

CHRISTCHURCH HITCHIN

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

AND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2024

Trustees report for the year ended 31st August 2024

Context

A team of Trustees have the duty and responsibility to report on the activities of the Charity that is Christchurch (Methodist and United Reformed) Church. The team consists of the Minister and 8 elected from and by the church membership, in accordance with the terms of the constitution. Christchurch Hitchin is located at Bedford Road, Hitchin, SG5 1HF. It is a registered charity, no. 1142830, and its constitution was formally updated in January 2019.

Those serving for some, or all of the year were as follows:

Paul Arnold, David Box, Angela Griggs, Revd. Val Reid, Philippa Arnold, Marion Towers, Matthew Rossall, Stephen Cook, Nikki Williams, Janet Tackley

Retired during the year:

David Box, Janet Tackley

Elected during the year:

Marion Towers, Matthew Rossall, Stephen Cook, Nikki Williams

The Trustees, normally called the Trustee Oversight Group, meet monthly, and have overall responsibility for all aspects of Church Life.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees are committed to developing the work of the charity, to strengthening the discipleship of its members and to supporting and encouraging others to develop their faith and make a commitment as a follower of Christ.

The Mission Statement of the Church is: ***Led by the Spirit – Working in the Community – Bringing people to Christ.***

The “Growing Together” vision continues to be used to review our activities, in addition to the statement ‘Real Life, Real Love, Real You’ which was informally adopted in January 2020 as a way of thinking about all that we do as a charity.

The Purpose of the Charity, as set out in the Christchurch constitution, is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

The Trustees have a duty under the constitution to give the necessary direction to achieve its Purpose, and to “engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- the celebration of public worship.
- the teaching of the Christian faith.
- mission and evangelism.
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- 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
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

An introduction

Christchurch is a large congregation and as of 31 August 2024 there were 195 members. The average attendance at all services on a Sunday was 105, (consisting of 90 adults and 15 under 18's) as measured during the month of October 2023, in accordance with the procedures of the Methodist church.

Christchurch is a place where everyone is welcome. The Everyone Welcome Group is constantly reviewing what we have in place to ensure the church does not overlook the needs of anyone, but everyone would feel loved and experiences the love of God through the shared experiences of the church community. We celebrate our diversity which unites us a people of God and as a church community. The church community has not rested on its oars to ensure Christchurch is a safe space for both children and adults alike. Every aspect of church life is very important to us, as we seek to journey together in our faith journey.

We have lively worship every Sunday both in church and online through YouTube. We also have a lovely traditional service with holy communion on the first Sunday of every month at nine in the morning. We also have monthly worship services in Elmside Nursing Home on Tuesdays and Nightingale Road Day Centre on Thursdays. We do visit our elderly members who are at home and give them holy communion. Also, a variety of activities for children and adults take place in Christchurch building throughout the week. A team of dedicated and committed people work tirelessly behind the scenes, organising and ensuring these activities run successfully and within the church's guidelines. However, more hands are needed in various roles to help run the activities in the Church. Such supporting roles are intrinsic to the church's fruitful ministry

Growing Together towards God, who is Father, Son, and Spirit.

Our AGM in November 2023 brought new trustees and we welcomed a new Circuit steward with responsibility for Christchurch.

Growing together in faith sharing.

We have focused our thoughts, prayers, and discernment on supporting our new minister who arrives in September 2024 and in saying goodbye to Rev Val Reid who retired in August 2024.

Growing together as a community centred in Jesus Christ.

The Everyone Welcome Steering Group began this year to help Christchurch get better at helping everyone who connects with us or walks through our doors feel welcome, comfortable and safe.

We began by reviewing our facilities. Our first recommendation was to increase the accessibility and flexibility of our toilet provision which was quickly followed up by Finance and Property.

We considered how we worship together and suggested some changes in projected slides to make them easier to see, and how best to support and welcome our Elmside friends.

We had a major declutter of spaces and different rooms so that we look more appealing. There are further things we think could be improved for all who use our rooms and building.

We are learning about better communication to be more welcoming to anyone with communication or social communication needs, endeavouring to reach a status of Communication Accessible next year. This will include welcoming those who are neurodivergent, living with dementia or have learning difficulties. Towards this, we have begun extending our Makaton signing abilities. We have started to plan social events where many of us can get together and have fun and invite others,

Growing together in loving and serving others.

Our work in Refresh on a Tuesday and then extending to Friday, providing a warm space for the community.

Over the last year we have, among other things: Responded to queries about our youth and children's work, and safeguarding; Considered our relationship with uniformed organisations; Thought about funeral arrangements and room hire issues; Helped make decisions on our buildings and finances.

