

Registered Charity Number 1140500

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL  
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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.

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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).

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**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.

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 lightning 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 Workshop'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

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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,

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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

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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.

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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  
Lloyd Chambers, 139 Carlton Road, Worksop, S81 7AD

Solicitors: Andrew & Co  
St Swithin's Square, Lincoln, LN2 1HB

Bankers: Lloyds Bank  
CAF Bank Limited  
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Julie Coates

Treasurer: Annette Westerby

Church Council: Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook  
Annette Barker  
Iris Franks  
Rev Bob Heathcote  
Anne Taylor  
Kath Jordan  
Richard Peake  
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.

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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.

**Church Council Member**

Signed: Annette Westerby

Name: ANNETTE WESTERBY

**Church Council Member**

Signed: Anne Taylor

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

**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	2023 Total 23	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>								
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	
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>133,361</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137,299</b>	<b>182,279</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>								
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		-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>176,601</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>3,392</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,325</b>	<b>168,747</b>	
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(43,240)</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(43,026)</b>	<b>13,532</b>	
21 Transfers between funds		(1,400)	-	1,400	-	-	-	
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>23 Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>(44,640)</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(43,026)</b>	<b>13,532</b>	
24 Total funds brought forward		1,618,350	55	24,660	-	1,643,065	1,629,533	
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,573,710</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,600,039</b>	<b>1,643,065</b>	

Please see page 15 for full comparative figures.

**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
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
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
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>175,733</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>6,392</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182,279</b>	<b>119,555</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
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		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>167,326</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168,747</b>	<b>141,026</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	(482)
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>8,407</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,532</b>	<b>(21,953)</b>
21 Transfers between funds		(1,600)	-	1,600	-	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>23 Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>6,807</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,532</b>	<b>(21,953)</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		1,611,543	230	17,760	-	1,629,533	1,651,486
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,618,350</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>24,660</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,643,065</b>	<b>1,629,533</b>

## 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	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>1,528,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,528,750</b>	<b>1,548,099</b>

**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
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>69,036</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,365</b>	<b>119,270</b>

**Current liabilities**

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	16	4,374	-	-	-	4,374	3,402
Grants payable within 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>4,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,374</b>	<b>3,402</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>64,662</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,991</b>	<b>115,868</b>

<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,593,412</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,619,741</b>	<b>1,663,967</b>
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<b>Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)</b>							
Grants payable after 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Church		19,702	-	-	-	19,702	20,902
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,573,710</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,600,039</b>	<b>1,614,711</b>

**Funds of the Church**

Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	18	1,573,710				1,573,710	1,618,350
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	18		13			13	55
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>						<b>1,573,723</b>	<b>1,618,405</b>
Restricted Funds	18			26,316		26,316	24,660
Endowment Funds	18				-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,573,710</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,600,039</b>	<b>1,643,065</b>

Church Council Member

Signed: *Anwesterby*Name: *ANNE TIE WESTERBY*Date: *20/06/25*

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**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.

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- 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.

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<b>4a. Donations &amp; grants</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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
	<b>9,407</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>12,206</b>	<b>54,985</b>
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<b>4b. Other charitable income</b>				
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
	<b>87,171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,171</b>	<b>90,079</b>
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<b>5. Property maintenance</b>				
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
	<b>28,680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,680</b>	<b>34,605</b>
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<b>6. Insurance, utilities etc</b>				
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
	<b>45,218</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>46,218</b>	<b>29,189</b>
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**7. Office expenditure**

Telephone	3,010	-	3,010	3,427
Stationery & postage	260	-	260	82
Printing expenses	2,427	-	2,427	2,329
	<u>5,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,697</u>	<u>5,838</u>

**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
	<u>47,040</u>	<u>2,392</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,432</u>	<u>37,556</u>

**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

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**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
	<u>26,186</u>	<u>32,852</u>

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

**12. Tangible Fixed Assets**

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

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>14. Debtors &amp; prepayments</b>		
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
	<u>17,074</u>	<u>12,407</u>
	<u><u>17,074</u></u>	<u><u>12,407</u></u>
<b>15. Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Bank balance held in CFB	68,229	92,137
Bank balance held in CAF	9,999	14,644
Cash	63	82
	<u>78,291</u>	<u>106,863</u>
	<u><u>78,291</u></u>	<u><u>106,863</u></u>
<b>16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	-	-
Accruals	4,374	3,402
Other creditors	-	-
	<u>4,374</u>	<u>3,423</u>
	<u><u>4,374</u></u>	<u><u>3,423</u></u>

**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).

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<b>18. Analysis of funds</b>	<b>Opening balance £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Revaluation £</b>	<b>Closing balance £</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
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
	<u>24,660</u>	<u>3,648</u>	<u>(3,392)</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,316</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General reserve	1,618,350	133,361	(176,601)	(1,400)	-	1,573,710
Flower fund	55	290	(332)	-	-	13
	<u>1,618,405</u>	<u>133,651</u>	<u>(176,933)</u>	<u>(1,400)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,573,723</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,643,065</u>	<u>137,299</u>	<u>(180,325)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,600,039</u>

**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.

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**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)
	<u>1,573,710</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>26,316</u>	<u>1,600,039</u>	<u>1,643,065</u>

**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.