 | 176,364 | (157,070) | (3,000) | - | 1,590,004 |
| Flower fund | 13 | 485 | (282) | - | - | 216 |
| | 1,573,723 | 176,849 | (157,352) | (3,000) | - | 1,590,220 |
| **Total funds** | 1,600,039 | 181,347 | (161,451) | - | - | 1,619,935 |

**Restricted fund purposes**

**Designated gifts:** Small gifts received where the donors designate the use of the funds.
**Benevolence:** For benevolence to members.
**Church reserve:** To build up church reserves.
**Music:** Funds for the purchase of a grand piano.
**Bequests:** Funds held where the donors have specified the use of the funds.
**Singing with dementia:** For providing social interaction for dementia suffers and their carers.
**Youth & Children** TMCP 1579: Amount transferred from TMCP Endowment to be used for the benefit of youth and children
**Warm spaces:** To provide a safe space where people can get a drink and snack.
**BDC creative writing course:** Grant from Bassetlaw District Council for a creative writing course.
**Gardening:** Project for the upkeep of the garden, funded by a donation and CO-OP grant.

**Analysis of net assets between funds**

| | General fund unrestricted | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total 2025 | Total 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | 1,509,646 | - | - | 1,509,646 | 1,528,750 |
| Current assets | 103,101 | 216 | 29,715 | 133,032 | 95,365 |
| Current liabilities | (4,241) | - | - | (4,241) | (4,374) |
| Long term liabilities | (18,502) | - | - | (18,502) | (19,702) |
| | 1,590,004 | 216 | 29,715 | 1,619,935 | 1,600,039 |

## 19. Going concern

The church operates within the limits of its available cash resources and budgets are set by the church council each year. The church council has reviewed its position under the current difficult circumstances and has concluded that the organisation remains a going concern. Further work is needed, to evaluate and plan for the medium to long term in order to develop a strategy that will enable the church to provide an effective presence within the community and remain within its budgeted expenditure.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH (METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140500

# Accounts

Registered Charity Number 1140500

# THE CROSSING CHURCH

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The Church Council present their report along with the financial statements of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts.

**Objectives and Policies**

The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating Churches.

To achieve its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

a) the celebration of public worship
b) the teaching of the Christian faith
c) mission and evangelism
d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Church Council is aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of The Church

The Church Council believes that The Church provides benefit to the public by:

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.

Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Providing significant access to the building to community organisations, charities and other organisations whose own works contribute to public benefit.

**Review of the year**

**Revd Julie Coates**

On the pages of this report you will read of many ways in which we are able to fulfil our mission of sharing God's love and serving the local community through the activities and events that we co-ordinate or host at The Crossing.

You will find out more about the worship and pastoral care that is offered week by week as well as learning about the other groups and organisations that make their home within these walls.

From the preparation of regular quiz sheets to our efforts to become more environmentally friendly, from the Model Transport Exhibitions to Warm Spaces and Charity Coffee Mornings, from the Baby and Toddler group to Seated Exercise and Singing with Dementia - the work that we are engaged in makes a difference to so many lives and what I have named only scratches the surface, the list goes on and on.

I'm particularly encouraged by the way in which use of the Café area continues to develop and by the work undertaken to reach young families.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a report. Thank you too to the volunteers, who as you will see, have contributed many hours of service to the work that is described in this report. An expression of thanks is also due to all of those who address the key operational tasks overseen by the trustees including property, finance safeguarding, data protection and policy implementation. To assist this process we now have new staff members.

Several of our members have undertaken training in 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion' during the last twelve months and we continue to seek ways in which we can be an inclusive and welcoming church.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

I look forward to our annual church meeting which gives us an opportunity to engage in conversation about the work of God at The Crossing and to see what we learn from one another as we grow in our faith and discipleship.

**Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook**

This years' PRIDE was bigger and better than ever, with thousands of people pouring into the streets, parading with 'Dottie' the Drag-on Bassetlaw PRIDE Sculpture and celebrating love and diversity in all of its fabulous rainbow colour.

The Crossing Church were delighted to have a stall in the marketplace providing family activities and a prayer space for the second year running. We offered cupcake decorating, a rainbow prayer wall, chalk pavement decorating and a chance to talk with our volunteers about the significance of the day.

One young man scribbled determinedly with a pavement chalk and gave us a kind smile as he left, having written "Take me as I am". A young boy asked if the cupcake decorating was only for girls as there were a group of girls enjoying the craft, he was told in no uncertain terms that it was for everyone, to which he beamed! The rainbow heart chalked on the ground asserting that "God Loves All" sums up this wonderful event. God was in the midst of everything and spoke through the smiles, kindness and conversation.

We distributed 150 rolls of personalised love heart sweets and 3 trays of cupcakes soon disappeared, but it was the atmosphere and conversations which really made an impact, from the youngest to the oldest. I also donned an inflatable unicorn costume which was definitely a talking point and several people were surprised and moved to learn that I am in a same sex marriage, being present and welcoming at our stall was a real privilege and we can't wait to return next year! The following day The crossing had a meaningful PRIDE Celebration Service with such a positive and affirming atmosphere - we feel very blessed.

**Visionaries Group**

The group met regularly and worked hard to arrange new and innovative activities alongside Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook. These have included:-

Family film nights - showing popular family films on occasional Saturdays using a projector and screen, other craft activities and time to chat and time for prayer, but most importantly Pizza!

Family fun days - These have been held earlier in the day on some Saturdays and are aimed at families with younger children. They have been themed around Julia Donaldson books, The Gruffalo, Gruffalo's child, Room on the Broom etc. Including lots of activities suitable for under 5's and themed snacks (Gruffalo teeth, knobbly knees etc).

Prayer corner in the café - Prayer resources have been used to create a "prayer corner" alongside the comfy chairs and on Wednesday mornings, whenever Emily is available we have a prayer morning.

We continue to try to ensure that as often as possible we have one of our team available for any member of the public to come in, feel welcome and have a sympathetic ear to listen to them.

The team are planning lots of activities during the advent period including the Christmas story illuminated in our windows to highlight the "reason for the season" to passers by.

**Environmentally Friendly Church**

At The crossing Church we are working hard to increase our "Eco-Friendly" activities.

In the official accreditation system, we have achieved a Bronze certificate and we are working towards Silver.

We have a number of collection points for items that can be recycled or re-used, including used plastic milk bottle tops (Yorkshire Cancer Research), used glasses (Vision Aid Overseas), toothpaste tubes and brushes (Teracycle scheme) and empty crisp packets (Teracycle scheme).

**Pastoral Support Team**

Currently the Church Membership stands at 99. Unfortunately not all of our members are able to attend our Sunday worship, due to living a distance away or because of health reasons. Our Pastoral Team of seven plus Deacon Emily, do endeavour to keep in contact with all of our members.

The Pastoral Team meet approximately every three months and some of the topics we have discussed over the past twelve months have included Home Communion, Emergency Contact Forms for members, Baptisms and Church God Parents, in addition to hearing about the health and welfare of our members.

On 3rd July 2024 the Pastoral Team held an afternoon tea at The Crossing that was well attended, thank you to all who contributed.

Several Church Members have now completed Emergency Contact Forms that give details of family or friends they would like to contact should they become unwell. In an emergency it is very helpful to have this contact information.

**Worship Group**

For a number of reasons this group has not met for quite some time but when the dreaded 'own arrangement' term appears on the quarterly plan then we round up a few volunteers to discuss how we might put together a thought provoking service. These have usually been conducted by a small team and have allowed creativity and a variety of styles, plus of course the inclusion of the favourite hymns of the participants.

**Singing with Dementia**

Our group continues to thrive and we have a steady attendance of 30 - 40 members. The activities co-ordinators at Victoria and Greenacres Care Homes continue to give us their loyal support and we have had several new visitors, both singles and couples, which is encouraging.

Our regular entertainers have not disappointed this year and our thanks go to Annie Fotheringham, Russell Weaver, Steve Knight, Phil Lawrence and of course Elvis.

We are especially grateful to the singers from the U3A and of course our good friends Denise and Roger Marsden who give their services freely and willingly.

The Christmas party was once again a great success and everyone spent a happy afternoon singing songs with Denise and Roger. Father Christmas came and everyone left with a Christmas stocking filled with small seasonal gifts. We ended with a roof raising "Oh, Come all ye Faithful".

We are very fortunate to have received some very generous donations which will help us fund future events. Our friends from the 'Caring for Carers' group no longer meet and gave us a large donation from their closing funds.

We had a lovely surprise donation from a funeral and following on from that a donation from the Freemasons, who are hoping to become regular donors. We keep in touch with them through a new volunteer and friend, who initiated the first donation from the funeral and has become a very involved and willing helper.

**Shoe Box Appeal**

We were very fortunate that once again we obtained a substantial donation from the Foresters Friendly Society which enabled us to fill 100 boxes for the "Link to Hope" Charity. The generosity of our congregation and supporters meant that we were able to give £300 towards the transport costs.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the families who receive, not only ours, but all boxes donated through love. Many thanks to all who helped in any way, helping to bring a smile to so many people in need.

**Thursday Group**

The Thursday Group is a long established meeting for ladies of all ages and persuasions who meet to enjoy the company of old friends and to meet new friends. The meeting usually starts with a short time of reflection and devotion followed by various activities which could include a talk by a speaker on many various subjects, an afternoon of games, quizzes or a discussion.

Most recently we have enjoyed hearing the life stories of some of our members and at least one of our speakers, but also talks on the historic Bess of Hardwick, the women of the Bible and a wonderful musical afternoon with Revd. Mark Cantrill.

Occasionally we meet at a venue outside of The Crossing and enjoy tea, coffee and cake etc, at a local garden centre or an establishment such as the Aurora Centre. We also make at least one visit a year to support the Acorn Theatre and have seen some exciting productions over the years and of course we always go out for Christmas lunch.

We pay a subscription of £5 three times per year to cover expenses and anything left over is given to The Crossing Church. We have a voluntary charity box available at each meeting and members vote on the charity they wish to support at the end of the year. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month except for August and the last week in December, new members and visitors are always welcome.

**Grumpy Men Luncheon**

The Grumpy Men's Group was started by our much missed Griff several years ago and both in tribute to Griff and also because we all seem to enjoy this group we are continuing to meet in much the same way as it has always been.

This is one of those groups which have no agenda, programme or membership requirements save for the fact that all participants qualify as being 'Grumpy Men' according to others! We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 12.30pm and enjoy our regular diet of either bacon butties, chips and coffee/tea.

Now that we have the Café in operation on Wednesdays, run very kindly by staff and students of North Notts College, we now have our food and drink prepared for us, so we have it 'on a plate' so to speak.

We continue to enjoy each other's company with conversation varying from local issues, international politics, finances plus the obligatory updates on buses and trains, then of course there are all the aches and pains to be discussed as well as other important topics such as roadworks, potholes, bad parking and anything else that increases blood pressure from time to time.

Each meeting usually lasts for about an hour and we fit neatly into the café space around the comfy chairs. It is a fun group, is very therapeutic and tummy enhancing.

**The Art Group**

This group is a small band of people who enjoy being creative. We meet on a Friday morning from 10am to 12 noon. The work the group produces is displayed in the café area and raises comments of interest and appreciation.

In November and December we try to involve the whole church to join in the Christmas theme. Earlier this year we had a successful exhibition in the Worksop Library.

Anyone interested in joining us will be very welcome, many start by saying "but I can't draw" then surprise themselves as they achieve wonderful work.

**Model Transport Exhibitions**

We have now had eight Model Transport Exhibitions, this year having two, one in march and the second in September. These exhibitions are fairly unique in that they feature, with equal emphasis, model railways and model buses, the latter including trams and trolleybuses.

Exhibitors come from The North East, North Yorkshire, Lancashire, Manchester and Staffordshire as well as more locally from Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. The exhibits are of different scales, different eras and some are rural where others are urban or industrial. This year we have had a bit of nostalgia with the Hornby Dublo group operating vintage trains from the 50's and 60's.

While much work goes into planning the exhibitions they only actually take place because of the amazing support we get by lots of volunteers, many of whom are church members but also friends who also help in many ways. This includes making and serving refreshments, staffing the pay desk, car parking, moving and then replacing the church furniture and the distribution of promotional material prior to the events.

**Crafty Corner**

The Crafty Corner meets each Wednesday 10.30am till 12.00 noon.

This group is going well at the moment, with two new members joining us during this year. One has commented 'I appreciate coming out to meet other knitters, I enjoy the company'. The members really show concern for other members and support with help, both with projects and individual needs.

As well as doing individual projects, different members make things for various charities, also together we knit squares to make blankets. Last year we donated 6 blankets to 'Link to Hope'. Members contributed items for the stall we had at the Autumn Fayre and we are now making for the next fayre.

As a way of being more inclusive, the group has decided not to charge a set amount per session, but to ask for donations, so individuals who are struggling financially are not excluded. All donations will go to church funds.

**Card Stall**

The stand of cards is situated in the café area. There is a fine selection of cards for sale at very reasonable prices. The profits benefit the church.

**The Quizzes**

A monthly word search is produced plus three quizzes a year for various charities. Only £1 per quiz entry - gets the brain working, is a lot of fun (& frustration) but raises funds.

**Music at The Crossing**

The year 2023/24 has been a busy year for Music at the Crossing as we have been fully booked with local choirs using the church as a venue for their concerts.

In December we hosted the Major Oak Pop Choir for an evening of joyful music. This was followed by Musicality Singers from Worksop, who performed both Christmas and other joyful songs. Both nights saw an audience of over 100.

In March, Ryton Chorale returned to The Crossing with their Easter concert Mozart's Requiem. The choir was accompanied by the English Pro Musical Quartet and their chosen soloists. Once again the venue had over 100 in the audience.

In June Musicality Singers were at The Crossing for their summer concert. The choir gave us a fantastic evening of music from the shows and films.

In September we have Anston Male Voice Choir, November sees Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band perform a remembrance eve concert and later in November Ryton Chorale return for their autumn concert.

The sixth and final performance of the year, in December will be the return of Musicality Singers for their contribution to our Christmas celebrations. 2025 is already fully booked for the six concerts.

**Church Fayres**

It has become our regular pattern to hold two fayres during the year, these were in November 2023 and May 2024. The Christmas Fayre was a really busy event but the Spring Fayre was less well attended this year, so the church council are seriously considering changing the pattern or thinking of different fundraising activities. These fayres generate much needed funding for the church, but as we need lots of volunteers to run them we need to be sure that their time is well spent.

The stalls are usually a mix of local crafts people bringing their wares for sale, our own church folk who have special talents and many 'preloved' items looking for a new home, be they books, plants, jewellery, accessories, bric a brac etc. Not forgetting home made cakes and preserves, greetings cards and art work etc.

These events are an ideal time for us to open our community café and provide refreshments for stallholders and attendees alike and although busy and tiring our fantastic team of catering volunteers all agree that it is lovely for the café to be "buzzing" and filled with the smell of cooking pork (hot pork rolls) or bacon.

**Community Café**

Our café space and kitchen continues to be used for a variety of purposes throughout the year, some arranged by our own volunteer team and others by third parties and local charities.

We now have a good, regular clientele for our coffee mornings which now run on Wednesday 10am - 2pm (in partnership with the North Notts College Flex Team) and on Friday mornings 10am - 12 noon.

We serve Fairtrade Coffee & Tea and lots of lovely homemade cakes and snacks such as toasted teacakes.

Wednesdays "Partnership project" has expanded its hours and menu during this year (at the request of the college). The church provides all of the supplies and the staff and students from North Notts College provide the volunteers with the team of students changing at 12 noon, giving more students the opportunity.

This is a valuable training activity for students who have additional needs, giving them skills that they will be able to use in the workplace once they leave college.

Fridays coffee morning is manned by a wonderful team of volunteers who serve on a rota basis, some of these are new volunteers who have fitted really well into the team. We could always accommodate a few more dedicated people as Friday mornings are usually very busy. We originally managed with 3 volunteers, but know we really need 4 or 5 people.

Our community café team have also provided drinks stations and buffets on occasions during the year, these have been for organisations using our rooms for meetings and conferences, training events etc. and for funeral teas and birthday parties.

The busiest days have been when we open the café for a full day in conjunction with our fundraising events (church fayres, model transport day etc.). All of these events raise much needed funds for the ongoing work of the church and allow us to provide other regular support groups, covering the cost of the supplies.

**Warm Spaces - Welcome Spaces**

In the past few years, Friday afternoons 12.30pm - 3.30pm, we have opened up the café area to the community, initially as a warm space in the cold weather. We changed the name to Afternoon Friendship Tea during the warm weather, hoping to encourage folks to pop in for refreshments and a chat, unfortunately this did not prove popular so we are now the Welcome Space (continuation of Warm Spaces).

We offer drinks, cakes, toast and sandwiches as well as pot noodles free of charge but many leave a voluntary donation.

We have had generous donations to enable this to proceed and hopefully will be able to continue during the winter and beyond. We have a few regular visitors and the footfall varies from 10 - 24, many thanks to our very dedicated volunteers who facilitate this.

**Staffing**

The Crossing Church is registered as an employer with HMRC and employs two staff members, a part time caretaker and a part time cleaning operative.

These staff provide valuable support to our volunteer teams and enable us to provide a professional service to the organisations who hire our rooms.

We are heavily supported by the Trinity Methodist Circuit. The Circuit Operations Manager takes the responsibility of line managing our staff and supporting our church council in many ways, particularly with regard to supervising property maintenance and day to day operations.

The Circuit Facilities and Community Manager was appointed in March 2024 and is gradually taking over all operational and property management responsibilities, including the line management of our staff.

The Circuit Volunteer Co-ordinator was appointed in February 2024 and supports The Crossing with volunteer recruitment, support and training.

**Resource and Property Group (RAP)**

During the last year we have settled into a system of the Circuit Operations Manager and the caretaker team identifying issues and working with the Church Council to agree essential repairs or work that is needed to meet current regulations.

Property works during the last 12 months have included:

- Via the North Notts BID Maintenance Service, they cleared and cleaned the gutters at the rear of the building.
- The main dishwasher in the kitchen had to undergo essential repairs to ensure this vital piece of equipment remained fully operational.
- An upgrade to The Crossing's emergency lighting system.
- Repairs to the heating system following a water leak in the boiler room.
- Following a breakdown of the main front doors, a contractor had to attend to repair a faulty safety sensor.
- Satisfactory PAT testing to all electrical equipment has been undertaken in the last year.
- Following storm damage a new fence panel was installed in the rear garden.
- The lightening protection system was routinely serviced during the year but further repairs to the system were required, this remedial work was successfully completed.

The majority of these works have been reactive as problems and issues have been discovered, a key part of the Facilities and Community Manager's role is to create a proactive property management system and this will be worked on over the next few months.

Further property matters of note include:

- In February 2024 following a review of our electricity supply contract by energy brokers we switched suppliers to Smartest Energy.
- After discussion with the Church Council we have secured funding towards an Eco Survey. As well as identifying possible financial savings, the survey will also outline interventions to futureproof the building. The survey is due for completion in October 2024.

**Volunteering**

The Church is a vastly volunteer led organisation and is a central hub for the community. Many of the volunteers are church members themselves, we also have people coming in from the local community to volunteer their time and expertise.