Looked ahead to the next chapter of our church story – how we can together discern God's vision for us and prayerfully find solutions to shortfalls in volunteering and financial resources.

Growing together as followers and leaders.

We have been thinking about the future governance of Christchurch. Being a Trustee at Christchurch is interesting and worthwhile. It is about wanting to support the vision and strategy of Christchurch. The Trustee Group exists to discern the vision and way forward for the church, and to communicate through the various areas to the church members to enable the areas to work towards this in their decisions and practice. Christchurch is a resilient community and an exciting place to be part of.

Worshiping Together

The inclusion of our assigned Musical Director for each Sunday service to work with the preacher in choosing the hymns and songs is working well.

The Sunday morning band has continued over the last year to enhance and enable the worship of the congregation to the best of its ability. Whilst there is a core of long-standing players and singers, we've welcomed new musicians in the last year, and encourage occasional players/singers to join us when they can. Our aim is to give the best we can individually and collectively, within a positive and welcoming environment.

We are working with the Makaton Angels to incorporate signing in more services, making the most of their growing repertoire of songs and prayers

The live streaming of services continues to be appreciated by those unable to join us in person for various reasons. We have roughly a dozen viewers live each Sunday morning and around 40 views of each service on catch-up over the following weeks. We continue to offer live streaming for other events, such as funerals and concerts. In addition to closer collaboration with the Youth, Children and Family team, we are also working with the "Everyone Welcome" team to improve our inclusivity in worship by looking at subtitles, remote screens and the fonts and colours used in worship presentations.

Teaching and Discipleship - headlines

- Main focus of teaching at Christchurch currently comes within our Sunday morning services and Junior Church sessions.
- Preachers follow the Lectionary.
- 'Small Groups' for adults, involving approximately 100 people meeting weekly or fortnightly. These have continued in a variety of formats. Some have continued to meet on Zoom since the lifting of the pandemic restrictions and others are now meeting in person again.
- Lunchtime meditation group
- 'Christchurch men's breakfast', a valuable time of fellowship for men (mostly of the more mature age group) although open to all ages.

Youth and children's and families

Youth, children, and families continued to be a key part of our mission during the year. With an active 'Junior Church' for children aged from birth to 18, this work has been supported with a full-time Youth & Children's worker.

An overview is given below. (Activities provided are age/stage appropriate with any necessary adjustments made to ensure ALL are included).

Early Years: (Age 0-5)

- Christchurch Hitchin Baby and Toddler Group with 40 families on the register (average attendance 20 families)
- Crèche - for Sunday mornings

Primary: (Age 5-11)

- Our 'Jump Start' group for children aged 5-11 meets most Sundays during the main service for bible teaching, games and fun! We have a very lively group with 14 children that regularly attend.
- Holiday Club returned in July. There were 30 children attending over the three-days.

Secondary: (Age 11-16/18)

- F3 group for children aged 11-16 meets most Sundays during the main service for bible teaching, discussion and fun!
- Youth Hangout – This has been running for a year and a half. We have seen this grow from 4 young people in the first week to now having 11-18 young people each week. We have a group of churches represented at Youth Hangout through volunteers and young people from 2 other churches in Hitchin. We also have the support of Phase with some of their team also on our volunteer team. We have done so many different things in the past 11 months, some of these things have been events the young people have asked to do, some have been things that we have planned but they have been enjoyed by all. This summer we went for the first time to our first summer youth festival. Youth Hangout hosted a youth Christmas service which all the churches were invited to on Saturday 9th December 2023. Uniformed Organisations - Our Scout Group, and our Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides, are all sponsored by Christchurch under formal agreements with their respective Districts.

Outreach

Reach Out initiatives and support fall under two headings: Home and Overseas.

Home

- Refresh – is open two morning a week, providing the opportunity for anyone in the local community to meet in a relaxed environment over a cuppa and a biscuit or piece of cake.
- Meeting Needs monthly deliveries of furniture and other non-perishable goods to people in need.
- Daisychains, a support group for families of pre-school children with additional needs.
- Simpsons Alms houses.
- Wednesday evening Badminton Club
- North Herts Circuit of the Methodist Church and the North Herts Group of United Reformed Churches – Christchurch plays an active role in these.
- Supporting local charities - Helping Herts Homeless for the Homeless and North Herts Sanctuary, for homeless young people, and Hitchin Food Bank.
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Overseas

- Prayer and financial commitment continued to be key features of our commitment to serving people overseas.
- We continued to respond throughout the year to emergency appeals as a result of either man-made or natural disasters.
- We are an Eco Church, and volunteers run several recycling initiatives.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding at Christchurch follows our own policy which builds upon the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Methodist Church. Our safeguarding group is responsible for ensuring that these policies are understood and implemented correctly by all members of the church and users of our premises. The Christchurch safeguarding team receive support from the district and national safeguarding teams of the Methodist Church. Last year we implemented the use of a standard form for risk assessments. These forms are required to be reviewed every year, and if necessary, updated.

Safer Recruitment

Last year we reviewed the Methodist policies on Safer Recruitment, and it was felt that we now needed to ensure that safer recruitment procedures were understood and implemented. The Christchurch Safeguarding handbook has been updated and is on display in the Welcome area. This booklet is also accessible on the church website.

Church Safeguarding Policy

Each year we review and update our church safeguarding policy and present it to be ratified at the church meeting.

Training

All our volunteers who work with vulnerable adults, children and young people are required to apply for a criminal record check (DBS). Once this is granted, they will then have training on a Foundation course. This introduces the concepts of good practice, how to recognise abusive behaviour and the steps to take when a concern is raised.

Property

Christchurch Finance and Property Committee

The committee has 9 members but has the option to co-opt other people for specific projects. The full Finance and Property committee meets about 4 times a year but has a Finance Wing and also a Property Wing which meet between full F&P meetings to move specific items forward where a smaller gathering is sometimes more efficient.

Annual Property tasks undertaken during the year

Annual Returns completed, and any necessary work undertaken – Quinquennial, Methodist Property Return and Church Return Report.

Normal maintenance checks carried out – Boiler servicing, Fire Alarm System/Extinguishers/Blanket Inspections and Testing, PAT testing, Organ and piano tuning, Regular window cleaning, Visual site inspections both interior and exterior, Sewer pit inspection and water meter reading if necessary, Water flush checks, Lighting, etc.

- Garden working parties organised as and when necessary.
- Regular maintenance of first aid boxes.
- Risk Assessment and Accessibility Audit updated.

Other Property tasks undertaken during this year

- RAAC Concrete - Full investigation carried out to confirm none present.
- Lighting – Fluorescent tubes being gradually replaced with LED
- Toilets – Signage changed to provide a greater number of All Inclusive facilities.
- Ongoing decluttering

In total for the year ended 31 August 2024, £33,007 was spent on equipment, maintenance and cleaning.

Accounts

The financial deficit in 2023-24 was £6,597. The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are set out below. The Trustees have also formulated Accounting Policies and a Reserves Policy and these are set out below:

Reserves policy

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain a balance in reserve which equates to 6 months of the assessments due to the Methodist and United Reformed Churches, and wages for the staff employed directly by Christchurch, plus potential employment termination costs and redundancy liabilities. In addition, provision has been made for capital projects expected to be carried out during the year.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Approved at the Trustees Meeting held on 7 May 2025 and signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Angela Griggs
Church Secretary

Declarations

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual – based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Leadership Group, being the trustees of the Church.

Signed:

Stephanie Breker

Date:

1st June 2025.

Name of Treasurer: *Stephanie Breker.*

Address of Treasurer: *111 Benslow Lane, Hitchin, SG4 9RA.*

Presentation to the Trustees for approval

I confirm that the Trustees Annual Report, the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were approved by the Trustees.

Signed:

Stephen A Cook

Date:

1/6/25

Name: *STEPHEN A COOK*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Christchurch, Hitchin, a Methodist/URC LEP, for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of the assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under s144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility for:

- Examine the accounts under s145 of the Charities Act,
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Declarations

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Neil Harding

Date:

9-6-25

Name of Independent Examiner: Neil Harding BA FCA

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

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Name of Church

Christchurch Hitchin

Church No

340515

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £
Income						
1 Offerings		106,186	-	5,913	-	112,099
2 Donations and Grants		9,209	-	3,442	-	12,651
3 Gift aid		23,892	-	2,184	-	26,076
4 Interest and investment income		13,187	-	1,568	-	14,755
5 Income from lettings		35,406	-	-	-	35,406
6 Internal organisations		5,050	-	1,685	-	6,735
7 Other charitable income		7,626	-	110	-	7,736
8 Total income		200,556	-	14,902	-	215,458
Expenditure						
9 Circuit and URC assessments		91,089	-	-	-	91,089
10 Grants and donations		12,939	-	-	-	12,939
10A Ministry, Worship and Teaching		1,461	-	-	-	1,461
11 Property maintenance		33,007	-	-	-	33,007
12 Insurance, utilities etc		19,742	-	-	-	19,742
13 Staff costs		11,056	-	29,609	-	40,665
14 Office expenses		9,993	-	-	-	9,993
15 Other expenditure		6,318	-	4,001	-	10,319
16 Internal organisations		-	-	2,839	-	2,839
17 Total charitable expenditure		185,605	-	36,449	-	222,054
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		14,951	-	-21,547	-	-6,596
21 Transfers between funds		-8,564	-	8,564	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		6,387	-	-12,983	-	-6,596
24 Total funds brought forward		2,243,541	-	41,868	-	2,285,409
25 Total funds carried forward		2,249,928	-	28,885	-	2,278,813