Volunteers do what they do because they want to make a positive impact in their community and it's certainly true of the many brilliant individuals who make a difference at the Crossing. We have had new volunteers start with us this year and sadly seen some leave our ranks as well.

One of our admin volunteers keeps a record of the number of volunteers which come to help, the records cover time spent within the church building, but not time at home or in the community. We have 49 volunteers who on average complete 494 hours per month, this totals 5,932 hours over the course of the year.

Without volunteers, the Crossing simply would not be possible. Almost all of the groups which operate here are led and run by volunteers. It is important to recognise their value. Whether someone is helping for one hour per week or ten hours per week, it has a positive impact. Thank you all so much.

**Seated Exercise Groups**

There are currently three classes, Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am (open to everyone), Thursday 11am - 12 noon (specific to people with MS but open to everyone) and Thursday 2pm - 3pm (specific to members of Worksop's Parkinson's Group).

Tuesday is consistently attended by a regular group, some of whom attend the lunch club afterwards. We have quite a few new members to the group this year.

The groups are intended to bring people in the community together and enjoy some gentle exercises and stretches whilst being in the company of other people. This year we have also introduced some movement

to music, which the groups seem to be enjoying.

The exercise should remain fun and enjoyable and not a chore. The classes try to bring some cheer to the groups and appreciate all their ongoing support. We always warm up and mobilise the joints, then move on to some resistance exercises to promote bone strength and balance. It is hoped to continue to integrate some self-care and wellness instruction into the classes.

**Baby and Toddlers**

The baby and toddler group has had another very successful year with an average of 25 families attending each week. We offer craft activities, play doh, jigsaws, farms, kitchen, train sets, dolls prams and much more.

In July we arranged a Teddy Bears Picnic and our last day of summer term included a bouncy castle and a visit from the ice cream van to treat all of the children.

**Uniformed groups**

The Crossing Church is home to a number of uniformed groups:

- 5th Worksop (Methodist) Rainbow Guides
- 5th Worksop (Methodist) Brownie Pack
- Guides
- 12th Worksop (URC) Scouts, Cubs & Beavers

**Future Developments**

As we approach the next year we are ready for the next chapter of our story with a strong team in place. Our Deacon who brings a caring, community focused, spiritual approach to ministry. The Visionaries group who pray for our church and seek to discern ways in which we can worship and serve God through The Crossing, our growing congregation, our small band of faithful volunteers, including the operations team, which oversees the day to day running of a busy, multi purpose building. Support from Trinity Methodist Circuit, Sheffield Methodist District and the East Midlands Synod of The United Reformed Church. We also have a wide range of partnerships with community agencies including Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Services, Bassetlaw Food Bank, YMCA, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Hope and Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network. Many of our members have trained to be Dementia Friends through the Alzheimer's Society.

Over the next 18 months we are committed to developing:

**Worship** - with a creative mix of inclusive accessible styles of services.

**A discipleship and spirituality programme** - with an emphasis on home groups and times of retreat. We will provide regular Morning Prayer sessions and a Prayer Space.

**A ministry in the town centre** - taking an active part in local events and working closely with our ecumenical and interfaith colleagues - being attuned to the social, physical and spiritual needs of our community.

**The café space** - this can be used to meet needs in the local community such as serving meals within school holidays and providing comfortable, warm space over the winter months in response to the cost of living crisis. The facilities are also available as a training base for cooking/nutrition support. We are a Fair Trade Church.

**Outreach to those who are retired** - by providing a range of events to which church members can confidently invite their friends, such as Messy Vintage. We will continue to strengthen our relationship with the residents that live in flats close to the church.

**A key role as a Dementia Friendly Church** - with special services, events, training and facilities. We are currently acting as ambassadors for this movement.

**The use of our premises as a Centre of Wellbeing** - building on the work already carried out with arts and crafts groups, exercise classes, counselling services, mental and physical health support groups, Women's Wellbeing sessions and Blood Donors.

**Work with children and families** - nurturing our links with our Toddler Group and Uniformed Organisations,

as well as exploring connections with local schools. We also aim to provide a safe space for families to socialise at a Community Cinema project.

**The recruitment, training and encouragement of volunteers** - we will seek to find suitable roles for those who are able to support our welcome desk, office administration, catering, gardening and work with children, families and older adults.

**The aim to achieve and maintain Silver Eco Church status** - which will include the development of our church wild life garden and community allotment.

**Inclusion** - we welcome refugees. The venue is registered for same-sex marriage.

**An online presence** - through our website and our Facebook page. We will also share good news about the church and community via our magazine and the local press.

**A site which is in the cultural quarter of Worksop** - the church hosts Concerts and a Model Transport Exhibition, as well as supporting the neighbouring Acorn Theatre.

**Financial Review**

There was a net deficit in the movement of funds for the year of £43,026 (2023 - Surplus £13,532). This is after charging depreciation of fixed assets of £19,349 (2023 - £19,677). The total funds at 31 August 2024 was £1,600,039 (2023 - £1,643,065). Of this £1,528,750 (2023 - £1,548,099) is held as fixed assets, including the church building.

The total bank and cash balances held at 31 August 2024 were £78,291 including £16,543 reserve account and £9,773 other restricted funds. The designated flower fund balance of £13 is also included in the total cash and bank.

Within the cash held, there is money for flowers, gardening, singing with dementia, a grant from Notts County Council and money released from a TMCP fund which must be used for work with youth and children. The church continues to be supported by the Model Bus Exhibition and its members: especially donations from the restoration of models sold worldwide. Once again, The Church is incredibly grateful for all of the many donations it has received from the congregation, members and Church groups including our Guiding groups.

Receipts from lettings/rent/Acorn/community café invoices still do not cover property expenditure. The Finance group, Church Council, Operations Manager and Methodist District continue to search for funding and ways to balance the budget and give long term security.

Budget and actual comparisons for the year show that congregational income was greater than budget. Rental income was approximately on budget and similar to previous years actual figures. Ministry spend slightly exceeded budget. Property spend continues to be high but was slightly less than budget. Electricity moved to a variable rate at the start of the financial year until it could be transferred to another supplier earlier this year and the monthly payments have now reduced.

A budget has been prepared for 2024-25 and there is a positive cash flow to the end of the year but a deficit of income over expenditure.

The Community Café has been very successful. We must thank all the Church volunteers and North Notts College for their hard work, enabling the Church to provide a community café on Fridays and Wednesdays.

With God's help and our prayers, I hope that we can continue to move forward, so that we can improve our work in the Church and community in line with our mission.

**Risk Management and Reserves Policy**

The Church Council regularly reviews the major risks which the charity faces. All operational procedures have been examined and policies are in place for Health & Safety, Data protection, Safeguarding of Children and Young People, Smoking, Older People and Disadvantaged People. The Crossing is complying with all relevant legislation.

The Church Council has a low risk approach to investment and invests all funds with The Methodist Church Finance Board. Bequest money is invested under Methodist law with the Trustees for Methodist Church

Purposes.

The Council is painfully aware that the level of financial reserves is insufficient for an organisation of this size and regrets that no significant transfers to reserves were made during the year.

Typically twelve months expenditure amounts to around £150,000 and unrestricted net current assets only stand at £69,036.

**Statement of the Church Council responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Church Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Council is required to:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;

c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Church Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is 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.

**Organisational Structure**

The full Church Meeting sets and/or approves mission, vision, constitution and policy. It identifies priorities and elects the Church Council members. Policies include community relationships and engagement, in addition to pastoral, mission, worship and learning.

The Church Council, which is chaired by the Minister, has duties to devise strategies, including the allocation of resources to deliver various policies. It must monitor their achievements and being the Managing Trustees of The Crossing, ensure financial viability targets and commitments are met.

The following groups have responsibilities within the church organisational structure:

| | |
|---|---|
| Resources and Property Group | Management of property and resources. |
| Finance Action Group | Overview of finance and sustainability. |
| Friends of The Crossing | Generate funds via events and activities. |

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**Reference and administrative details:**

Registered Charity number: 1140500

| | |
|---|---|
| Principal address: | Newcastle Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2AT |
| Independent Examiner: | N M Knowles ACA, Williams Knowles & Co<br>Lloyd Chambers, 139 Carlton Road, Worksop, S81 7AD |
| Solicitors: | Andrew & Co<br>St Swithin's Square, Lincoln, LN2 1HB |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank<br>CAF Bank Limited<br>Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church |
| Minister: | Rev Julie Coates |
| Treasurer: | Annette Westerby |
| Church Council: | Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook<br>Annette Barker<br>Iris Franks<br>Rev Bob Heathcote<br>Anne Taylor<br>Kath Jordan<br>Richard Peake<br>Margaret Merrils |

**Church Council**

The Trustees of The Crossing Church are the "Church Council" who, in addition to the commitments to our Lord, the local church and it's wider councils, and to the local community, have statutory obligations as "Managing Trustees" and "Charity Trustees". We are grateful to those members of the church who have been prepared to accept these responsibilities as Church Council members during the year.

**Status of the Crossing Church**

The church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop and Worksop United Reformed Church. The Crossing Church is a registered Charity - the charity number is 1140500.

The Crossing Church is in the Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church. The church is also part of the East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church. The present title of the church - The Crossing Church - was adopted in May 2006 when the new building was opened. Previously it was known as Worksop United Church since the setting up of the LEP in 2001 and previously to that it was known as Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner**

The Church Council members who held office at the date of approval of this annual report confirm that:-

So far as they are aware, there is no relevant financial information, or other information needed by the Charity's examiners in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's examiner is unaware; and

They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Managing Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information, and to establish that the Charity's examiner is aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Church Council and signed on its behalf.

**Church Council Member**

Signed: ..... Name: ANNETTE WESTERBY

**Church Council Member**

Signed: ..... Name: Anne Taylor

Dated: 20/6/25

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2024, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

N M Knowles A C A
as principal of
Williams Knowles & Co
Chartered Accountants
Lloyd Chambers
139 Carlton Road
Worksop
S81 7AD

Date: 20 JUNE 2025

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2023-24 | Total 2022-23 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 28,724 | - | - | - | **28,724** | **28,190** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 9,407 | - | 2,799 | - | **12,206** | **54,985** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 5,252 | - | - | - | **5,252** | **7,440** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 3,097 | - | 849 | - | **3,946** | **1,585** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 86,881 | 290 | - | - | **87,171** | **90,079** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **133,361** | **290** | **3,648** | **-** | **137,299** | **182,279** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 30,900 | - | - | - | **30,900** | **30,900** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | 50 | - | - | - | **50** | **-** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 28,680 | - | - | - | **28,680** | **34,605** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 45,218 | - | 1,000 | - | **46,218** | **29,189** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 19,349 | - | - | - | **19,349** | **19,677** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 5,697 | - | - | - | **5,697** | **5,838** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 46,707 | 332 | 2,392 | - | **49,431** | **48,538** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **176,601** | **332** | **3,392** | **-** | **180,325** | **168,747** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **(43,240)** | **(42)** | **256** | **-** | **(43,026)** | **13,532** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | (1,400) | - | 1,400 | - | **-** | **-** |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **(44,640)** | **(42)** | **1,656** | **-** | **(43,026)** | **13,532** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,618,350 | 55 | 24,660 | - | **1,643,065** | **1,629,533** |
| 25 **Total funds carried forward** | | **1,573,710** | **13** | **26,316** | **-** | **1,600,039** | **1,643,065** |

Please see page 15 for full comparative figures.

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2022-23 | Total 2021-22 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 28,190 | - | - | - | **28,190** | **28,640** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 52,382 | - | 2,603 | - | **54,985** | **12,948** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 7,440 | - | - | - | **7,440** | **8,661** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 1,073 | - | 512 | - | **1,585** | **377** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 86,648 | 154 | 3,277 | - | **90,079** | **68,929** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **175,733** | **154** | **6,392** | **-** | **182,279** | **119,555** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 30,900 | - | - | - | **30,900** | **30,900** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 34,605 | - | - | - | **34,605** | **27,756** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 28,829 | - | 360 | - | **29,189** | **19,116** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 19,677 | - | - | - | **19,677** | **20,161** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 5,838 | - | - | - | **5,838** | **5,537** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 47,477 | 329 | 732 | - | **48,538** | **37,556** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| | | | | | | | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **167,326** | **329** | **1,092** | **-** | **168,747** | **141,026** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **(482)** |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **8,407** | **(175)** | **5,300** | **-** | **13,532** | **(21,953)** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | (1,600) | - | 1,600 | - | **-** | **-** |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **6,807** | **(175)** | **6,900** | **-** | **13,532** | **(21,953)** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,611,543 | 230 | 17,760 | - | **1,629,533** | **1,651,486** |
| 25 **Total funds carried forward** | | **1,618,350** | **55** | **24,660** | **-** | **1,643,065** | **1,629,533** |

**THE CROSSING CHURCH** **Circuit no: 25 no 19**

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

| | Notes | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Totals 2024 £ | Totals 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Church building and other property | 12 | 1,528,750 | - | - | - | 1,528,750 | 1,548,099 |
| Investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total fixed assets*** | | **1,528,750** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **1,528,750** | **1,548,099** |
| **Current Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 14 | 17,074 | - | - | - | 17,074 | 12,407 |
| Loans by the Churches | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments with TMCP | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | 15 | 41,913 | - | 26,316 | - | 68,229 | 92,137 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 15 | 10,049 | 13 | - | - | 10,062 | 14,726 |
| ***Total current assets*** | | **69,036** | **13** | **26,316** | **-** | **95,365** | **119,270** |
| **Current liabilities** | | | | | | | |
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 16 | 4,374 | - | - | - | 4,374 | 3,402 |
| Grants payable within 2021-22 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total current liabilities*** | | **4,374** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **4,374** | **3,402** |
| ***Net current assets/liabilities*** | | **64,662** | **13** | **26,316** | **-** | **90,991** | **115,868** |
| ***Total assets less current liabilities*** | | **1,593,412** | **13** | **26,316** | **-** | **1,619,741** | **1,663,967** |
| **Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)** | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2021-22 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loans to the Church | | 19,702 | - | - | - | **19,702** | **20,902** |
| | | | | | | | |
| ***Net assets*** | | **1,573,710** | **13** | **26,316** | **-** | **1,600,039** | **1,614,711** |
| **Funds of the Church** | | | | | | | |
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 18 | 1,573,710 | | | | 1,573,710 | 1,618,350 |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | 18 | | 13 | | | 13 | 55 |
| ***Total Unrestricted Funds*** | | | | | | **1,573,723** | **1,618,405** |
| Restricted Funds | 18 | | | 26,316 | | 26,316 | 24,660 |
| Endowment Funds | 18 | | | | - | - | - |
| ***Total Funds*** | | **1,573,710** | **13** | **26,316** | **-** | **1,600,039** | **1,643,065** |

Church Council Member

Signed: Awesterby

Name: ANNETTE WESTERBY

Date: 20/06/25.

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is an unincorporated organisation. The registered address is The Crossing Church, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT.

## 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the financial statements are as follows:

### a. Basis of preparation

The Crossing Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

### b. Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### c. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of estimation means that the outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The most significant area of estimation uncertainty for the charity is in relation to the useful economic life of the fixed assets.

### d. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Church Council for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

### e. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

- Investment income is included when receivable.

- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**f. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT where it cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage.

**g. Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

| | |
|---|---|
| Building | 1% straight line |
| Equipment | 33% reducing balance basis |
| Organ | 10% reducing balance basis |
| Fixtures & fittings | 15% reducing balance basis |

**h. VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

**i. Fixed asset investments**

The investments of The Crossing Church are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

**j. Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**k. Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

| 4a. **Donations & grants** | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2024 Total | 2023 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations & gifts | 7,984 | 2,799 | 10,783 | 12,964 |
| Legacies | - | - | - | 39,426 |
| Grants | | | | |
| Notts County Council- Re energy | - | - | - | 1,785 |
| URC- Re energy | 923 | - | 923 | 310 |
| Methodist District - Family days | 500 | - | 500 | - |
| Methodist District - Warm spaces | - | | - | 500 |
| | 9,407 | 2,799 | 12,206 | 54,985 |

| 4b. **Other charitable income** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund raising | 6,430 | - | 6,430 | 5,042 |
| Lettings | 61,018 | - | 61,018 | 55,041 |
| Other | 3,229 | - | 3,229 | 6,995 |
| Transfer from The Crossing SEC Ltd | - | - | - | 11,533 |
| Flower fund (designated) | 310 | - | 310 | 154 |
| Seated exercise | 4,444 | - | 4,444 | 3,597 |
| Café | 11,740 | - | 11,740 | 7,717 |
| | 87,171 | - | 87,171 | 90,079 |

| 5. **Property maintenance** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Service contracts | 6,688 | - | 6,688 | 6,099 |
| Repairs and renewals | 17,129 | - | 17,129 | 22,619 |
| Cleaning equipment & services | 1,542 | - | 1,542 | 3,013 |
| Window cleaning | 526 | - | 526 | 438 |
| Business waste | 2,795 | - | 2,795 | 2,436 |
| | 28,680 | - | 28,680 | 34,605 |

| 6. **Insurance, utilities etc** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Light & heat | 38,652 | 1,000 | 39,652 | 23,318 |
| Insurance | 4,913 | - | 4,913 | 4,399 |
| Water rates | 1,025 | - | 1,025 | 826 |
| General rates | 628 | - | 628 | 646 |
| | 45,218 | 1,000 | 46,218 | 29,189 |

## 7. Office expenditure

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Telephone | 3,010 | - | 3,010 | 3,427 |
| Stationery & postage | 260 | - | 260 | 82 |
| Printing expenses | 2,427 | - | 2,427 | 2,329 |
| | 5,697 | - | 5,697 | 5,838 |

## 8. Other expenditure

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | 2024 Total | 2023 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Service expenses | 1,552 | - | - | 1,552 | 797 |
| Sundries | 1,023 | 2,392 | - | 3,415 | 1,213 |
| Bank charges & interest | 310 | - | - | 310 | 272 |
| FOTC fundraising costs | 104 | - | - | 104 | 240 |
| Accountancy | 1,938 | - | - | 1,938 | 1,939 |
| Card sales | 633 | - | - | 633 | 548 |
| Café | 2,721 | - | - | 2,721 | 1,790 |
| Licences | 369 | - | - | 369 | 493 |
| I T & Equipment | 2,429 | - | - | 2,429 | 2,304 |
| Administration wages | 5,625 | - | - | 5,625 | 11,589 |
| Caretakers wages | 22,641 | - | - | 22,641 | 21,264 |
| Donations to external organisations | 2,497 | - | - | 2,497 | 2,031 |
| Seated exercise | 3,500 | - | - | 3,500 | 3,225 |
| Legal fees | 1,200 | - | - | 1,200 | - |
| Training | 90 | - | - | 90 | 504 |
| Flower fund (designated) | 408 | - | - | 408 | 329 |
| | 47,040 | 2,392 | - | 49,432 | 37,556 |

## 9. Payment to Trustees

No payments were made to the Trustees for services or expenses.

## 10. Fees for examination of the accounts

| | 2024 Total | 2023 Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | 700 | 700 |
| Other fees for accountancy services paid to the independent examiner | 1,238 | 1,066 |

## 11. Staff costs paid during the year

Previously the Church did not directly employ staff, amounts were paid to The Crossing SEC Limited in respect of management and administration, caretaking and cleaning.
During the current year staff have been transferred to be directly employed by The Crossing Church.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | 26,186 | 32,852 |

The average number of employees engaged by the charity amounted to 3 (2023 - 3).