Name of Church

Christchurch Hitchin

Church No 340515

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings		104,903	-	5,629	-	110,532
2 Donations and Grants		5,998	-	4,610	-	10,608
3 Gift aid		23,017	-	1,717	-	24,734
4 Interest and investment income		7,488	-	1,142	-	8,630
5 Income from lettings		28,229	-	-	-	28,229
6 Internal organisations		4,600	-	3,471	-	8,071
7 Other charitable income		4,155	-	150	-	4,305
8 Total income		178,390	-	16,719	-	195,109
Expenditure						
9 Circuit and URC assessments		82,920	-	-	-	82,920
10 Grants and donations		4,634	-	-	-	4,634
10A Ministry, Worship and Teaching		2,091	-	-	-	2,091
11 Property maintenance		27,753	-	-	-	27,753
12 Insurance, utilities etc		22,149	-	-	-	22,149
13 Staff costs		11,490	-	29,068	-	40,558
14 Office expenses		8,552	-	-	-	8,552
15 Other expenditure		1,670	-	4,221	-	5,891
16 Internal organisations		-	-	3,436	-	3,436
17 Total charitable expenditure		161,259	-	36,725	-	197,984
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		17,131	-	-20,006	-	-2,875
21 Transfers between funds		-26,674	-	26,674	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		-9,543	-	6,668	-	-2,875
24 Total funds brought forward		2,253,084	-	35,200	-	2,288,284
25 Total funds carried forward		2,243,541	-	41,868	-	2,285,409

Name of Church

Christchurch Hitchin

Church No

340515

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Fixed Assets							
Church building and other property		2,000,000				2,000,000	2,000,000
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments		10,170		772	-	10,942	9,759
Loans by the Churches		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP		171,763	-	-	-	171,763	163,401
Central Finance Board Deposits		66,968	-	28,113	-	95,081	101,196
Cash at Bank and in hand		9,289	-	-	-	9,289	14,845
Total current assets		258,190	-	28,885	-	287,075	289,201
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		8,262	-	-	-	8,262	3,792
Grants payable		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		8,262	-	-	-	8,262	3,792
Net current assets/liabilities		249,928	-	28,885	-	278,813	285,409
Total assets less current liabilities		2,249,928	-	28,885	-	2,278,813	2,285,409
Long term liabilities							
(due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2019-20		-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Church		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		2,249,928	-	28,885	-	2,278,813	2,285,409
Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		2,249,928	-	-	-	2,249,928	2,243,541
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			-	-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		2,249,928	-	-	-	2,249,928	2,243,541
Restricted Funds				28,885		28,885	41,868
Endowment Funds			-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		2,249,928	-	28,885	-	2,278,813	2,285,409

Notes to the accounts 2023-24

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (effective 1 January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the accruals basis and historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Christchurch Hitchin meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The financial statement are prepared in Sterling (£)

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive them; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expense is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not.

Funds

The funds held constitute:

General funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted

Restricted funds held for a narrower purpose

There are no endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 10 of these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than cash.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at the settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the Charity. Subsequently they are measured at cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

Creditors are measured at the settlement amount less any trade discounts.

VAT

The Church is not VAT registered; all expenses are recognised gross, with no deduction for input VAT.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed cost, of which the land component is deemed to be £0.6m. No depreciation is provided on the building as the trustees consider the current residual fair value to be not less than its current value. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Beneficial Interest

The Church has a beneficial interest in the proceeds from the sale of Priory Way (the former URC manse) and Queen Street (the former Congregational Church). The approximate value at 31 August 2024 of the relevant Trust Funds held by the URC was £462,764

2. Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to Trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Meeting. This excludes stipends and expenses relating to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

3. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiner Fee for reporting on the accounts	650	650
Other fees (eg advice, accountancy services) paid the Independent Examiner	-	-

4. Paid Employees

No employees have been paid more than £60,000 pa.

Staff costs during the year were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in Kind	36,150	35,878
Employers National Insurance costs	2,478	2,453
Pension Costs	2,037	2,227
Total staff costs	40,665	40,558

Average number of full time equivalent employees in the year were: 2 1

5. Capital commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31 August 2024, there are no capital commitments, and no contingent liabilities have been identified at that date.