## 12. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | Church Building | Fixtures fittings & equipment | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| COST | | | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| Additions | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2024 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 293,760 | 104,877 | 398,637 |
| Charge for the year | 18,360 | 989 | 19,349 |
| On disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2024 | 312,120 | 105,866 | 417,986 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | |
| At 31 August 2024 | 1,524,044 | 4,706 | 1,528,750 |
| At 31 August 2023 | 1,542,404 | 5,695 | 1,548,099 |

## 14. Debtors & prepayments

| | 2024 Total £ | 2023 Total £ |
|---|---|---|
| Debtors from lettings | 10,109 | 5,762 |
| Gift aid receivable | 2,727 | 2,500 |
| Other debtors | | - |
| Prepaid circuit assessment | 2,575 | 2,575 |
| Other prepayments | 1,663 | 1,570 |
| | 17,074 | 12,407 |

## 15. Cash at bank and in hand

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank balance held in CFB | 68,229 | 92,137 |
| Bank balance held in CAF | 9,999 | 14,644 |
| Cash | 63 | 82 |
| Total | 78,291 | 106,863 |

## 16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trade creditors | - | - |
| Accruals | 4,374 | 3,402 |
| Other creditors | - | - |
| | 4,374 | 3,423 |

## 17. Related parties

The Crossing Church had a loan from Trinity Circuit when building the church, the amount still outstanding at the year end was £ 11,102 (2023 - £11,102) the loan is due on demand, however, there is no specific repayment date and no interest is being charged.

A further loan was received from the Trinity Circuit for £13,000 in December 2020 towards property repairs. This is being repaid at £100 per month. The amount outstanding at the year end was £8,600 (2023 - £9,800).

## 18. Analysis of funds

| | Opening balance £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Revaluation £ | Closing balance £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Restricted funds** | | | | | | |
| Designated gifts | 1,317 | 59 | (258) | - | - | 1,118 |
| Benevolence | 94 | 2 | (55) | - | - | 41 |
| Church reserve | 14,360 | 783 | - | 1,400 | - | 16,543 |
| Music | 93 | 5 | - | - | - | 98 |
| Singing with dementia | 1,512 | 2,599 | (1,555) | - | - | 2,556 |
| YMCA project | 2,134 | - | (140) | - | - | 1,994 |
| Youth & Children TMCP 1579 | 1,619 | - | (201) | - | - | 1,418 |
| Warm spaces | 3,531 | 200 | (1,183) | - | - | 2,548 |
| | 24,660 | 3,648 | (3,392) | 1,400 | - | 26,316 |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | | | | |
| General reserve | 1,618,350 | 133,361 | (176,601) | (1,400) | - | 1,573,710 |
| Flower fund | 55 | 290 | (332) | - | - | 13 |
| | 1,618,405 | 133,651 | (176,933) | (1,400) | - | 1,573,723 |
| **Total funds** | 1,643,065 | 137,299 | (180,325) | - | - | 1,600,039 |

**Restricted fund purposes**

**Designated gifts:** Small gifts received where the donors designate the use of the funds.
**Benevolence:** For benevolence to members.
**Church reserve:** To build up church reserves.
**Music:** Funds for the purchase of a grand piano.
**Bequests:** Funds held where the donors have specified the use of the funds.
**Singing with dementia:** For providing social interaction for dementia suffers and their carers.
**Youth & Children** TMCP 1579: Amount transferred from TMCP Endowment to be used for the benefit of youth and children
**Warm spaces:** To provide a safe space where people can get a drink and snack.

**Analysis of net assets between funds**

| | General fund unrestricted | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total 2024 | Total 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | 1,528,750 | - | - | 1,528,750 | 1,548,099 |
| Current assets | 69,036 | 13 | 26,316 | 95,365 | 119,270 |
| Current liabilities | (4,374) | - | - | (4,374) | (3,402) |
| Long term liabilities | (19,702) | - | - | (19,702) | (20,902) |
| | 1,573,710 | 13 | 26,316 | 1,600,039 | 1,643,065 |

## 19. Going concern

The church operates within the limits of its available cash resources and budgets are set by the church council each year. The church council has reviewed its position under the current difficult circumstances and has concluded that the organisation remains a going concern. Further work is needed, to evaluate and plan for the medium to long term in order to develop a strategy that will enable the church to provide an effective presence within the community and remain within its budgeted expenditure.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH (METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140500

# Accounts

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# THE CROSSING CHURCH

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

The Church Council present their report along with the financial statements of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts.

**Objectives and Policies**

The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating Churches.

To achieve its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

a) the celebration of public worship
b) the teaching of the Christian faith
c) mission and evangelism
d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Church Council is aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of The Church

The Church Council believes that The Church provides benefit to the public by:

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.

Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Providing significant access to the building to community organisations, charities and other organisations whose own works contribute to public benefit.

**Review of the year**

**Revd Julie Coates**

I commend to you the articles in this report. As ever it is encouraging to read through the articles and to be reminded of all that we have experienced during the last year.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a report. Thank you too to the volunteers, who as you will see, have contributed many hours of service to the work that is described in this report. The report mentions those who faithfully served God through this church community and who have now been promoted to glory. We owe a great deal to those whose vision and leadership enabled the building and flourishing of The Crossing. It is our task now to honour their memory and add to their legacy.

I look forward to our annual church meeting which gives us an opportunity to engage in conversation about the work of God at The Crossing and to see what we learn from one another as we grow in our faith and discipleship.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

**Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook**

This year has , from my perspective , been a positive one where The Crossing Church congregation has knitted still closer together, engaged in community events and deepened in its discipleship collectively and individually.

The Visionaries group has discerned the way forward, beginning events and opportunities for children and families in a prayerful and care-full way, not diving in unprepared but taking each step at a time. Encouragingly we have started to get young families coming sporadically to worship services and we have sought to make them feel a tangible sense of welcome and belonging, in part through the purchase of a children's trolley with toys, books and games which is available in the new children's area each Sunday.

The Crossing, for the first time, hosted a stall at July 2023's PRIDE event, leading to helpful conversations and a few expressions of interest in our events and the fact that we offer same-sex marriage services. Following that three people came to the newly re-launched Café Church service the following day. I am deeply encouraged by the Visionaries assertion that we are called to take the love of God into the community, not simply expecting folks to come to us. On the back of the successful PRIDE stall, we have been invited to provide similar at Worksop's Charter Day in October and for subsequent events. We are gaining a reputation for openness and inclusion.

The first Family Film Night saw 12 people welcomed for the first time into the Café space for craft activities, pizza and Disney's 'Encanto'. There is much enthusiasm to continue these events with increased publicity through schools.

Our involvement with Priory Primary School has deepened over this year, with us hosting their Christmas Concert and they have booked again for this year. I take monthly assemblies and for the first time organised an 'Experience Easter' event in school which saw the entire school over the course of a day, engage with the complexities of an Easter story and respond with interactive prayer activities. The school was extremely positive about the event and would welcome further input.

Relationships with the uniformed organisations who meet at The Crossing have continued to flourish, with Brownies and Scouts receiving their Faith Badges and celebrating a Christingle service in the lead up to Christmas, I look forward to the same this year.

On a sadder note we have hosted several funerals through the last year, including four of our own beloved members. We continue to hold their loved ones in prayer. We have also celebrated numerous baptisms this year with a truly lovely atmosphere and new family contacts made and conducted a wedding which was a real joy.

Thanks to your prayers and ongoing support we continue to be a presence for good in the local community, which I aim to spread still further over the coming year. Thank you so much to everyone who works so hard to make all of the above possible, you are much appreciated.

**Environmentally Friendly Church**

At The crossing Church we are working hard to increase our "Eco-Friendly" activities.

In the official accreditation system, we have achieved a Bronze certificate and we are working towards Silver.

We have a number of collection points for items that can be recycled or re-used, including used plastic milk bottle tops (Yorkshire Cancer Research), used glasses (Vision Aid Overseas), toothpaste tubes and brushes (Terracycle scheme) and empty crisp packets (Terracycle scheme).

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
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**Pastoral Support Team (previously Pastoral Visitors)**

Since the last AGM report we have had 4 members join our church, sadly also four have passed away. Two of these had played a major part in the life of The Crossing Church, prior to and since its opening in May 2006. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of their families at this time of loss, they will be sadly missed.

We still meet as a Pastoral Team of 7, on a regular basis and we thank our Deacon for her active involvement and for chairing our meetings. Taking into account how the role of Pastoral Visitor has developed, it was felt we should change our title from Pastoral Visitors to Pastoral Support Team as this seems to better reflect our role. As Pastoral Support Team we will continue to provide Pastoral Support to our membership. We continue to thank our Deacon for her time and willingness to do hospital and home visits as the need arises.

**Worship Group**

For a number of reasons this group has not met for quite some time and tends to be hastily convened when the 'Own Arrangement' term appears on the quarterly plan. Previously we were organised by setting a date for a planning meeting and then allocating roles for various willing folk to play in producing an act of worship for the designated Sunday. Of late the pattern of services has varied and the 'Café Church' group is doing a fine job planning and delivering some new expressions of worship.

There are still some 'Own Arrangement' services being planned from time to time and if required the Worship Group is reconvened.

**Singing with Dementia**

This has been an encouraging year in many ways . Our numbers have picked up again after Covid and we have a steady number of 25 to 35 members attending our events, mainly due to the loyal support of the activities co-ordinators at Victoria and Greenacres Care Homes.

Because of our Community Commitment evidence we are very proud to have been recognised as a Dementia Friendly Church by the Alzheimer's Society.

Our entertainers have varied from the usual support of Annie Fotheringham, Russ Weaver, Denise and Roger Marsden and our friends from u3a, to an appearance by Elvis and a special afternoon with Alison Carrington from our own congregation.

We held a Christmas Party at the end of November and were fortunate to gain a grant from the Foresters Friendly Society to fund this. The highlight of the year was the Coronation Special. The room was packed with people singing patriotic songs whilst wearing crowns, tiaras, face masks and other appropriate dress. It was very emotional at the close when everyone who was able stood to sing God Save the King and wave their flags.

Although the Dementia Café followed by the Memory Café and Worship did not attract the numbers we hoped for and therefore were not viable we are still trying new ways to encourage people to join us. In June we held a film afternoon which proved to be more of an attraction. Summer Holiday starring Cliff Richard was enjoyed by more than 20 viewers.

**Shoe Box Appeal**

This year we once again supported Link to Hope. We managed to obtain a substantial donation from the Foresters Friendly Society and were able to fill 100 boxes. The generosity of our church congregation and supporters enabled us to send £300 towards the cost of transport.

**Thursday Group**

The Thursday group started in the 1960's and has been ongoing in one form or another since that time, it is a friendship group for ladies of all ages. Our group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month, with a break during July and August and the last week in December.

We pay a subscription three times a year, we also have a voluntary charity collection at each meeting, this year we were able to support The Crossing, Bassetlaw Food Bank and the Lewy Body Society.

We alternate the meetings at the crossing with afternoon coffee/cake out at various places and occasionally a meal. This last year we had 4 different but very interesting speakers. We start with a short devotional/prayer and end with refreshments, usually cake.

**Grumpy Men Luncheon**

The Grumpy Men's Group was started by our much missed Griff several years ago and both in tribute to Griff and also because we all seem to enjoy this group we are continuing to meet in much the same way as it has always been.

This is one of those groups which have no agenda, programme or membership requirements save for the fact that all participants qualify as being 'Grumpy Men' according to others!

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 12.30pm and enjoy our regular diet of either sausage or bacon butties, chips and coffee/tea. This monthly diet shuts us up for about ten minutes after which the conversation can vary from local issues, international politics, finances, aches and pains, bin lorries, mining engineering, council business or even buses and trains! The subject matter is not preplanned but just evolves.

The monthly gathering usually lasts for about an hour and a bit and the attendance has reached 13 or 14 at times and we fit neatly into the café space around the comfy chairs. It is a fun group, is very therapeutic and tummy enhancing.

**The Art Group**

This group meets on a Friday morning from ten to mid-day. We are a keen but fun loving group who produce some beautiful work, some of which can be seen on display in the café.

Some members may say that they cannot draw or paint etc. and they then surprise themselves with their efforts. Each works at their own pace and enjoys a challenge (after a groan).

**Annual Model Transport Exhibition**

We have now held 6 model transport exhibitions at The Crossing and even through the years of Covid restrictions we managed to continue the pattern though we changed the time of year from January to September and this has been much appreciated by helpers and exhibitors alike, though the 2023 event hit what felt like the hottest day of the year, but thanks to regular supplies of water and air conditioning units, we coped and had another successful event.

These events are really enjoyable as it gives an opportunity for those of us that are afflicted with enthusiasm for model transport in its many forms to see them on display. We see members of the Model Bus Federation attending our event from as far afield as South Shields, Bishop Auckland, Stafford, Harrogate, Nottingham, Huddersfield and Dewsbury. This year we had visitors from much further including one member normally resident in Australia, but who made Worksop part of his UK itinery on his six week visit.

**Crafty Corner**

The Crafty Corner meets each Wednesday 10.30 till 12.00 with a small charge to cover refreshments and contribute to church funds.

This group is going well at the moment, with 12 members joining us regularly. Most members are knitters and embroiderers and bring their own projects to work on, but there is also lots of chat.

Last Autumn the National Trust asked if we would make poppies for a display in Clumber Park Church. We contributed 90 poppies.

We also, over last summer, made a large collage for the McMillan cancer 'Eating Cakes Day' for last September. We made flowers in the purples and greens of the McMillan colours. It went on display at Hall Farm Weston. Throughout the year we knitted squares and made them into blankets for Warm Spaces and Shoe Box Appeal

**Card Stall**

It is situated in the middle of the café. We try to offer a good range of quality cards, at a good price. All of the profit goes to benefit the church and a card is much nicer than an email.

**The Quizzes**

As well as a monthly word search we try to produce three quizzes a year to raise funds.
One is for Action for Children, the next is for Crossing funds and the third one is for Christian Aid.

**Music at The Crossing**

The Church Council decided , because of copyright laws, to limit the number of concerts we do to a maximum of 6 per year.

In 2022/23 we had 5 concerts. Ryton Chorale thrilled audiences with their November 2022 concert and then followed up with their annual Messiah concert in March 2023.

Anston Male Voice choir came in September 2022 and filled the hall. They returned in November 2022 along with the Major Oak Pop Choir. The Crossing was full of audience and choir members.

In July this year Simply Swing - the u3a swing band - came and entertained us with an afternoon of music through the years. Tea and coffee were available and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

There are two concerts in line for the rest of the year - Musicality Singers will be bringing their Christmas concert in December and we hope that The Major Oak Pop Choir will also return in December.

**Church Fayres**

It has become our regular pattern to hold two fayres during the year, these were on 5th November 2022 and 20th May 2023. These were both really busy events, bringing many people into The Crossing and raising much needed funds for the Church.

The stalls are usually a mix of local crafts people bringing their wares for sale, our own church folk who have special talents and many 'preloved' items looking for a new home, be they books, plants, jewellery, accessories, bric a brac etc. Not forgetting home made cakes and preserves, greetings cards and art work etc. We also have a number of our groups raising funds for their own activities (such as the Cubs and Scouts and Dementia Singing) and others raising funds for local charities (such as the MS Society).

These events are an ideal time to open our café once again and provide refreshments for stallholders and attendees alike and although busy and tiring our fantastic team of catering volunteers all agree that it is lovely to have the café buzzing again and filled with the smell of cooking pork (hot pork rolls) or bacon.

**Community Café**

Our café space and kitchen has continued to be used for a variety of purposes throughout the year, some arranged by our own volunteer team and others by third parties and local charities.

The regular coffee morning from 10am - 12 noon every Friday morning has become more and more popular and we have a number of regular customers who meet up every Friday. It is manned by a wonderful team of volunteers who serve on a rota basis. We serve Fairtrade coffee and tea and lots of lovely homemade cakes.

During this year we were contacted by North Notts College Flex Team with a request to run a coffee morning on Wednesdays, with a start date in March. This has gradually built in popularity and is now getting busier. This is a "Partnership Project" with the church providing all of the supplies and the staff and students from North Notts College providing the volunteers. This is a valuable training activity for students who have additional needs, giving them skills that they will be able to use in the workplace once they leave college.

Our community café team have also provided drinks stations and buffets on occasions during the year, these have been for organisations using our rooms for meetings and conferences, training events etc. and for funeral teas.

The busiest days have been when we open the café for a full day in conjunction with our fundraising events (church fayres, model transport day etc.). On these days we plan light lunches as well as our usual coffee morning menu, we tend to be very busy and raise much needed funds for the ongoing work of the church.

In November 2022 we decided to keep our café space open on Friday afternoons as part of the "Warm Spaces" initiative. This has developed in the spring to "Friendship Afternoon Tea" with a team of volunteers serving hot drinks, cakes, snacks and sandwiches. This is all on a donation only basis as the main purpose is to provide safe space for anyone to attend, rather than a fundraising activity.

We are grateful to The Foresters Friendly Society who provided us with a grant of £200 which enabled us to purchase some new equipment: tea pots, toaster, cake covers etc.

Our café space has also been used for many valuable projects during the year:

> Every Tuesday lunchtime we host the Methodist Homes for the Aged, older peoples luncheon club. This is a very welcome and well attended event.
>
> BCVS and YMCA continued to organise a joint project around healthy eating and cookery lessons for the YMCA hostel users. This is a shorter project, usually in 6 week blocks and funding has been given.
>
> Every Thursday we host the Notts MIND Wellness café.
>
> Also some of our regular groups use our café space, which was not really possible when the café company was open.

**Resource and Property Group (RAP)**

The Resources and Property Group was formed in 2004, before The Crossing was completed and opened. The group acts on behalf of the Church Council in dealing with property based matters. Significant matters are reported to Church Council and decisions are requested from them when strategic, sensitive or policy issues arise. The group has also made decisions relating to the recruitment and employment of caretaking posts

which are direct employees of the Church.

The Resources and Property Group operates within the several budget headings covering property and related matters. The group receives updates on the spending position relative to the budgets. Authority to spend outside the terms of an approved budget has to be obtained from Church Council.

For much of the year the group has functioned without formal meetings, to avoid taking up time of some busy people. Decisions have been taken via email discussions. Recent issues have included damage to the rear fire exit (an attempted break-in), water leaking in on the east wing landing, the heating boilers and related systems and air handling units.

Many aspects of the building are subject to regular inspection and maintenance with significant associated cost.

There is an ongoing process of balancing what we have to do and would like to do with resources available. Over the years various 'blue sky' ideas have been discussed around what we would do if we could. However impossible many things seem now, we should not lose the vision which led to the building of the Crossing in the first place.

**Closure of The Crossing SEC Limited**

Following on from the decision, made last year by the SEC board and the Church Trustees, to close the SEC and therefore simplify our governance structures, the practical tasks were put into place during this financial year.

Interested parties have all been informed and the appropriate paperwork has been signed and sent to Companies House and The Charity Commission to dissolve the SEC both as a company and a charity. The Company is now listed as dissolved via strike off on 3 October 2023.

All accounts were finalised and closed with the final balances and responsibilities being passed to the Church.

The final accounts were prepared for the period September 2021 to January 2023 and are available on The Charity Commission website. The final balances of £11,394 transferred to the Church Account were:

£8,117 general funds (including SEC projects remaining balances).

£2,277 restricted funds "Baking blokes" (this was an historic grant from Tesco and permission has been given to re-allocate this to warm spaces).

£1,000 restricted funds for the YMCA cookery lessons project.

**Growth and Development**

The Church 2017 review led us to revise our mission statement and through discussion in Church Council a new statement was drawn up and adopted by Church Meeting. A poster symbolising our aims was designed and is now displayed around the building. Alongside regular Sunday morning worship we have offered a range of services during the week.

As well as these regular services and Bible-based activities we enable our wider community to celebrate the special events of their life journey.

## Future Developments

As we approach the next year we are ready for the next chapter of our story with a strong team in place. Our Deacon who brings a caring, community focused, spiritual approach to ministry. The Visionaries group who seek to discern ways in which we can worship and serve God through The Crossing, our growing congregation, our small band of faithful volunteers, including the operations team. Support from Trinity Methodist Circuit, Sheffield Methodist District and the East Midlands Synod of The United Reformed Church. Plus a wide range of partnerships with community agencies.

We are committed to developing:

**Worship** - with a creative mix of inclusive accessible styles of services.

**A discipleship and spirituality programme** - with an emphasis on home groups and times of retreat. We will provide regular Morning Prayer sessions and a Prayer Space.

**A ministry in the town centre** - taking an active part in local events and working closely with our ecumenical and interfaith colleagues - being attuned to the social, physical and spiritual needs of our community.

**The café space** - this can be used to meet needs in the local community such as serving meals within school holidays and providing comfortable, warm space over the winter months in response to the cost of living crisis. The facilities are also available as a training base for cooking/nutrition support. We are a Fair Trade Church.

**Outreach to those who are retired** - by providing a range of events to which church members can confidently invite their friends. We will continue to strengthen our relationship with local residents living close to the church.

**A key role as a Dementia Friendly Church** - with special services, events, training and facilities. We are currently acting as ambassadors for this movement.

**The use of our premises as a Centre of Wellbeing** - building on the work already carried out with arts and crafts groups, exercise classes, counselling services, mental and physical health support groups, Women's Wellbeing sessions and Blood Donors.

**Work with children and families** - nurturing our links with our Toddler Group and Uniformed Organisations, as well as exploring connections with local schools. We also aim to provide a safe space for families to socialise at a Community Cinema project.

**The recruitment, training and encouragement of volunteers** - we will seek to find suitable roles for those who are able to support our welcome desk, back office administration, catering, gardening and work with children, families and older adults.

**The aim to achieve and maintain Siler Eco Church status** - which will include the development of our church wild life garden.

**Inclusion** - we welcome refugees. The venue is registered for same-sex marriage.

**An online presence** - through our website and our Facebook page. We will also share good news about the church and community via our magazine and the local press.

**A site which is in the cultural quarter of Worksop** - the church hosts Concerts and a Model Transport Exhibition, as well as supporting the neighbouring Acorn Theatre.

## Financial Review

There was a net surplus in the movement of funds for the year of £13,532 (2022 - Deficit £21,953). This is after charging depreciation of fixed assets of £19,677 (2022 - £20,161). The total funds at 31 August 2023 was £1,643,065 (2022 - £1,629,533). Of this £1,548,099 (2022 - £1,567,776) is held as fixed assets, including the church building.

The total bank and cash balances held at 31 August 2023 were £106,863 including £14,360 reserve account and £10,300 other restricted funds. The designated flower fund balance of £55 is also included in the total cash and bank.

This positive cash flow enables us to be solvent through to the end of the 2023-24 financial year. Receipts from lettings, rent, Acorn and Community Café still do not cover property expenditure. The Church Council, operations manager and Methodist District continue to search for funding and ways to balance the budget and give long term security.

Within the cash held, there is money for flowers, gardening, singing with dementia, a grant from Notts County Council and money released from a TMCP fund which must be used for work with youth and children. The church continues to be supported by the Model Bus Exhibition and its members: especially donations from the restoration of models sold worldwide. Once again, The Church is incredibly grateful for all of the many donations it has received from the congregation, members and Church groups including our Guiding groups.

Budget and actual comparisons for the year show that congregational and property income were greater than budget - rental income increased above budget and previous years actual figures. Ministry spend exceeded budget, this now includes receptionist costs and seated exercise costs which had not been budgeted for in the church budget. Property spend continues to be high but was less than budget, some property repairs were carried over to the next financial year. Electricity was still on a fixed rate until the end of the year.

The Community Café has been successful financially, contributing to major repairs and maintenance within the café area.

With God's help and our prayers, I hope that we can continue to move forward, so that we can improve our work in the Church and community in line with our mission.

## Risk Management and Reserves Policy

The Church Council regularly reviews the major risks which the charity faces. All operational procedures have been examined and policies are in place for Health & Safety, Data protection, Safeguarding of Children and Young People, Smoking, Older People and Disadvantaged People. The Crossing is complying with all relevant legislation.

The Church Council has a low risk approach to investment and invests all funds with The Methodist Church Finance Board. Bequest money is invested under Methodist law with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The Council is painfully aware that the level of financial reserves is insufficient for an organisation of this size and regrets that no significant transfers to reserves were made during the year.

Typically twelve months expenditure amounts to around £150,000 and unrestricted net current assets only stand at £91,208.

**Statement of the Church Council responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Church Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Council is required to:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;

c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Church Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is 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.

**Organisational Structure**

The full Church Meeting sets and/or approves mission, vision, constitution and policy. It identifies priorities and elects the Church Council members. Policies include community relationships and engagement, in addition to pastoral, mission, worship and learning.

The Church Council, which is chaired by the Minister, has duties to devise strategies, including the allocation of resources to deliver various policies. It must monitor their achievements and being the Managing Trustees of The Crossing, ensure financial viability targets and commitments are met.

The following groups have responsibilities within the church organisational structure:

| | |
|---|---|
| Resources and Property Group | Management of property and resources. |
| Finance Action Group | Overview of finance and sustainability. |
| Friends of The Crossing | Generate funds via events and activities. |

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

**Reference and administrative details:**

Registered Charity number: 1140500

| | |
|---|---|
| Principal address: | Newcastle Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2AT |
| Independent Examiner: | N M Knowles ACA, Williams Knowles & Co<br>Lloyd Chambers, 139 Carlton Road, Worksop, S81 7AD |
| Solicitors: | Andrew & Co<br>St Swithin's Square, Lincoln, LN2 1HB |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank<br>CAF Bank Limited<br>Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church |
| Minister: | Rev Julie Coates |
| Treasurer: | Annette Westerby |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Church Council: | Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook | |
| | Annette Barker | |
| | Iris Franks | |
| | Bob Heathcote | |
| | Anne Taylor | |
| | Griff Wynne | Passed away November 2022 |
| | Kath Jordan | Appointed March 2023 |
| | Richard Peake | Appointed March 2023 |
| | Margaret Merrils | Appointed March 2023 |

**Church Council**

The Trustees of The Crossing Church are the "Church Council" who, in addition to the commitments to our Lord, the local church and it's wider councils, and to the local community, have statutory obligations as "Managing Trustees" and "Charity Trustees". We are grateful to those members of the church who have been prepared to accept these responsibilities as Church Council members during the year.

**Status of the Crossing Church**

The church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop and Worksop United Reformed Church. The Crossing Church is a registered Charity - the charity number is 1140500.

The Crossing Church is in the Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church. The church is also part of the East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church. The present title of the church - The Crossing Church - was adopted in May 2006 when the new building was opened. Previously it was known as Worksop United Church since the setting up of the LEP in 2001 and previously to that it was known as Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

**Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner**

The Church Council members who held office at the date of approval of this annual report confirm that:-

So far as they are aware, there is no relevant financial information, or other information needed by the Charity's examiners in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's examiner is unaware; and

They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Managing Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information, and to establish that the Charity's examiner is aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Church Council and signed on its behalf.

**Church Council Member**

Signed: ...Awesterby..... Name: ANNETTE WESTERBY

**Church Council Member**

Signed: ...ANTaylor..... Name: Anne Taylor

Dated: 27.6.2024

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2023, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

N M Knowles A C A
as principal of
Williams Knowles & Co
Chartered Accountants
Lloyd Chambers
139 Carlton Road
Worksop
S81 7AD

Date: 28 June 2024

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2022-23 | Total 2021-22 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 28,190 | - | - | - | **28,190** | **28,640** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 52,382 | - | 2,603 | - | **54,985** | **12,948** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 7,440 | - | - | - | **7,440** | **8,661** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 1,073 | - | 512 | - | **1,585** | **377** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 86,648 | 154 | 3,277 | - | **90,079** | **68,929** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **175,733** | **154** | **6,392** | **-** | **182,279** | **119,555** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 30,900 | - | - | - | **30,900** | **30,900** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 34,605 | - | - | - | **34,605** | **27,756** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 28,829 | - | 360 | - | **29,189** | **19,116** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 19,677 | - | - | - | **19,677** | **20,161** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 5,838 | - | - | - | **5,838** | **5,537** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 47,477 | 329 | 732 | - | **48,538** | **37,556** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| | | | | | | | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **167,326** | **329** | **1,092** | **-** | **168,747** | **141,026** |
| | | | | | | | **-** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | - | - | **(482)** |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **8,407** | **(175)** | **5,300** | **-** | **13,532** | **(21,953)** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | (1,600) | - | 1,600 | - | - | **-** |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **6,807** | **(175)** | **6,900** | **-** | **13,532** | **(21,953)** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,611,543 | 230 | 17,760 | - | **1,629,533** | **1,651,486** |
| **25 Total funds carried forward** | | **1,618,350** | **55** | **24,660** | **-** | **1,643,065** | **1,629,533** |

Please see page 14 for full comparative figures.

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2021-22 | Total 2020-21 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 28,640 | - | - | - | **28,640** | **32,640** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 10,596 | - | 2,352 | - | **12,948** | **17,726** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 8,661 | - | - | - | **8,661** | **9,670** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 183 | - | 58 | 136 | **377** | **226** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **425** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 68,540 | 80 | 309 | - | **68,929** | **37,775** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **116,620** | **80** | **2,719** | **136** | **119,555** | **98,462** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 30,900 | - | - | - | **30,900** | **35,015** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **15,728** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 17,839 | - | 9,917 | - | **27,756** | **25,750** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 19,116 | - | - | - | **19,116** | **16,027** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 20,161 | - | - | - | **20,161** | **20,860** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 5,537 | - | - | - | **5,537** | **4,651** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 36,494 | 367 | 662 | 33 | **37,556** | **24,130** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **130,047** | **367** | **10,579** | **33** | **141,026** | **142,161** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | (482) | (482) | **1,288** |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **(13,427)** | **(287)** | **(7,860)** | **(379)** | **(21,953)** | **(42,411)** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | 1,137 | - | 10,428 | (11,565) | - | - |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **(12,290)** | **(287)** | **2,568** | **(11,944)** | **(21,953)** | **(42,411)** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,623,833 | 517 | 15,192 | 11,944 | **1,651,486** | **1,693,897** |
| **25 Total funds carried forward** | | **1,611,543** | **230** | **17,760** | **-** | **1,629,533** | **1,651,486** |

THE CROSSING CHURCH

Circuit no: 25 no 19

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

| | Notes | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Totals 2023 £ | Totals 2022 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Church building and other property | 12 | 1,548,099 | - | - | - | 1,548,099 | 1,567,776 |
| Investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total fixed assets*** | | **1,548,099** | - | - | - | **1,548,099** | **1,567,776** |
| **Current Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 14 | 12,407 | - | - | - | 12,407 | 17,706 |
| Loans by the Churches | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments with TMCP | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | 15 | 67,477 | - | 24,660 | - | 92,137 | 57,151 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 15 | 14,671 | 55 | - | - | 14,726 | 12,425 |
| ***Total current assets*** | | **94,555** | **55** | **24,660** | - | **119,270** | **87,282** |
| **Current liabilities** | | | | | | | |
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 16 | 3,402 | - | - | - | 3,402 | 3,423 |
| Grants payable within 2021-22 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total current liabilities*** | | 3,402 | - | - | - | 3,402 | **3,423** |
| ***Net current assets/liabilities*** | | **91,153** | **55** | **24,660** | - | 115,868 | **83,859** |
| ***Total assets less current liabilities*** | | **1,639,252** | **55** | **24,660** | - | **1,663,967** | **1,651,635** |
| **Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)** | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2021-22 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loans to the Church | | 20,902 | - | - | - | **20,902** | **22,102** |
| | | | | | | | |
| ***Net assets*** | | **1,618,350** | **55** | **24,660** | - | **1,643,065** | **1,629,533** |
| **Funds of the Church** | | | | | | | |
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 18 | 1,618,350 | | | | 1,618,350 | 1,611,543 |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | 18 | | 55 | | | 55 | 230 |
| ***Total Unrestricted Funds*** | | | | | | **1,618,405** | **1,611,773** |
| Restricted Funds | 18 | | | 24,660 | | 24,660 | 17,760 |
| Endowment Funds | 18 | | | | - | - | - |
| ***Total Funds*** | | **1,618,350** | **55** | **24,660** | - | **1,643,065** | **1,629,533** |

Church Council Member

Signed: Awesterby

Name: ANNETTE WESTERBY

Date: 27/6/24

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is an unincorporated organisation. The registered address is The Crossing Church, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT.

## 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the financial statements are as follows:

### a. Basis of preparation

The Crossing Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

### b. Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### c. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of estimation means that the outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The most significant area of estimation uncertainty for the charity is in relation to the useful economic life of the fixed assets.

### d. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Church Council for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

### e. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

- Investment income is included when receivable.

- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**f. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT where it cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage.

**g. Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

| | |
|---|---|
| Building | 1% straight line |
| Equipment | 33% reducing balance basis |
| Organ | 10% reducing balance basis |
| Fixtures & fittings | 15% reducing balance basis |

**h. VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

**i. Fixed asset investments**

The investments of The Crossing Church are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

**j. Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**k. Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

| 4a. **Donations & grants** | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023 Total | 2022 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations & gifts | 10,861 | 2,103 | 12,964 | 10,448 |
| Legacies | 39,426 | - | 39,426 | - |
| Grants | | | | |
| Notts County Council- Re energy | 1,785 | - | 1,785 | 2,500 |
| URC- Re energy | 310 | - | 310 | - |
| Methodist District - Warm spaces | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| | 52,382 | 2,603 | 54,985 | 12,948 |

| 4b. **Other charitable income** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund raising | 5,042 | - | 5,042 | 309 |
| Lettings | 55,041 | - | 55,041 | 52,096 |
| Other | 6,995 | - | 6,995 | 16,444 |
| Transfer from The Crossing SEC Ltd | 8,256 | 3,277 | 11,533 | - |
| Flower fund (designated) | 154 | - | 154 | 80 |
| Seated exercise | 3,597 | - | 3,597 | - |
| Café | 7,717 | - | 7,717 | - |
| | 86,802 | 3,277 | 90,079 | 68,929 |

| **5. Property maintenance** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Service contracts | 6,099 | - | 6,099 | 10,234 |
| Repairs and renewals | 22,619 | - | 22,619 | 12,717 |
| Cleaning equipment & services | 3,013 | - | 3,013 | 2,416 |
| Window cleaning | 438 | - | 438 | 312 |
| Business waste | 2,436 | - | 2,436 | 2,077 |
| | 34,605 | - | 34,605 | 27,756 |

| **6. Insurance, utilities etc** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Light & heat | 22,958 | 360 | 23,318 | 14,303 |
| Insurance | 4,399 | - | 4,399 | 4,157 |
| Water rates | 826 | - | 826 | 135 |
| General rates | 646 | - | 646 | 521 |
| | 28,829 | 360 | 29,189 | 19,116 |

## 7. Office expenditure

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Telephone | 3,427 | - | 3,427 | 2,813 |
| Stationery & postage | 82 | - | 82 | 10 |
| Printing expenses | 2,329 | - | 2,329 | 2,714 |
| | 5,838 | - | 5,838 | 5,537 |

## 8. Other expenditure

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | 2023 Total | 2022 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Service expenses | 797 | - | - | 797 | 491 |
| Sundries | 1,081 | 132 | - | 1,213 | 1,287 |
| Bank charges & interest | 272 | - | - | 272 | 149 |
| FOTC fundraising costs | 240 | - | - | 240 | 1,303 |
| Accountancy | 1,939 | - | - | 1,939 | 2,166 |
| Card sales | 548 | - | - | 548 | 513 |
| Café | 1,767 | 23 | - | 1,790 | 3,172 |
| Licences | 493 | - | - | 493 | 319 |
| I T & Equipment | 1,727 | 577 | - | 2,304 | 2,777 |
| Administration wages | 11,589 | - | - | 11,589 | 4,900 |
| Caretakers wages | 21,264 | - | - | 21,264 | 18,006 |
| Donations to external organisations | 2,031 | - | - | 2,031 | 2,106 |
| Seated exercise | 3,225 | - | - | 3,225 | - |
| Training | 504 | - | - | 504 | - |
| Flower fund (designated) | 329 | - | - | 329 | 367 |
| | 47,806 | 732 | - | 48,538 | 37,556 |

## 9. Payment to Trustees

No payments were made to the Trustees for services or expenses.

## 10. Fees for examination of the accounts

| | 2023 Total | 2022 Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | 700 | 700 |
| Other fees for accountancy services paid to the independent examiner | 1,066 | 1,466 |

## 11. Staff costs paid during the year

Previously the Church did not directly employ staff, amounts were paid to The Crossing SEC Limited in respect of management and administration, caretaking and cleaning.
During the current year staff have been transferred to be directly employed by The Crossing Church.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | 32,853 | 23,615 |

The average number of employees engaged by the charity amounted to 3 (2022 - 3).

## 12. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | Church Building | Fixtures fittings & equipment | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| COST | | | |
| At 1 September 2022 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| Additions | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2023 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | |
| At 1 September 2022 | 275,400 | 103,560 | 378,960 |
| Charge for the year | 18,360 | 1,317 | 19,677 |
| On disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2023 | 293,760 | 104,877 | 398,637 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | |
| At 31 August 2023 | 1,542,404 | 5,695 | 1,548,099 |
| At 31 August 2022 | 1,560,764 | 7,012 | 1,567,776 |

## 13. Investments

The monies that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day

management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with Charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

| | 2023 Total £ | 2022 Total £ |
|---|---|---|
| Market value brought forward | - | 11,944 |
| Add: additions to investments at cost | - | - |
| Less: disposal at carrying value | - | (11,462) |
| Net gain/(loss) on revaluation | - | (482) |
| | - | - |

## 14. Debtors & prepayments

| | 2023 Total £ | 2022 Total £ |
|---|---|---|
| Debtors from lettings | 5,762 | 10,096 |
| Gift aid receivable | 2,500 | 3,000 |
| Other debtors | - | 675 |
| Prepaid circuit assessment | 2,575 | 2,575 |
| Other prepayments | 1,570 | 1,360 |
| | 12,407 | 17,706 |

## 15. Cash at bank and in hand

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank balance held in CFB | 92,137 | 57,151 |
| Bank balance held in CAF | 14,644 | 12,336 |
| Cash | 82 | 89 |
| Total | 106,863 | 69,576 |

## 16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trade creditors | - | 64 |
| Accruals | 3,402 | 3,359 |
| Other creditors | | - |
| | 3,402 | 3,423 |

## 17. Related parties

The Crossing SEC Ltd had directors who are also on the Church Council. The Crossing SEC Ltd provided staff and administrative services to The Church. This arrangement ceased during the previous year and all operations were transferred to The Crossing Church. When The Crossing SEC Ltd closed all of the remaining funds of £11,533 were transferred over to The Crossing Church.