6. Monies received and passed on to External Organisations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance brought forward	0	0
Offerings/gifts - received for external organisations	0	0
Offerings/gifts - passed to external organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

£'000	Land	Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	Assets under construction	Total
Cost					
Opening balance 1 September 2023	600	1,200	200	-	2,000
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance 31 August 2024	600	1,200	200	-	2,000
Accumulated Depreciation					
Opening balance 1 September 2023	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance 31 August 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Net book Value 1 September 2023	600	1,200	200	-	2,000
Net book Value 31 August 2024	600	1,200	200	-	2,000

The value of the Church building and the land on which it stands is believed to be considerably greater than the value shown. There is no depreciation on the building or fixtures, fittings or equipment as it is judged that this is immaterial. There were no indicators of impairment since the market value is considered to be greater than the book value.

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors - Gift Aid	9,380	8,509
Other Debtors	1,561	1,250
	<u>10,942</u>	<u>9,759</u>

9. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	8,262	3,792
	<u>8,262</u>	<u>3,792</u>

10. Analysis of restricted funds 2023-24

Fund name	Opening balance	Incoming resources		Resources expended		Transfers ex Main A/c	Closing balance	Purpose of fund
Youth (incl.Messy Church)	25885	Offerings	5637	Youth projects, i.e. Int'l Organisations	3664	9285	13479	Promotion of youth work
		Staff support grant	3380					
		Gift Aid 2022/23	1272					
		Interest	1054					
Junior Church	945	Gift Aid 2023/24	576	Staff costs	29946			
		Offerings	275					
		Interest	50					
		Gift Aid 2023/24						
G.Milledge	5629	Donations	50	Grants			5961	Assist young people working overseas
		Interest	270					
		Gift Aid 2023/24	12					
Pastoral	1529	Donations	110	Expenses		-110	1609	Pastoral work
		Interest	80					
		Gift Aid 2023/24						
Manila Fund	2186	Donations					2301	
		Interest	115					
		Gift Aid 2023/24						
Lunch Club	3971	Int'l Organisations	1685	Int'l Organisations	2839		2817	Support Manila church
Badminton Club	695	Int'l Organisations		Int'l Organisations	0		695	
Flower fund	244	Donations		Expenditure			244	Weekly Church flowers
Donation – chairs	64	Donations		Expenditure	0		64	Memorial donation
Donation – kitchen	720	Donations		Expenditure	0		720	Memorial donation
Fund adjustment	0						0	
Adjustments - for accruals and monies not yet transferred								
Gift Aid (2022-23) received Nov 23		Gift Aid	-436			436		
Gift Aid (2023-24) received Nov 24		Gift Aid	772			-772		
Total	41,868		14,902		36,449	8,564	28,885	

Comparative analysis of restricted funds 2021-22

Fund name	Opening balance	Incoming resources		Resources expended		Transfers ex Main A/c	Closing balance	Purpose of fund
Youth (incl.Messy Church)	19590	Offerings	5532	Youth projects, i.e. Int'l Organisations	3774	26470	25885	Promotion of youth work
		Staff support grant	4610					
		Gift Aid 2021/22	1304					
		Interest	798					
Junior Church	914	Gift Aid 2022/23	423	Staff costs	29068	-111	945	
		Offerings	97					
		Interest	32					
		Gift Aid 2022/23	13					
G.Milledge	5382	Donations		Grants		60	5629	Assist young people working overseas
		Interest	187					
		Gift Aid 2022/23						
Pastoral	1477	Offerings	120	Expenses	447	328	1529	Pastoral work
		Interest	51					
		Gift Aid 2022/23						
Manila Fund	2113	Donations					2186	
		Interest	73					
		Gift Aid 2022/23						
Lunch Club	3936	Int'l Organisations	3471	Int'l Organisations	3436		3971	Support Manila church
Badminton Club	695	Int'l Organisations	0	Int'l Organisations	0		695	
Ladies Friendship Circle	65	Int'l Organisations	0	Int'l Organisations	0	-65	0	
Flower fund	244	Donations	30	Expenditure		-30	244	Weekly Church flowers
Donation – chairs	64	Donations	0	Expenditure	0		64	Memorial donation
Donation – kitchen	720	Donations	0	Expenditure	0		720	Memorial donation
Fund adjustment	0						0	
Adjustments - for accruals and monies not yet transferred								
Gift Aid (2021-22) received Nov.21		Gift Aid	-458			458		
Gift Aid (2022-23) received Dec 22		Gift Aid	436			-436		
Total	35200		16719		36725	26674	41868	