The Crossing Church had a loan from Trinity Circuit when building the church, the amount still outstanding at the year end was £ 11,102 (2022 - £11,102) the loan is due on demand, however, there is no specific repayment date and no interest is being charged.

A further loan was received from the Trinity Circuit for £13,000 in December 2020 towards property repairs. This is being repaid at £100 per month. The amount outstanding at the year end was £9,800 (2022 - £11,000).

## 18. Analysis of funds

| | Opening balance £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Revaluation £ | Closing balance £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Restricted funds** | | | | | | |
| Designated gifts | 1,397 | 47 | (127) | - | - | 1,317 |
| Benevolence | 91 | 3 | - | - | - | 94 |
| Church reserve | 12,301 | 459 | - | 1,600 | - | 14,360 |
| Music | 90 | 3 | - | - | - | 93 |
| Singing with dementia | 1,008 | 504 | - | - | - | 1,512 |
| YMCA project | 1,254 | 1,000 | (120) | - | - | 2,134 |
| Youth & Children TMCP 1579 | 1,619 | - | - | - | - | 1,619 |
| Warm spaces | - | 4,376 | (845) | - | - | 3,531 |
| | 17,760 | 6,392 | (1,092) | 1,600 | - | 24,660 |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | | | | |
| General reserve | 1,611,543 | 175,733 | (167,326) | (1,600) | - | 1,618,350 |
| Flower fund | 230 | 154 | (329) | - | - | 55 |
| | 1,611,773 | 175,887 | (167,655) | (1,600) | - | 1,618,405 |
| **Total funds** | 1,629,533 | 182,279 | (168,747) | - | - | 1,643,065 |

**Restricted fund purposes**

**Designated gifts:** Small gifts received where the donors designate the use of the funds.
**Benevolence:** For benevolence to members.
**Church reserve:** To build up church reserves.
**Music:** Funds for the purchase of a grand piano.
**Bequests:** Funds held where the donors have specified the use of the funds.
**Singing with dementia:** For providing social interaction for dementia suffers and their carers.
**Youth & Children** TMCP 1579: Amount transferred from TMCP Endowment to be used for the benefit of youth and children
**Warm spaces:** To provide a safe space where people can get a drink and snack.

**Reasons for transfer between funds:**
Net income from the Endowment funds is available for general use in accordance with the conditions set out by the fund and is transferred each year to the general fund.

**Analysis of net assets between funds**

| | General fund unrestricted | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total 2023 | Total 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | 1,548,099 | - | - | 1,548,099 | 1,567,776 |
| Current assets | 94,555 | 55 | 24,660 | 119,270 | 87,282 |
| Current liabilities | (3,402) | - | - | (3,402) | (3,423) |
| Long term liabilities | (20,902) | - | - | (20,902) | (22,102) |
| | 1,618,350 | 55 | 24,660 | 1,643,065 | 1,629,533 |

## 19. Going concern

The church operates within the limits of its available cash resources and budgets are set by the church council each year. The church council has reviewed its position under the current difficult circumstances and has concluded that the organisation remains a going concern. Further work is needed, to evaluate and plan for the medium to long term in order to develop a strategy that will enable the church to provide an effective presence within the community and remain within its budgeted expenditure.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH (METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140500

# Accounts

Registered Charity Number 1140500

# THE CROSSING CHURCH

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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# THE CROSSING CHURCH
# REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The Church Council present their report along with the financial statements of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts.

**Objectives and Policies**

The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating Churches.

To achieve its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

a) the celebration of public worship
b) the teaching of the Christian faith
c) mission and evangelism
d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Church Council is aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of The Church

The Church Council believes that The Church provides benefit to the public by:

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.

Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Providing significant access to the building to community organisations, charities and other organisations whose own works contribute to public benefit.

**Review of the year**

**Revd Julie Coates**

The report covers the worship and spiritual life of the church, including the pastoral care that is given to one another. It also gives examples of the ways in which the revised 'Mission Statement' is brought to life in the range of activities offered through The Crossing to support the local population.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a report and to the volunteers, who have contributed many hours of service to the work that is described in this review.

Several key words jump out from the various reports on our activities. One of them is 'friendly'. We seek to be Dementia *Friendly*; enjoy the *friendship* of our Thursday Group and Grumpy Men's meeting; and have rebranded our worship for the first Sunday of the month as 'All Age *Friendly*'.

Another key word is *'wellbeing'*. Spiritual, physical, mental and emotional wellbeing remains at the heart of many of our activities and guides some of our plans and objectives for the future.

Look out too for the term '*visionaries*' - we are a church with a vision for the future which is exciting and infectious. It has been wonderful to welcome Emily as a Methodist Probationer Deacon and to share in ministry with her.

On a different note the word *'covid'* occurs more than we would like - during 2021-22 the virus continued to affect some of our plans - though more groups are now experiencing a sense of recovery and new life after the pandemic. Some aspects of church life are positively blooming - check out how many baptisms were celebrated at the church in that period as we played 'catch up' with some that were missed during the lockdowns.

The word *Ukraine* features in our reports and we now know much more about that part of the world than we did before February 2022. We continue to pray for those affected by the war, including those who have moved to Worksop.

**Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook**

The Crossing Church congregation has grown in number at Sunday worship and continues to offer various services to the community, some of which have emerged over the last few months thanks to the passion and dedication of individuals and teams. It's inspiring to see 'Singing with Dementia' gain momentum and to see the first Dementia Sunday success plus the emerging 'Memory Café Workshop' which complements the existing care for those living with dementia and their carers and loved ones.

The 'Summer of Wellness for Seniors' with weekly activities for retirement-aged people had mixed reviews with some activities being well attended with a positive atmosphere (particularly Messy Vintage and Singing with Dementia), where some weeks were low in number but perhaps worth persisting with increased publicity in the future.

First Sundays have become All-age friendly services and Praise Group has reformed, we hope this will grow and thrive again over the coming months. Having gone through a year of healing, restoration and repair spiritually, God is now bringing new people and those we haven't seen for a while to the fellowship with expertise and passion for children's and youth ministry, which tells me that we may begin to focus on reviving family ministry earlier than anticipated.

The Visionaries group, Stewards and Church Council are instrumental in envisioning and discerning the way ahead and there is always opportunity to join a meeting of the Visionaries, all are welcome. We have celebrated 9 baptisms in the last year and Morning Prayers have resumed on Wednesdays.

We have developed contact with Aurora Wellbeing, BCVS and Bassetlaw Food Bank and aim to work closer together in the coming months. The Ukrainian war has had an impact on us personally with the safe arrival of first a younger couple, housed temporarily and then our long term guests arriving at the Shepherds Avenue manse for initially 12 months - huge appreciation goes to all who have supported through prayer and financially towards this hospitality, it is much appreciated.

The future looks hopeful - though energy crises are set to hit in the autumn, we are prayerfully considering how The Crossing can best support the local community at this time. Spiritual and social outreach to the third age is increasing in momentum and it looks likely we will begin ministry with children and young families in the next year with the aim of welcoming a younger age profile to our Sunday worship as well as widening the circle of our current age group.

**Pastoral Visitors**

Currently The Crossing has 104 Church Members, some of whom live a distance away or for health reasons cannot attend our church services regularly. Our Deacon and the Pastoral Visitors aim between them to keep in touch with all members, something which is increasingly difficult for everyone.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

This church year our membership numbers have been more stable. Since taking over as Deacon in September 2021, Emily has been a valuable asset in overseeing the Pastoral Care of our members and chairing the pastoral meetings. During the year the Pastoral Visitors have undertaken a safeguarding course.

As things continue to get back to 'new normal' we endeavour as a team to provide continued pastoral care for our members.

**Worship Group**

The Worship Group was set up several years ago to be an open group for all church members and friends to be able to contribute to the worship life of The Crossing in order to supplement that being offered by the minister in post. Each year the group has provided a number of services using the skills and experience of those willing to take part and as the Own Arrangement services on the quarterly plan has increased, thus the requests for the Worship Group to play their part has similarly increased.

Since it was re-formed about six years ago, it has been led and co-ordinated primarily by Jean and Bob, but there have been contributions in ideas and content by a number of others for which we are all very grateful.

This group is ever-evolving and our hope is that more wish to join in the discussions and planning of services in order to continue to provide varied and appropriate quality worship to enhance the spiritual life of The Crossing. None of us are experts and we work together best as a group with wide and varied contributions based upon our experiences and Christian journeys.

**Singing with Dementia**

This has been a very mixed year and attendances have fluctuated due to the continuing effects of the Covid pandemic. On Tuesday 26th October Annie Fotheringham entertained us in her usual delightful way and was much appreciated by all who attended.

There was no meeting in November as our Christmas event was held on December 7th. This was truly spectacular, on the theme of an Olde Time Music Hall. Many wore fancy dress and all entered into the spirit. Denise and Roger Marsden led the singing and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon enhanced by a visit from Father Christmas. It was therefore all the more disappointing when the January event had to be cancelled due to yet another wave of covid, our sympathies go out to all who suffered then and are still suffering.

We were back on February 23rd, when Annie Fotheringham delighted us yet again, although our numbers were down. In March there was absolute chaos as Elvis entered the building! This proved to be a very popular event, the halls were packed and the noise nearly lifted the roof off. In April we were much more sedate when we were led by the U3a Singing for Pleasure Group. In May we were led by Denise and Roger again, this time in a Platinum Jubilee special event. It was really quite emotional to see everyone singing and waving flags.

The ever popular Annie was back in June, the group really do love her, with her beautiful voice and natural manner. There was no meeting in July but on August 3rd we were entertained by a new talent, Kyrie, who was very nervous, but proved to have the most beautiful singing voice.

**The Dementia Café**

This was launched in the summer of 2021, it was open every Thursday morning, manned by a wonderful team of volunteers and it was advertised far and wide. However numbers attending started small and sadly remained small so it was deduced that this type of outreach was not needed as much as we had hoped. We paused this regular event at Christmas and with hindsight we decided to rethink. Hence the Memory Cafe and Worship has now been launched to run one Wednesday afternoon per month and we are hopeful this will prove to be more popular.

**Shoe Box Appeal**

We were able to overcome some of the covid related problems in 2021 and after a very busy month of buying items and packing/wrapping boxes we were fortunate to send 90 boxes.

These were again taken to families in Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine, through the charity 'Link to Hope'. We also sent four bags of blankets and some extra knitted items and following some generous donations we donated £300 towards transport costs.

**Thursday Group**

We believe that the Thursday group started in the 1960's and initially was part of the 'Mothers Union', it's a friendship group for ladies of all ages.

During this last year we have changed from evening meetings to afternoons and this has proved very successful with our membership increasing to 30. We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month, with a break during July and August.

We pay a £5 membership three times per year and also have a charity collection. The supported charities are decided each year at the end of June, this year we supported the Ukraine Appeal, Food Bank and the Shoe Box Appeal. We always make a donation to the work of The Crossing.

This last year we alternated meetings at the Crossing with going out for lunch one month and then afternoon drinks and cakes the following month. On the alternate weeks we continued with our 'normal' format of inviting various speakers, our own members giving very interesting life stories and games afternoons. Occasionally we open up the meetings to everyone. We start the meetings with short devotionals, often amusing anecdotes or poems and end with light refreshments.

**Grumpy Men Luncheon**

We have been meeting on the second Wednesday of each month for the past 5 years. Pre covid our numbers averaged 15, since covid they have diminished somewhat with a number closer to 8. Despite that, discussions are still lively and cover a range of topics - transport, buses, trains and models of the aforementioned may come near the top of any top trends.

We are a sociable group, not so grumpy as the group title suggests. If you enjoy bacon or sausage sandwiches with chips on the side plus good discussion, it is the second Wednesday of the month 12.30 - 2.00.

**The Art Group**

The group meets every Friday for a two hour session, under the guidance of Terry Bray. All of the group have grown in confidence and our artwork has improved, this is thanks to Terry's patience and great skills as a tutor and mentor for which each one of us is grateful.

**Annual Model Transport Exhibition**

The Model Transport Exhibition has become a regular part of the social and fundraising part of the church. Each year Bob invites a variety of exhibitors to bring their model railways, trams, buses, trolleybuses and other transport related items in order to provide an experience worth paying the entrance charge.

Since 2017 there has been an exhibition each year, although it has now moved from January to September. Our 2021 exhibition was one of a few such events which was able to take place due to covid and whilst the attendance was lower than previous events, due to lingering covid concerns, it was nevertheless an enjoyable and worthwhile event and enabled the exhibitors to once again show off the fruits of their labours.

**Crafty Corner**

Crafty Corner meets each Wednesday morning to chat, work on projects or just enjoy company. We have had an average of 10 participants throughout the year, who either bring their own work or help with projects the group undertakes.

During the past year we have made several blankets to go with our shoe boxes, plus hats, mitts and scarves. We have made Christmas cards for MHA appeal to distribute to the elderly and lonely.

We have made many purple flowers for a Macmillan appeal and poppies for the National Trust Remembrance display in Clumber Park Chapel.

**Card Stall**

The stall continues and is now in the middle of the café area, easily in view. We endeavour to have a good selection of cards, all at reasonable prices.

**The Quizzes**

We try to produce three quizzes a year to raise funds. One is for Action for Children, the next is for Crossing funds and the third one is for Christian Aid.

**Church Fayres**

During the year we held two Fayres, November and May. These are wonderful events bringing many people into The Crossing and raising much needed funds for the Church.

The stalls are usually a mix of local crafts people bringing their wares for sale, our own church folk who have special talents and many 'preloved' items looking for a new home, be they books, plants, jewellery, accessories, bric a brac etc. Not forgetting home made cakes and preserves, greetings cards and art work.

These events are an ideal time to open our café once again and provide refreshments for stallholders and attendees alike and although busy and tiring our fantastic team of catering volunteers all agree that it is lovely to have the café buzzing again and filled with the smell of cooking.

**Community Café**

With the closure of The Crossing Café Limited last year, we were anxious that we still had some opportunities to provide a 'café space' and to welcome the general public into our café space.

A small team, with the support of the Church Council, took on the task of deep cleaning the café, arranging to have the equipment serviced and to bring the Barista machine back into use. We started in September 2021 to host a regular coffee morning every Friday, bringing together a wonderful team of volunteers to serve on a rota basis.

This has proved very popular and we now have a number of regular customers enjoying our Fairtrade Coffee, Tea and lots of lovely homemade cakes.

Our café space has also been used for many valuable projects during the year:-

- Every Tuesday lunchtime we host the Methodist Homes for the Aged, older people lunch club
- We have many links with Bassetlaw Food Bank, for a period in the year they used our space to provide a hot meal once a week for anyone experiencing financial difficulty, a 'social eating' project.
- BCVS and YMCA approached us to launch a joint project around healthy eating and cookery lessons for the YMCA hostel users. A 6 week pilot project proved to be very successful so the

project will continue into our next year.

- ABL Health ran a 6 week 'slow cooker' course, providing free slow cooker and healthy eating lessons for clients.
- When our local HSBC closed, we hosted the local staff team to hold support days for customers.
- Every Thursday we host the Notts MIND Wellness Café.
- Some of the regular church groups also use our café space.

**Resource and Property Group (RAP)**

The Resource and Property Group attempt to meet monthly with a date and time arranged to suit members and other commitments.

The Resource and Property Group has responsibility for the property and resources of The Crossing Church and centre. It is represented on the Church Council by the Property Secretary.

Property maintenance will become a greater and more frequent concern as the building ages. Continual and careful monitoring of installations is essential.

With the current economic environment probably lasting for some considerable time, balancing finances and keeping our building within the law and fit for purpose will take on greater significance.

The Resources and Property Group operates within the several budget headings covering property and related matters. The group receives updates on the spending position relative to the budgets. Authority to spend outside the terms of the approved budget has to be obtained from Church Council. There is a delicate balance between maintaining the standards of the building and economising against the background of a falling income. There is a practice of assigning priority levels (high, medium or low) to any matter involving expenditure.

The group deals with many routine matters in the course of a year, especially as a well used facility like The Crossing requires ongoing attention. In addition, from time to time there are significant repair and replacement issues which occur. This is increasingly the case as a result of the age of the Crossing and the high level of use we have been fortunate in enjoying.

In most cases the factors determining priorities usually relate to health and safety, meeting legally enforceable standards or meeting recognised good practice. This can mean that available funds have to be allocated to things it is felt we have to do rather than things we would like to do. As well as meeting unavoidable requirements there is a need to try to maintain the general standards of the Crossing to keep it attractive to users. At the moment it appears very likely that the cost of all basically necessary work is likely to carry on increasing.

A modern building like the Crossing has many features which require periodic inspection, servicing and bringing up to an acceptable standard where necessary. In all cases this has to be done by firms who are qualified and competent to do it. The inspections and related work are a major draw on the property budget and seem likely to increase in price.

Some of the more significant items that have been dealt with this year are:

- *Café:* although it was necessary to wind up the Crossing Café as a quasi-commercial operation the café, kitchen and equipment remain in use. This means that everything needs to be kept and maintained in a workable condition and compliant with food hygiene and other regulations.
- *Kitchen extractor fan:* this has been replaced owing to the excessive noise it was making, causing complaints from the Crossing's neighbours in the adjacent flats. This was an expensive job and required consideration by Church Council members before the final decision to proceed.
- *Lighting in the Halls and Sanctuary:* had become increasingly unsatisfactory and some lights were not working at all. In addition, the hanging lights were of obsolete design. Replacement with more modern lighting has been carried out.

- *IT and computer network:* work has been carried out over quite a time to upgrade the Crossing IT system and make it more robust. This may seem a strange expenditure for a church, but it is essential if the wider community role of the Crossing, as envisaged before the building was opened, is to be continued.
- *Partition doors:* both sets of folding partitions are a significant element in maintaining the patterns of use of the Crossing. They are unusually tall and only authorised people should attempt to open or shut them. They have to be serviced regularly and can require repair, as occurred this year when one panel slipped slightly.

**The Crossing SEC Limited**

The Crossing SEC Limited was a charity set up within The Crossing with the objective "to develop and implement ethical projects and initiatives, based in or delivered from The Crossing Church & Centre, which are designated to benefit the community of Worksop and District".

The SEC board consisted of a mix of Church Members and representatives from other partner organisations such as the County & District Councils, Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service (BCVS), and local charities and groups that use the building.

The board of directors agreed that the objectives of The Crossing SEC Limited are now been met by The Crossing Church and therefore it would be prudent to wind up The Crossing SEC Limited and all assets and responsibilities would gradually be transferred to The Crossing Church. This process has taken place within the accounting period. Final accounts have been drawn up for The Crossing SEC Limited for the period 1 September 2021 to 11 January 2023.

**Growth and Development**

The Church 2017 review led us to revise our mission statement and through discussion in Church Council a new statement was drawn up and adopted by Church Meeting. A poster symbolising our aims was designed and is now displayed around the building. Alongside regular Sunday morning worship we have offered a range of services during the week.

As well as these regular services and Bible-based activities we enable our wider community to celebrate the special events of their life journey.

**Future Developments**

We hope to continue to be available for the community in many different ways, meeting needs as they change. To this end we are planning to open up a 'warm space'.

While we always welcome people during the week, as long as we are open and have volunteers around and it is appropriate, we are planning to make a more comfy area in our café space and have a dedicated time when anyone who just wants a 'Warm space' will be welcome.

This initiative is in response to the recent huge increases in fuel costs and the expectations that many local people who are more vulnerable will be struggling to cover the costs of heating their homes.

We have many local organisations that contact us to host meetings, support groups, training courses etc and we try to accept bookings from as many of these as possible.

We have spent the last few months moving our church office into smaller rooms and de-cluttering, which has enabled the Hardwick room to be used for meetings. This is a usable space - ideal for groups of about 12

people and is allowing more users to be included.

We are continuing to communicate with Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service and with Bassetlaw Food Bank to look for new initiatives that we have the facilities to host. While funding is always to be thought about we are usually able to support local initiatives.

**Financial Review**

There was a net deficit in the movement of funds for the year of £21,953 (2021 £42,411). The total funds held at 31 August 2022 was £1,629,533 (2021 - £1,651,486). Of this £1,567,776 (2021 - £1,599,881) is held as fixed assets, including the church building.

The total bank and cash balances held at 31 August 2022 were £69,576 including £12,301 reserve account and £5,459 other restricted funds. The designated flower fund balance of £230 is also included in the total cash and bank.

This positive cash flow enables us to be solvent through to the end of the 2023 financial year even though it has a deficit budget. Receipts do not cover expenditure. The Church Council, Operations Manager and Methodist District continue to search for funding and ways to balance the budget and give long term security.

Within the cash held, there is money for flowers, gardening, singing with dementia, a grant from Notts County Council and money released from a TMCP fund which must be used for work with youth and children. Two further TMCP funds were released into the CAF cash account totalling £9,836. This was used specifically for maintaining the building. A grant of £500 was received from Councillor C Fielding to purchase equipment for the community café. The church continues to be supported by the Model Bus Exhibition and its members: especially donations from the restoration of models sold worldwide. Once again, The Church is incredibly grateful for all of the many donations it has received from the congregation, members and Church groups including our Guiding groups.

Budget and actual comparisons for the year show that congregational and property income were greater whilst savings were made on ministry spend. Property spend again exceeded the anticipated budget figure.

The Community Café has been successful financially, contributing to major repairs and maintenance within the café area.

With God's help and our prayers, I hope that we can continue to move forward, so that we can improve our work in the Church and community.

**Risk Management and Reserves Policy**

The Church Council regularly reviews the major risks which the charity faces. All operational procedures have been examined and policies are in place for Health & Safety, Data protection, Safeguarding of Children and Young People, Smoking, Older People and Disadvantaged People. The Crossing is complying with all relevant legislation.

The Church Council has a low risk approach to investment and invests all funds with The Methodist Church Finance Board. Bequest money is invested under Methodist law with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The Council is painfully aware that the level of financial reserves is insufficient for an organisation of this size and regrets that no significant transfers to reserves were made during the year.

Typically twelve months expenditure amounts to around £150,000 and unrestricted net current assets only stand at £66,099.

**Statement of the Church Council responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Church Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Council is required to:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;

c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Church Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is 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.

**Organisational Structure**

The full Church Meeting sets and/or approves mission, vision, constitution and policy. It identifies priorities and elects the Church Council members. Policies include community relationships and engagement, in addition to pastoral, mission, worship and learning.

The Church Council, which is chaired by the Minister, has duties to devise strategies, including the allocation of resources to deliver various policies. It must monitor their achievements and being the Managing Trustees of The Crossing, ensure financial viability targets and commitments are met.

The following groups have responsibilities within the church organisational structure:

| | |
|---|---|
| Resources and Property Group | Management of property and resources. |
| Finance Action Group | Overview of finance and sustainability. |
| Friends of The Crossing | Generate funds via events and activities. |
| COVID Action Group | Management of policies and procedures required during the pandemic. |

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

**Reference and administrative details:**

Registered Charity number: 1140500

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| Principal address: | Newcastle Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2AT |
| Independent Examiner: | N M Knowles ACA, Williams Knowles & Co<br>Lloyd Chambers, 139 Carlton Road, Worksop, S81 7AD |
| Solicitors: | Andrew & Co<br>St Swithin's Square, Lincoln, LN2 1HB |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank<br>CAF Bank Limited<br>Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church |
| Minister: | Rev Julie Coates |
| Treasurer: | Annette Westerby |
| Church Council: | Annette Barker<br>Iris Franks<br>Bob Heathcote<br>Jean Roberts<br>Anne Taylor<br>Nigel Westerby (Resigned January 2022)<br>Griff Wynne |

**Church Council**

The Trustees of The Crossing Church are the "Church Council" who, in addition to the commitments to our Lord, the local church and it's wider councils, and to the local community, have statutory obligations as "Managing Trustees" and "Charity Trustees". We are grateful to those members of the church who have been prepared to accept these responsibilities as Church Council members during the year.

**Status of the Crossing Church**

The church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop and Worksop United Reformed Church. The Crossing Church is a registered Charity - the charity number is 1140500.

The Crossing Church is in the Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church. The church is also part of the East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church. The present title of the church - The Crossing Church - was adopted in May 2006 when the new building was opened. Previously it was known as Worksop United Church since the setting up of the LEP in 2001 and previously to that it was known as Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

**Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner**

The Church Council members who held office at the date of approval of this annual report confirm that:-

So far as they are aware, there is no relevant financial information, or other information needed by the Charity's examiners in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's examiner is unaware; and

They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Managing Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information, and to establish that the Charity's examiner is aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Church Council and signed on its behalf.

**Church Council Member**

Signed: A M Taylor Name: ANNE TAYLOR

**Church Council Member**

Signed: [signature] Name: IAN FRANKS

Dated 28/6/2023

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2022, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

N M Knowles A C A
as principal of
Williams Knowles & Co
Chartered Accountants
Lloyd Chambers
139 Carlton Road
Worksop
S81 7AD

Date: 29 June 2023

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2021-22 | Total 2020-21 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 28,640 | - | - | - | **28,640** | **32,640** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 10,596 | - | 2,352 | - | **12,948** | **17,726** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 8,661 | - | - | - | **8,661** | **9,670** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 183 | - | 58 | 136 | **377** | **226** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **425** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 68,540 | 80 | 309 | - | **68,929** | **37,775** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **116,620** | **80** | **2,719** | **136** | **119,555** | **98,462** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 30,900 | - | - | - | **30,900** | **35,015** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **15,728** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 17,839 | - | 9,917 | - | **27,756** | **25,750** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 19,116 | - | - | - | **19,116** | **16,027** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 20,161 | - | - | - | **20,161** | **20,860** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 5,537 | - | - | - | **5,537** | **4,651** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 36,494 | 367 | 662 | 33 | **37,556** | **24,130** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **130,047** | **367** | **10,579** | **33** | **141,026** | **142,161** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | (482) | (482) | **1,288** |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **(13,427)** | **(287)** | **(7,860)** | **(379)** | **(21,953)** | **(42,411)** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | 1,137 | - | 10,428 | (11,565) | **-** | **-** |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **(12,290)** | **(287)** | **2,568** | **(11,944)** | **(21,953)** | **(42,411)** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,623,833 | 517 | 15,192 | 11,944 | **1,651,486** | **1,693,897** |
| **25 Total funds carried forward** | | **1,611,543** | **230** | **17,760** | **-** | **1,629,533** | **1,651,486** |

Please see page 14 for full comparative figures.

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020-21 | Total 2019-20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 32,640 | - | - | - | **32,640** | **40,243** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 17,445 | 76 | 205 | - | **17,726** | **39,805** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 9,670 | - | - | - | **9,670** | **10,644** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 58 | - | 26 | 142 | **226** | **436** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | 425 | - | - | - | **425** | **-** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 37,775 | - | - | - | **37,775** | **59,142** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **98,013** | **76** | **231** | **142** | **98,462** | **150,270** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 35,015 | - | - | - | **35,015** | **45,475** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | 15,728 | - | - | - | **15,728** | **230** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 25,750 | - | - | - | **25,750** | **19,154** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 16,027 | - | - | - | **16,027** | **18,630** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 20,860 | - | - | - | **20,860** | **21,887** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 4,651 | - | - | - | **4,651** | **4,848** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 23,989 | 36 | 84 | 21 | **24,130** | **35,080** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **142,020** | **36** | **84** | **21** | **142,161** | **145,304** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | 1,288 | 1,288 | **(126)** |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **(44,007)** | **40** | **147** | **1,409** | **(42,411)** | **4,840** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | 3,746 | - | (3,628) | (118) | - | **-** |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **(40,261)** | **40** | **(3,481)** | **1,291** | **(42,411)** | **4,840** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,664,094 | 477 | 18,673 | 10,653 | **1,693,897** | **1,689,057** |
| 25 **Total funds carried forward** | | **1,623,833** | **517** | **15,192** | **11,944** | **1,651,486** | **1,693,897** |

THE CROSSING CHURCH

Circuit no: 25 no 19

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

| | Notes to the Accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Totals 2022 £ | Totals 2021 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Church building and other property | 12 | 1,567,776 | - | - | - | 1,567,776 | 1,587,937 |
| Investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | 11,944 |
| ***Total fixed assets*** | | **1,567,776** | - | - | - | 1,567,776 | **1,599,881** |
| **Current Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 14 | 17,706 | - | - | - | 17,706 | 14,258 |
| Loans by the Churches | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments with TMCP | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | 15 | 39,391 | - | 17,760 | - | 57,151 | 47,051 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 15 | 12,195 | 230 | | - | 12,425 | 21,509 |
| ***Total current assets*** | | **69,292** | 230 | 17,760 | - | 87,282 | 82,818 |
| **Current liabilities** | | | | | | | |
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 16 | 3,423 | - | - | - | 3,423 | 7,911 |
| Grants payable within 2021-22 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total current liabilities*** | | 3,423 | - | - | - | 3,423 | 7,911 |
| ***Net current assets/liabilities*** | | 65,869 | 230 | 17,760 | - | 83,859 | 74,907 |
| ***Total assets less current liabilities*** | | **1,633,645** | 230 | 17,760 | - | **1,651,635** | **1,674,788** |
| Long term liabilities (due after more than one year) | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2021-22 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loans to the Church | | 22,102 | - | - | - | **22,102** | **23,302** |
| ***Net assets*** | | **1,611,543** | **230** | **17,760** | - | **1,629,533** | **1,651,486** |
| **Funds of the Church** | | | | | | | |
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 18 | 1,611,543 | | | | 1,611,543 | 1,623,833 |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | 18 | | 230 | | | 230 | 517 |
| ***Total Unrestricted Funds*** | | | | | | **1,611,773** | **1,624,350** |
| Restricted Funds | 18 | | | 17,760 | | 17,760 | 15,192 |
| Endowment Funds | 18 | | | | - | - | 11,944 |
| ***Total Funds*** | | **1,611,543** | **230** | **17,760** | - | **1,629,533** | **1,651,486** |

Church Council Member

Signed: Ann Taylor

Name: ANNE TAYLOR

Date: 28.06.2023

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is an unincorporated organisation. The registered address is The Crossing Church, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT.

## 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the financial statements are as follows:

### a. Basis of preparation

The Crossing Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

### b. Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### c. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of estimation means that the outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The most significant area of estimation uncertainty for the charity is in relation to the useful economic life of the fixed assets.

### d. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Church Council for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

### e. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

- Investment income is included when receivable.

- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**f. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT where it cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage.

**g. Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

| | |
|---|---|
| Building | 1% straight line |
| Equipment | 33% reducing balance basis |
| Organ | 10% reducing balance basis |
| Fixtures & fittings | 15% reducing balance basis |

**h. VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

**I. Fixed asset investments**

The investments of The Crossing Church are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

**j. Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**k. Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

| 4a. **Donations & grants** | **Unrestricted** | **Restricted** | **2022 Total** | **2021 Total** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations & gifts | 10,096 | 352 | 10,448 | 17,726 |
| Legacies | - | - | - | - |
| Grants | | | | |
| Notts County Council | 500 | 2,000 | 2,500 | - |
| | 10,596 | 2,352 | 12,948 | 17,726 |

| 4b. **Other charitable income** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund raising | - | 309 | 309 | 178 |
| Lettings | 52,096 | - | 52,096 | 35,562 |
| Other | 16,444 | - | 16,444 | 1,959 |
| Flower fund (designated) | 80 | - | 80 | 76 |
| | 68,620 | 309 | 68,929 | 37,775 |

| 5. **Property maintenance** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Service contracts | 10,234 | - | 10,234 | 4,387 |
| Repairs and renewals | 2,800 | 9,917 | 12,717 | 18,954 |
| URC Hall costs | - | - | - | - |
| Cleaning equipment & services | 2,416 | - | 2,416 | 1,873 |
| Window cleaning | 312 | - | 312 | 173 |
| Business waste | 2,077 | - | 2,077 | 363 |
| | 17,839 | 9,917 | 27,756 | 25,750 |

| 6. **Insurance, utilities etc** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Light & heat | 14,303 | - | 14,303 | 10,920 |
| Insurance | 4,157 | - | 4,157 | 4,297 |
| Water rates | 135 | - | 135 | 726 |
| General rates | 521 | - | 521 | 84 |
| | 19,116 | - | 19,116 | 16,027 |

| 7. **Office expenditure** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Telephone | 2,813 | - | 2,813 | 2,370 |
| Stationery & postage | 10 | - | 10 | 14 |
| Printing expenses | 2,714 | - | 2,714 | 2,267 |
| | 5,537 | - | 5,537 | 4,651 |

## 8. Other expenditure

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | 2022 Total | 2021 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Café rent & utilities write off | - | - | - | - | - |
| Service expenses | 491 | - | - | 491 | 117 |
| Sundries | 592 | 662 | 33 | 1,287 | 459 |
| Bank charges & interest | 149 | - | - | 149 | 85 |
| FOTC fundraising costs | 1,303 | - | - | 1,303 | 14 |
| Accountancy | 2,166 | - | - | 2,166 | 2,274 |
| Card sales | 513 | - | - | 513 | 26 |
| Café | 3,172 | - | - | 3,172 | 403 |
| CCL Licence | 319 | - | - | 319 | 413 |
| I T & Equipment | 2,777 | - | - | 2,777 | 987 |
| Security Town Radio | - | - | - | - | 358 |
| SEC Admin and management | 4,900 | - | - | 4,900 | 8,400 |
| Caretaker costs | 18,006 | - | - | 18,006 | 9,040 |
| Donations to external organisations | 2,106 | - | - | 2,106 | 1,518 |
| Flower fund (designated) | 367 | - | - | 367 | 36 |
| | 36,861 | 662 | 33 | 37,556 | 24,130 |

## 9. Payment to Trustees

No payments were made to the Trustees for services or expenses.

## 10. Fees for examination of the accounts

| | 2022 Total | 2021 Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | 700 | 700 |
| Other fees for accountancy services paid to the independent examiner | 1,466 | 1,574 |

## 11. Staff costs paid during the year

Previously the Church did not directly employ staff, amounts were paid to The Crossing SEC Limited in respect of management and administration, caretaking and cleaning.
During the current year staff have been transferred to be directly employed by The Crossing Church.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | 23,615 | 17,440 |

The average number of employees engaged by the charity amounted to 3 (2021 - 3).

**12. Tangible Fixed Assets**

| | Church Building | Fixtures fittings & equipment | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| COST | | | |
| At 1 September 2021 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| Additions | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2022 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | |
| At 1 September 2021 | 257,040 | 101,759 | 358,799 |
| Charge for the year | 18,360 | 1,801 | 20,161 |
| On disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2022 | 275,400 | 103,560 | 378,960 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | |
| At 31 August 2022 | 1,560,764 | 7,012 | 1,567,776 |
| At 31 August 2021 | 1,579,124 | 8,813 | 1,587,937 |

**13. Investments**

The monies that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with Charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference. During the year £11,455 restricted bequests were cashed and the proceeds transferred to restricted funds.

| | 2022 Total | 2021 Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Market value brought forward | 11,944 | 15,009 |
| Add: additions to investments at cost | - | - |
| Less: disposal at carrying value | (11,462) | (4,353) |
| Net gain/(loss) on revaluation | (482) | 1,288 |
| | - | 11,944 |

## 14. Debtors & prepayments

| | 2022 Total £ | 2021 Total £ |
|---|---|---|
| Debtors from lettings | 10,096 | 3,771 |
| Gift aid receivable | 3,000 | 4,549 |
| Other debtors | 675 | 1,936 |
| Prepaid circuit assessment | 2,575 | 2,575 |
| Other prepayments | 1,360 | 1,427 |
| | 17,706 | 14,258 |

## 15. Cash at bank and in hand

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank balance held in CFB | 57,151 | 47,051 |
| Bank balance held in CAF | 12,336 | 21,398 |
| Cash | 89 | 111 |
| Total | 69,576 | 68,560 |

## 16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trade creditors | 64 | 3,304 |
| Accruals | 3,359 | 2,671 |
| Other creditors | - | 1,936 |
| | 3,423 | 7,911 |

## 17. Related parties

The Crossing SEC Ltd has directors who are also on the Church Council. The Crossing SEC Ltd provided staff and administrative services to The Church. The total amount payable for the year amounted to £ 4,900 (2021 - £17,440). The amount outstanding at the year end was £ nil (2021- £1,934). During the year it was decided that the Crossing SEC Ltd would transfer its operations to The Crossing Church.

The Crossing Church had a loan from Trinity Circuit when building the church, the amount still outstanding at the year end was £ 11,102 (2021 - £11,102) the loan is due on demand, however, there is no specific repayment date and no interest is being charged.

A further loan was received from the Trinity Circuit for £13,000 in December 2020 towards property repairs. This is being repaid at £100 per month. The amount outstanding at the year end was £11,000 (2021 - £12,200).

## 18. Analysis of funds

| | Opening balance £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Revaluation £ | Closing balance £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Endowment funds** | | | | | | |
| James Cottingham Memorial | 1,622 | | (3) | (1,619) | - | - |
| Wilfred Marshall | 2,018 | 2 | (6) | (2,014) | - | - |
| Mrs Mary Marshall | 8,304 | 134 | (24) | (7,932) | (482) | - |
| | 11,944 | 136 | (33) | (11,565) | (482) | - |
| **Restricted funds** | | | | | | |
| Designated gifts | 1,908 | 6 | - | (517) | - | 1,397 |
| Benevolence | 90 | 1 | - | - | - | 91 |
| Church reserve | 12,250 | 51 | - | - | - | 12,301 |
| Music | 90 | - | - | - | - | 90 |
| Singing with dementia | 854 | 661 | (357) | (150) | - | 1,008 |
| YMCA project | - | 2,000 | (386) | (360) | - | 1,254 |
| Youth & Children TMCP 1579 | - | - | - | 1,619 | - | 1,619 |
| Property maintenance TMCP | - | - | (9,836) | 9,836 | - | - |
| | 15,192 | 2,719 | (10,579) | 10,428 | - | 17,760 |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | | | | |
| General reserve | 1,623,833 | 116,620 | (130,047) | 1,137 | - | 1,611,543 |
| Flower fund | 517 | 80 | (367) | - | - | 230 |
| | 1,624,350 | 116,700 | (130,414) | 1,137 | - | 1,611,773 |
| **Total funds** | 1,651,486 | 119,555 | (141,026) | - | (482) | 1,629,533 |

**Restricted fund purposes**

**Designated gifts:** Small gifts received where the donors designate the use of the funds.
**Benevolence:** For benevolence to members.
**Church reserve:** To build up church reserves.
**Music:** Funds for the purchase of a grand piano.
**Bequests:** Funds held where the donors have specified the use of the funds.
**Singing with dementia:** For providing social interaction for dementia suffers and their carers.
**Youth & Children** TMCP 1579: Amount transferred from TMCP Endowment to be used for the benefit of youth and children
**Property maintenance TMCP:** Transferred from TMCP Endowment for repairs and maintenace of property.

**Reasons for transfer between funds:**
Net income from the Endowment funds is available for general use in accordance with the conditions set out by the fund and is transferred each year to the general fund.

**Analysis of net assets between funds**

| | General fund unrestricted £ | Designated funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fixed Assets | 1,567,776 | - | - | 1,567,776 | 1,599,881 |
| Current assets | 69,292 | 230 | (17,760) | 87,282 | 82,818 |
| Current liabilities | (3,423) | - | - | (3,423) | (7,911) |
| Long term liabilities | (22,102) | - | - | (22,102) | (23,302) |
| | 1,611,543 | 230 | 17,760 | 1,629,533 | 1,651,486 |

## 19. COVID 19 impact

The outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic severely impacted on the activities of The Crossing Church again in 2022. Restrictions started to be lifted during the year to 31 August 2022 and by the year end all were lifted.

## 20. Going concern

The church operates within the limits of its available cash resources and budgets are set by the church council each year. The church council has reviewed its position under the current difficult circumstances and has concluded that the organisation remains a going concern. Further work is needed, to evaluate and plan for the medium to long term in order to develop a strategy that will enable the church to provide an effective presence within the community and remain within its budgeted expenditure.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH (METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140500

# Accounts

Registered Charity Number 1140500

# THE CROSSING CHURCH

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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Chartered Accountants

# THE CROSSING CHURCH
# REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Church Council present their report along with the financial statements of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts.

## Objectives and Policies

The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating Churches.

To achieve its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

a) the celebration of public worship
b) the teaching of the Christian faith
c) mission and evangelism
d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Church Council is aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of The Church

The Church Council believes that The Church provides benefit to the public by:

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.

Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Providing significant access to the building to community organisations, charities and other organisations whose own works contribute to public benefit.

## Review of the year

Due to the COVID pandemic our activities have been very different during this year. The Church Council met regularly - over Zoom when that was prudent - to ensure that risk assessments were kept up to date and that all decisions were made with safety paramount in our minds.

At the beginning of the year in September 2020 as national restrictions were being lifted, we started to hold Sunday morning Worship with all the appropriate safeguards including cleaning of seats, extra ventilation, socially distanced seating and everyone wearing face masks.

Most Sundays an 'online' service was projected rather than a 'live' service. All members were asked not to chat while in the building, but to stand apart outside to have the conversations that we all needed.

Before Christmas, however, we went back into lockdown. During all periods of lockdown, services were available on the Trinity Circuit website and members were encouraged to log in and listen to these.

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During this year all of our midweek activities were suspended and many did not resume until September. We were however still allowed to accept bookings for essential activities such as Blood Donors sessions, counselling activities and a few groups whose activities were classed as adult education, particularly for those with complex needs.

We did create an 'Angels at Christmas' display for our window for passers by to be enlightened by and we arranged to take out gifts of 'Afternoon Tea Bags' on December 22nd to members and adherents who live alone, or had been particularly struggling over the previous few months.

This was an ideal opportunity for many 'doorstep' conversations to take place and the volunteers who delivered these gifts reported the thankfulness from those receiving them.

As restrictions were relaxed over the Christmas period, we did hold a morning service on Christmas Day with all the relevant COVID Safety measures in place.

We opened the Church for quiet prayer and reflection on Good Friday and also on Saturday 17th April which was the day of Prince Philip's funeral. At last our regular Sunday morning worship was able to resume at Pentecost in May and we have been delighted that we have been able to continue to worship together regularly since then.

Daily Morning Prayers, Thursday Communion and the Bible Study group have not yet restarted and we are looking into the best way to either resume or replace these regular events.

The Women's Fellowship made the decision during the year not to continue. This was because of dwindling numbers, amongst other reasons. The remaining funds in the group's accounts (£425) were passed into Church funds.

We record that this was a sad time, and that this meeting had been in place for many decades prior to The Crossing, as part of the Wesley Methodist Fellowship. Our thanks went out to all those who had organized this group over the past years. As part of this decision, the Thursday Group moved from an evening meeting to an afternoon one and resumed meeting in September. Many of the remaining Women's Fellowship members have now been welcomed into the Thursday Group.

We were not able to be a selling point for 'Cards for Good causes' during this year, but we hope to resume this activity in the future.

During this year we have also had several issues with our computer network, which has meant that we have lost access to much of our archive for months at a time. This has resulted in a lot of time consuming activity in searching for and re-creating many operational documents. But it has also given us the opportunity to tighten controls around data-protection and to revamp the Church's room booking procedures for external groups and organisations.

We have launched our new website this year. This is still a 'work in progress' as a number of pages are still to be built - but as our old website was rather outdated and it crashed in 2020 this has given us the opportunity to update and try to ensure that our site is accessible to all.

The Crossing has continued to support many other charities in many ways, details of financial donations are included within the financial report, but we also continue to support the Bassetlaw Food Bank and other local charities in other ways, this includes from time to time allowing another local charity to meet for free or at a much reduced rate.

During this year the Church Council has been working with the Methodist Trinity Circuit to seek a full time minister for The Crossing.

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We are delighted that our request for a Deacon to take up this role has been successful with Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook being placed with us by the Diaconal order and taking up her role with us on September 1st 2021.

Emily will be based at The Crossing but will work within the Trinity Circuit as part of the Ministerial team. Rev Julie Coates will remain as minister with pastoral charge as part of her duties as Circuit Superintendent.

The church meeting has now adopted a policy to become an eco-friendly building. We have already changed the electricity supplier to an eco-friendly company, and have completed a survey which has awarded us a bronze certificate, working towards silver.

We act as a 'drop off point' for various items that can be recycled individually.
These include:

* Empty Crisp packets - these are boxed up and sent to Terracycle for recycling.
* Used Glasses (spectacles) - are passed to a local optician who sends them to a charity for use in third world countries.
* Second-hand school uniforms - are passed to a local charity who pass them to families who need them.
* Empty Toothpaste tubes & used brushes - these are also recycled through Terracycle.

We aim to increase this initiative.

**Pastoral Visitors**

Currently we have 103 Church Members.

In the past 12 months 3 of our team of Pastoral Visitors have had to give up their role, for varying reasons and we now have a team of just 7.

Our newest member of the team is Iris Franks, who joined us at the end of August. Iris has been a Pastoral Visitor at a previous church and we thank her for her support and welcome her to the Group.

This church year, we have lost 17 members from membership. Sadly 7 members have passed away, and 10 members have moved away from the area or ceased to meet.

During the pandemic and lockdown Pastoral Visiting has been difficult, and for the early part of the year we had to try and keep in touch by notes, texts, phone calls and the occasional WhatsApp message.

Having just 7 Pastoral Visitors for a Membership of 103 means we are stretched as a team and we are always looking for people to join us.

Kath did speak at the last Church Meeting and that is when Iris stepped forward but more help would be appreciated. Please be assured we would ease you in gently and would not ask anyone to take on more members than they were happy with.

Now that things are opening up and people are fully 'jabbed' we have started up again our regular Pastoral Visitor Meetings. At these meetings we pray for those members and their families who are struggling with health or other personal difficulties, as well as celebrating good news. Meeting as a group in this way helps us keep an overview of the membership and all discussions are kept confidential.

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Over the past 6 months Rev Julie Coates has chaired our meetings, but from September 2021, we welcome our new Deacon Emily to the Group.

In August we planned an Afternoon of Refreshments for all Members and friends, to enable everyone to have a 'catch up' after so long of being apart. Invitations were sent out to all members either personally or via the Church Newsletter.

Rev Julie Coates led our Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance held on the afternoon of the 25 July 2021. At this service we marked the passing of those members who had died in the previous 18 months, others whose funerals had been connected to The Crossing, as well as other family or friends remembered by members. It was a very moving service, several families stayed at the end for refreshments and to chat. The feedback from family and friends of those being remembered was positive.

Many thanks to all Pastoral Visitors for the valuable support they give to our Membership. Especially to Kath who has worked tirelessly over the past 12 months: keeping in touch with so many members.

**Growth and Development**

The Church 2017 review led us to revise our mission statement and through discussion in Church Council a new statement was drawn up and adopted by Church Meeting. A poster symbolising our aims was designed and is now displayed around the building. Alongside regular Sunday morning worship we have offered a range of services during the week, when restrictions have allowed, which are highlighted in the Worship report. Our community find these both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

As well as these regular services and Bible-based activities we enable our wider community to celebrate the special events of their life journey. Lockdown restrictions have seriously curtailed activities and we look forward to re-establishing these as legislation allows.

In November the Trinity Circuit appointed an 'Operations Manager'. Richard Dearden was appointed to the role, and has dedicated two days a week to be based in The Crossing. He has taken a key role in supporting the Church Council in many ways including day to day operational support and a more strategic role in moving our 'Jigsaw process' forward and looking at ways that we can restructure our governance procedures in order to simplify our procedures and provide more resources for outreach work.

**COVID Action Group**

The COVID Action Group was formed in preparation for the reopening of the premises in Summer 2020

Originally it was made up of representatives from the Church, the Café and the SEC to ensure that all aspects of the life of The Crossing were covered. It looked into how best to apply restrictions and the need for social distancing etc. within the building as limited activities resumed. For instance, it covered matters such as signage, the wiping down of the chairs after each service and the need to record attendees for test and trace purposes.

The members were supported by Clara who prepared the risk assessment documents that were then checked and approved.

The policy is constantly under revision, so this group continues to meet at regular intervals to check out procedures and ensure that we are operating in as safe a way as possible as the building comes 'back to life' again.

Our groups were limited by legal restrictions on the number of groups gathering indoors and our consideration for the safety of our members, meaning that we felt it important not to rush into returning until we were confident all reasonable measures were in place to keep people safe.

## Resource and Property Group (RAP)

The Resource and Property Group attempt to meet monthly with a date and time arranged to suit members and other commitments.

The Resource and Property Group has responsibility for the property and resources of The Crossing Church and centre. It is represented on the Church Council by the Property Secretary.

Property maintenance will become a greater and more frequent concern as the building ages. Continual and careful monitoring of installations is essential.

With the current economic environment probably lasting for some considerable time, balancing finances and keeping our building within the law and fit for purpose will take on greater significance.

The Resource and Property Group operate financially within its own property budget, but any sensitive or major concerns are referred to Church Council for decisions or action. All meetings are minuted and a copy of these minutes are circulated to Church Council members as an aid to keeping them, as managing trustees, aware of the issues.

The URC East Midlands Synod are landlords of the former URC church building now leased to the Acorn Theatre. The Resource and Property Group have no direct involvement in the theatre but do monitor statutory and mandatory issues, e.g. insurance, quinquennial inspections. The Crossing Church benefits from the leasing of the URC building by way of a quarterly rent from the Acorn Theatre. The church also have a seat on the Acorn Theatre Board, which ideally should be filled by a church member.

The day to day running of the centre, including ensuring that statutory and mandatory obligations are met, is overseen by the Centre Manager, who is employed by the Crossing Social Enterprise Company (S.E.C.) on behalf of the church and is a member of the Resource and Property Group.

The caretaker and hygiene operative are also employed by the S.E.C.

The Volunteer Co-ordinator is also employed by the S.E.C.

2020-2021 has been an exacting year with respect to property and repairs. The major items that have been undertaken are:

| | |
|---|---|
| Roof repairs | £741.60 |
| Replacement Controller works | £13,233.60 |
| Repairs - lift | £2,358.48 |
| IBMS Screen | £530.40 |
| Electrical work | £642.00 |

## Social Enterprise Company Limited

The SEC is a charity set up within The Crossing with the objective "to develop and implement ethical projects and initiatives, based in or delivered from The Crossing Church & Centre, which are designated to benefit the community of Worksop and District".

This runs as a separate entity to The Crossing Church delivering community projects on behalf of the Church.

There is a service level agreement between the Church and the SEC and under this agreement the SEC managed the building and employs administration and caretaking staff.

The SEC board consists of a mix of Church Members and representatives from other partner organisations such as the County & District Councils, Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service (BCVS), and local charities and groups that use the building.

The SEC deliver a number of community projects supporting many people throughout the district and helping break down social isolation and loneliness. These are run by volunteers with the support of SEC staff and trained instructors.

**Worship Group**

After an enforced COVID break we are once again active and working hard to offer services which hopefully interest and inspire all members of the congregation.

We have met, planned and led services in February, May, July and September.

We would really welcome some people with new/different views and ideas and if you think this could apply to you, please join us.

**Thursday Group**

This social group for ladies of all ages did not meet during this year due to COVID restrictions and safety considerations for the members.

Meetings resumed in September 2021 and the group has switched from a Thursday evening meeting to an afternoon meeting.

It is a very friendly group of ladies, who are now meeting in church on the second Thursday of the month, and arrange a 'ladies who lunch' meeting on the fourth Thursday monthly at various venues around the local area. Those with cars arrange to provide transport for the rest of the members.

**Singing with Dementia**

As with other groups, but especially this very vulnerable section of our community, all meetings were cancelled and eventually restarted in September 2021.

**Dementia Café**

This is a new venture which opened on 2 September 2021 to enable people with dementia and/or carers to meet and enjoy social time. This is every Thursday from 10.30 until 12.00 noon.

**Friends of The Crossing (FOTC)**

There has been very little activity during the year with £178 received form Coin challenge etc. and £14 expenses being incurred.

**Card Stall**

The sale of greetings card for church funds has continued at a much reduced pace during the past year for obvious reasons.

**Grumpy Men Luncheon**

During the lockdown periods the Grumpy Men continued to hold 'virtual lunches' via Zoom but all were glad to be able to resume meeting face to face in May 2021.

Initially these meetings were held outside until national restrictions reduced, on nice days over the summer break the church lawn has been a good venue.

The Monthly meetings are now back to normal - with bacon and/or sausage sandwiches cooked in the community kitchen.

**The Art Group**

Our art group is a happy, industrious meeting of enthusiastic members, who enjoy challenges and learning new skills under the tutorship of Terry Bray.

This group resumed meeting weekly in May 2021.

Each member works at their own pace and level and everyone is producing excellent work. The focus is on art as therapy in a relaxing and supporting atmosphere.

**Shoe Box Appeal**

We were delighted to still be able to support the 'Link to Hope Charity' during this year, especially as the September and October period when we were collecting in items for the boxes, restrictions were a little lighter.

70 shoes boxes filled with gifts for families were sent off along with 5 bags full of knitted blankets, and the appropriate transport costs.

As far as we are aware these were transported to families in Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine who are in need.

**Future Developments**

The Church Meeting has commissioned the Church Council to review the long-term financial planning of The Crossing Church and to propose ways of living within the level of income that we are currently experiencing. However, the Church Council continues to be committed to keep the Church operating on a seven days a week basis attempting to share God's love with the whole community with a strong emphasis on welcoming all who use the premises for any of the activities, whether that be just to attend a meeting, enjoy a concert or join us for a service.

**Financial Review**

There was a net deficit in the movement of funds for the year of £42,411 (2020 surplus £4,840). The total funds held at 31 August 2021 was £1,651,486 (2020 - £1,693,897). Of this £1,599,881 (2020 - £1,623,806) is held as fixed assets, including the church building.

The total bank and cash balances held at 31 August 2021 were £68,560 including £12,250 reserve account and £2,425 other restricted funds.
The designated flower fund balance of £517 is also included in the total cash and bank.

Last year we received a COVID grant from Bassetlaw D C, a property grant from the Methodist Church and reductions in costs due to the first lockdown /closure of the building, a hold was put on the major property expenditure. We knew the surplus would be needed to help us through the coming financial years as we progress through the coming stages of the pandemic and the economic problems this will bring.

The majority of the COVID grant was used to help finance the closure of The Crossing Café Limited, the Church has now taken on any expenditure previously paid by the Café.

As expected this has decreased from last year but once again it is noted that donations were much higher than expected and the Church is very grateful for all the many donations received. Thank you also for the continual support of Sunday offerings from members including those who pay by Standing Order and thank you to those who have donated time and money to the flower fund.

The Methodist Trinity Circuit gave a generous loan to The Crossing Church of £13,000 towards the cost of boiler management repairs. This work has been completed and the loan is being repaid monthly.

Budget and Actual Comparisons for the year show that Congregational and Property income were greater than budget whilst savings were made on Ministry spend and Property expenditure.

We have released some of the funds held by TMCP for The Crossing Church: TMCP is now working with the Charities Commission on behalf of The Crossing to release further funds in 2021-22.

With God's help and our prayers, I hope that we can continue to move forward, so that we can improve our work in the Church and community.

**Risk Management and Reserves Policy**

The Church Council regularly reviews the major risks which the charity faces. All operational procedures have been examined and policies are in place for Health & Safety, Data protection, Safeguarding of Children and Young People, Smoking, Older People and Disadvantaged People. The Crossing is complying with all relevant legislation.

The Church Council has a low risk approach to investment and invests all funds with The Methodist Church Finance Board. Bequest money is invested under Methodist law with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The Council is painfully aware that the level of financial reserves is insufficient for an organisation of this size and regrets that no significant transfers to reserves were made during the year.

Typically twelve months expenditure amounts to around £150,000 and unrestricted net current assets only stand at £59,715.

**Statement of the Church Council responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Church Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Council is required to:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;

c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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The Church Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is 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.

**Organisational Structure**

The full Church Meeting sets and/or approves mission, vision, constitution and policy. It identifies priorities and elects the Church Council members. Policies include community relationships and engagement, in addition to pastoral, mission, worship and learning.

The Church Council, which is chaired by the Minister, has duties to devise strategies, including the allocation of resources to deliver various policies. It must monitor their achievements and being the Managing Trustees of The Crossing, ensure financial viability targets and commitments are met.

The following groups have responsibilities within the church organisational structure:

| | |
|---|---|
| The Crossing Café Limited | A Church trading company (Ceased trading April 2021). |
| The Crossing SEC Limited | For development of community projects.<br>This company is a registered charity. |
| Resources and Property Group | Management of property and resources. |
| Finance Action Group | Overview of finance and sustainability. |
| Friends of The Crossing | Generate funds via events and activities. |
| COVID Action Group | Management of policies and procedures required during the pandemic. |

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**Reference and administrative details:**

Registered Charity number: 1140500

| | |
|---|---|
| Principal address: | Newcastle Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2AT |
| Independent Examiner: | N M Knowles ACA, Williams Knowles & Co<br>Lloyd Chambers, 139 Carlton Road, Worksop, S81 7AD |
| Solicitors: | Andrew & Co<br>St Swithin's Square, Lincoln, LN2 1HB |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank<br>CAF Bank Limited<br>Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church |
| Minister: | Rev Julie Coates |
| Treasurer: | Annette Westerby |
| Church Council: | Annette Barker |
| | Iris Franks |
| | Bob Heathcote |
| | Russell Lincoln — Resigned July 2021 |
| | Jean Roberts |
| | Frank Scowen — Resigned February 2021 |
| | Heather Skidmore — Resigned March 2021 |
| | Anne Taylor |
| | Nigel Westerby — Appointed September 2020 |
| | Griff Wynne — Appointed May 2021 |

**Church Council**

The Trustees of The Crossing Church are the "Church Council" who, in addition to the commitments to our Lord, the local church and it's wider councils, and to the local community, have statutory obligations as "Managing Trustees" and "Charity Trustees". We are grateful to those members of the church who have been prepared to accept these responsibilities as Church Council members during the year.

**Status of the Crossing Church**

The church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop and Worksop United Reformed Church. The Crossing Church is a registered Charity - the charity number is 1140500.

The Crossing Church is in the Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church. The church is also part of the East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church. The present title of the church - The Crossing Church - was adopted in May 2006 when the new building was opened. Previously it was known as Worksop United Church since the setting up of the LEP in 2001 and previously to that it was known as Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop.

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**Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner**

The Church Council members who held office at the date of approval of this annual report confirm that:-

So far as they are aware, there is no relevant financial information, or other information needed by the Charity's examiners in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's examiner is unaware; and

They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Managing Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information, and to establish that the Charity's examiner is aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Church Council and signed on its behalf.

**Treasurer**

Signed: ..... Name: ANNETTE WESTERBY

**Church Council Member**

Signed: ..... Name: JULIE I COATES

Dated: 23rd May 2022

## THE CROSSING CHURCH
## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2021, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

N M Knowles A C A
as principal of
Williams Knowles & Co
Chartered Accountants
Lloyd Chambers
139 Carlton Road
Worksop
S81 7AD

Date: 30 May 2022

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020-21 | Total 2019-20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 32,640 | - | - | - | **32,640** | **40,243** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 17,445 | 76 | 205 | - | **17,726** | **39,805** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 9,670 | - | - | - | **9,670** | **10,644** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 58 | - | 26 | 142 | **226** | **436** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | 425 | - | - | - | **425** | **-** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 37,775 | - | - | - | **37,775** | **59,142** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **98,013** | **76** | **231** | **142** | **98,462** | **150,270** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 35,015 | - | - | - | **35,015** | **45,475** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | 15,728 | - | - | - | **15,728** | **230** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 25,750 | - | - | - | **25,750** | **19,154** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 16,027 | - | - | - | **16,027** | **18,630** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 20,860 | - | - | - | **20,860** | **21,887** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 4,651 | - | - | - | **4,651** | **4,848** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 23,989 | 36 | 84 | 21 | **24,130** | **35,080** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **142,020** | **36** | **84** | **21** | **142,161** | **145,304** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | 1,288 | 1,288 | **(126)** |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **(44,007)** | **40** | **147** | **1,409** | **(42,411)** | **4,840** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | 3,746 | - | (3,628) | (118) | - | **-** |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **(40,261)** | **40** | **(3,481)** | **1,291** | **(42,411)** | **4,840** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,664,094 | 477 | 18,673 | 10,653 | **1,693,897** | **1,689,057** |
| 25 **Total funds carried forward** | | **1,623,833** | **517** | **15,192** | **11,944** | **1,651,486** | **1,693,897** |

Please see page 14 for full comparative figures.

THE CROSSING CHURCH **Circuit no:** 25 no 19

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020**

| | Notes | General Fund Unrestricted | Designated Funds Unrestricted | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2019-20 | Total 2018-19 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| 1 Offerings | | 40,243 | - | - | - | **40,243** | **44,047** |
| 2 Donations & Grants | 4a | 39,722 | - | 83 | - | **39,805** | **11,711** |
| 3 Gift aid | | 10,644 | - | - | - | **10,644** | **12,921** |
| 4 Interest and investment income | | 128 | - | 136 | 172 | **436** | **458** |
| 5 Income from investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 6 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 7 Other charitable income | 4b | 58,771 | 371 | - | - | **59,142** | **79,425** |
| 8 **Total income** | | **149,508** | **371** | **219** | **172** | **150,270** | **148,562** |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| 9 Circuit assessment or share | | 45,475 | - | - | - | **45,475** | **48,961** |
| 10 Grants and donations | | 230 | - | - | - | **230** | **510** |
| 11 Property maintenance | 5 | 19,154 | - | - | - | **19,154** | **15,052** |
| 12 Insurance,utilities etc | 6 | 18,630 | - | - | - | **18,630** | **22,879** |
| 13 Depreciation | | 21,887 | - | - | - | **21,887** | **20,446** |
| 14 Office expenses | 7 | 4,848 | - | - | - | **4,848** | **6,375** |
| 15 Other expenditure | 8 | 34,787 | 263 | 8 | 22 | **35,080** | **55,383** |
| 16 Internal organisations | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 17 **Total charitable expenditure** | | **145,011** | **263** | **8** | **22** | **145,304** | **169,606** |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | - | - | - | (126) | **(126)** | **87** |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 20 **Net income/(expenditure)** | | **4,497** | **108** | **211** | **24** | **4,840** | **(20,957)** |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | 2,621 | - | (2,481) | (140) | **-** | **-** |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | - | - | - | - | **-** | **-** |
| 23 **Net movement in funds for the year** | | **7,118** | **108** | **(2,270)** | **(116)** | **4,840** | **(20,957)** |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,656,976 | 369 | 20,943 | 10,769 | **1,689,057** | **1,710,014** |
| 25 **Total funds carried forward** | | **1,664,094** | **477** | **18,673** | **10,653** | **1,693,897** | **1,689,057** |

Please see page 14 for full comparative figures.

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**

**Circuit no: 25 no 19**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021**

| | Notes to the Accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Totals 2021 £ | Totals 2020 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Church building and other property | 12 | 1,587,937 | - | - | - | 1,587,937 | 1,608,797 |
| Investment properties | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | 13 | - | - | - | 11,944 | 11,944 | 15,009 |
| ***Total fixed assets*** | | 1,587,937 | - | - | 11,944 | 1,599,881 | 1,623,806 |
| **Current Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | 14 | 13,032 | - | 1,226 | - | 14,258 | 13,626 |
| Loans by the Churches | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments with TMCP | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | 15 | 33,229 | - | 13,822 | - | 47,051 | 53,045 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 15 | 20,138 | 517 | 854 | - | 21,509 | 21,538 |
| ***Total current assets*** | | 66,399 | 517 | 15,902 | - | 82,818 | 88,209 |
| **Current liabilities** | | | | | | | |
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 16 | 7,201 | - | 710 | - | 7,911 | 7,016 |
| Grants payable within 2021-22 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total current liabilities*** | | 7,201 | - | 710 | - | 7,911 | 7,016 |
| ***Net current assets/liabilities*** | | 59,198 | 517 | 15,192 | - | 74,907 | 81,193 |
| ***Total assets less current liabilities*** | | 1,647,135 | 517 | 15,192 | 11,944 | 1,674,788 | 1,704,999 |
| **Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)** | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2021-22 | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loans to the Church | | 23,302 | - | - | - | 23,302 | 11,102 |
| ***Net assets*** | | 1,623,833 | 517 | 15,192 | 11,944 | 1,651,486 | 1,693,897 |
| **Funds of the Church** | | | | | | | |
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 18 | 1,623,833 | | | | 1,623,833 | 1,664,094 |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | 18 | | 517 | | | 517 | 477 |
| ***Total Unrestricted Funds*** | | | | | | 1,624,350 | 1,664,571 |
| Restricted Funds | 18 | | | 15,192 | | 15,192 | 18,673 |
| Endowment Funds | 18 | | | | 11,944 | 11,944 | 10,653 |
| ***Total Funds*** | | 1,623,833 | 517 | 15,192 | 11,944 | 1,651,486 | 1,693,897 |

Church Treasurer

Signed: Anwesterby

Name: ANNETTE WESTERBY

Date: 28/05/22

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is an unincorporated organisation. The registered address is The Crossing Church, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT.

## 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the financial statements are as follows:

### a. Basis of preparation

The Crossing Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

### b. Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### c. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of estimation means that the outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The most significant area of estimation uncertainty for the charity is in relation to the useful economic life of the fixed assets.

### d. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Church Council for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

### e. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

- Investment income is included when receivable.

- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**f. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT where it cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage.

**g. Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

| | |
|---|---|
| Building | 1% straight line |
| Equipment | 33% reducing balance basis |
| Organ | 10% reducing balance basis |
| Fixtures & fittings | 15% reducing balance basis |

**h. VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

**i. Fixed asset investments**

The investments of The Crossing Church are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

**j. Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**k. Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

| 4a. **Donations & grants** | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2021 Total | 2020 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations & gifts | 17,521 | 205 | 17,726 | 8,305 |
| Legacies | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Grants | | | | |
| Sheffield Methodist District | - | - | - | 500 |
| Trinity Circuit | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| Bassetlaw District Council - COVID 19 | - | - | - | 25,000 |
| | 17,521 | 205 | 17,726 | 39,805 |

| 4b. **Other charitable income** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund raising | 178 | - | 178 | 7,634 |
| Lettings | 35,562 | - | 35,562 | 43,557 |
| Rent & utility charges café | - | - | - | 3,724 |
| Other | 1,959 | - | 1,959 | 3,856 |
| Flower fund (designated) | 76 | - | 76 | 371 |
| | 37,775 | - | 37,775 | 59,142 |

| 5. **Property maintenance** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Service contracts | 4,387 | - | 4,387 | 6,117 |
| Repairs and renewals | 18,954 | - | 18,954 | 11,171 |
| URC Hall costs | - | - | - | 390 |
| Cleaning equipment & services | 1,873 | - | 1,873 | 1,080 |
| Window cleaning | 173 | - | 173 | 396 |
| Business waste | 363 | - | 363 | - |
| | 25,750 | - | 25,750 | 19,154 |

| 6. **Insurance, utilities etc** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Light & heat | 10,920 | - | 10,920 | 12,484 |
| Insurance | 4,297 | - | 4,297 | 4,282 |
| Water rates | 726 | - | 726 | 1,180 |
| General rates | 84 | - | 84 | 684 |
| | 16,027 | - | 16,027 | 18,630 |

| 7. **Office expenditure** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Telephone | 2,370 | - | 2,370 | 2,226 |
| Stationery & postage | 14 | - | 14 | 3 |
| Printing expenses | 2,267 | - | 2,267 | 2,619 |
| | 4,651 | - | 4,651 | 4,848 |

## 8. Other expenditure

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | 2021 Total | 2020 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Café rent & utilities write off | - | - | - | - | 2,708 |
| Service expenses | 117 | - | - | 117 | 392 |
| Sundries | 354 | 84 | 21 | 459 | 1,465 |
| Bank charges & interest | 85 | - | - | 85 | 95 |
| FOTC fundraising costs | 14 | - | - | 14 | 2,076 |
| Accountancy | 2,274 | - | - | 2,274 | 1,922 |
| Card sales | 26 | - | - | 26 | 583 |
| Café invoices | 403 | - | - | 403 | 426 |
| CCL Licence | 413 | - | - | 413 | 505 |
| I T Equipment | 987 | - | - | 987 | 80 |
| Security Town Radio | 358 | - | - | 358 | 96 |
| SEC Admin and management | 8,400 | - | - | 8,400 | 12,090 |
| SEC Caretaker costs | 9,040 | - | - | 9,040 | 10,873 |
| Donations to external organisations | 1,518 | - | - | 1,518 | 1,506 |
| Flower fund (designated) | 36 | - | - | 36 | 263 |
| | 24,025 | 84 | 21 | 24,130 | 35,080 |

## 9. Payment to Trustees

No payments were made to the Trustees for services or expenses.

## 10. Fees for examination of the accounts

| | 2021 Total | 2020 Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | 700 | 700 |
| Other fees for accountancy services paid to the independent examiner | 1,574 | 1,222 |

## 11. Staff costs paid during the year

The Church does not directly employ staff, amounts were paid to The Crossing SEC Limited in respect of management and administration, caretaking and cleaning.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | 17,440 | 22,963 |

## 12. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | Church Building | Fixtures fittings & equipment | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| COST | | | |
| At 1 September 2020 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| Additions | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2021 | 1,836,164 | 110,572 | 1,946,736 |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | |
| At 1 September 2020 | 238,680 | 99,259 | 337,939 |
| Charge for the year | 18,360 | 2,500 | 20,860 |
| On disposals | - | - | - |
| At 31 August 2021 | 257,040 | 101,759 | 358,799 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | |
| At 31 August 2021 | 1,579,124 | 8,813 | 1,587,937 |
| At 31 August 2020 | 1,597,484 | 11,313 | 1,608,797 |

## 13. Investments

The monies that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with Charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference. During the year £4,353 restricted bequests were cashed and the proceeds transferred to the general account.

| | 2021 Total | 2020 Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Market value brought forward | 15,009 | 15,123 |
| Add: additions to investments at cost | - | 12 |
| Less: disposal at carrying value | (4,353) | - |
| Net gain/(loss) on revaluation | 1,288 | (126) |
| | 11,944 | 15,009 |

Included within investments is £nil (2020 - £2) relating to the cost of the investment in The Crossing Café Limited. The Church owned 100% of the ordinary share capital of the company. The Crossing Café Limited is not consolidated within the accounts of the church. The Crossing Café Ltd ceased to trade in April 2021.

## 14. Debtors & prepayments

| | 2021 Total £ | 2020 Total £ |
|---|---|---|
| Debtors from lettings | 3,771 | 3,336 |
| Gift aid receivable | 4,549 | 3,327 |
| Other debtors | 1,936 | 2,370 |
| Prepaid circuit assessment | 2,575 | 3,601 |
| Other prepayments | 1,427 | 991 |
| | 14,258 | 13,625 |

## 15. Cash at bank and in hand

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank balance held in CFB | 47,051 | 53,045 |
| Bank balance held in CAF | 21,398 | 20,975 |
| Cash | 111 | 563 |
| Total | 68,560 | 74,583 |

## 16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trade creditors | 3,304 | 1,569 |
| Accruals | 2,671 | 3,512 |
| Other creditors | 1,936 | 1,935 |
| | 7,911 | 7,016 |

## 17. Related parties

The Crossing Café Limited has directors who are also on the Church Council and the shares of the company and wholly owned by The Crossing Church. However, because of difficulties encountered by the Crossing Café it was decided to close the Crossing Café Limited in April 2021 and the £2 investment that the Church had in the Café has been written off and is included in sundry expenses. Up to the date of closure the amounts received from the Crossing Café for utilities and printing was nil (2020 - £6,631). The amount that was written off in the accounts was £2,708 and was categorised under other expenses on the Statement of Financial Activities.

A COVID 19 grant was received by the Church for £25,000 and £15,688 of this was allocated to the Café towards their expenses, and is shown within grants and donations payable.

The Crossing SEC has directors who are also on the Church Council. The Crossing SEC provides staff and administrative services to The Church. The total amount paid during the year amounted to £ 17,440 (2020 - £22,963). The amount outstanding at the year end was £1,934 (2020 - £1,209).

The Crossing SEC rents rooms and purchases printing services from the Church. The amount for the year was £1,440 (2020 - £1,484). The amount due to the Church at the year end was £120 (2020 - £120).

**17. Related parties (continued)**

The Crossing Church had a loan from Trinity Circuit when building the church, the amount still outstanding at the year end was £ 11,102 (2020 - £11,102) the loan is due on demand, however, there is no specific repayment date and no interest is being charged.

A further loan was received from the Trinity Circuit for £13,000 in December 2020 towards property repairs. This is being repaid at £100 per month. The amount outstanding at the year end was £12,200 (2020 - nil).

**18. Analysis of funds**

| | Opening balance £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Revaluation £ | Closing balance £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Endowment funds** | | | | | | |
| James Cottingham Memorial | 1,620 | 5 | (3) | - | - | 1,622 |
| Wilfred Marshall | 2,018 | 7 | (4) | (3) | - | 2,018 |
| Mrs Mary Marshall | 7,015 | 130 | (14) | (115) | 1,288 | 8,304 |
| | 10,653 | 142 | (21) | (118) | 1,288 | 11,944 |
| **Restricted funds** | | | | | | |
| Designated gifts | 1,906 | 2 | - | - | - | 1,908 |
| Benevolence | 90 | - | - | - | - | 90 |
| Church reserve | 12,233 | 17 | - | - | - | 12,250 |
| Music | 90 | - | - | - | - | 90 |
| Bequests | 4,354 | 7 | (8) | (4,353) | - | - |
| Singing with dementia | - | 205 | (76) | 725 | - | 854 |
| | 18,673 | 231 | (84) | (3,628) | - | 15,192 |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | | | | |
| General reserve | 1,664,094 | 98,013 | (142,020) | 3,746 | - | 1,623,833 |
| Flower fund | 477 | 76 | (36) | - | - | 517 |
| | 1,664,571 | 98,089 | (142,056) | 3,746 | - | 1,624,350 |
| **Total funds** | 1,693,897 | 98,462 | (142,161) | - | 1,288 | 1,651,486 |

**Restricted fund purposes**

**Designated gifts:** Small gifts received where the donors designate the use of the funds.
**Benevolence:** For benevolence to members.
**Church reserve:** To build up church reserves.
**Music:** Funds for the purchase of a grand piano.
**Bequests:** Funds held where the donors have specified the use of the funds.
**Singing with dementia:** For providing social interaction for dementia suffers and their carers.

**Reasons for transfer between funds:**
Net income from the Endowment funds is available for general use in accordance with the conditions set out by the fund and is transferred each year to the general fund.

## 19. COVID 19 impact

The outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic has severely impacted on the activities of The Crossing Church. The building has been temporarily closed in line with emergency legislation and many events and activities have either not taken place or have been severely curtailed. Consequently the results for the year reflect these facts.

The local council grant has assisted with being able to pay bills as they have fallen due and it has also helped to meet some of the additional costs associated with becoming a COVID safe environment.

## 20. Going concern

The church operates within the limits of its available cash resources and budgets are set by the church council each year. The church council has reviewed its position under the current difficult circumstances and has concluded that the organisation remains a going concern. Further work is needed, to evaluate and plan for the medium to long term in order to develop a strategy that will enable the church to provide an effective presence within the community and remain within its budgeted expenditure.

## 21. Post balance sheet events

At the balance sheet date there were still significant restrictions in place due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the future of these restrictions is uncertain should further outbreaks of the virus occur. The Church Council considers that there are sufficient disclosures in the accounts to explain the position and no further adjustments are required to the accounts.