

THE COTTERIDGE CHURCH

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Details

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Legal form Other

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES.

Activities: The Cotteridge Church serves the community through worship, involvement in the local foodbank, running a cafe and an older adults centre. Alongside church events, it also acts as a hire venue to a wide range of groups throughout the week. The Church was formed in 1986 when local Church of England, Methodist and United Reformed Churches combined as a Single Congregation Ecumenical Partnership.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£201,064	£210,465	-	-
2024-12-31	£229,755	£204,320	-	-
2023-12-31	£219,804	£300,333	-	-
2022-12-31	£240,164	£565,773	-	-
2021-12-31	£421,459	£352,532	-	-
2020-12-31	£446,007	£380,725	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Lesley Sprackling		2024-05-12
DOROTHY JOYCE AUDLEY		2018-04-21
JANE STEPHENS		2017-06-10
MICHAEL ARTHUR MEADOWS		2022-05-14
Michael Andrew Ravenhill		2024-05-12
Monica Taylor		2025-05-18
Norman John Mann		2025-03-13
PAMELA JANE WADDELL		2022-05-14
Rev Farai Mapamula		2024-11-01
Rev ROGER COLLINS B PHIL		2011-06-24
Rev Tariro Julian Mukoja		2025-04-13
STEPHEN PAUL AUDLEY		2018-04-21

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2025

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Annual Report 2025

Year ended 31 December 2025

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At the Church AGM in 2024, the updated Strategic Plan for 2024/2030 was presented and endorsed by the meeting. As part of that update, the Mission Statement remained unchanged, but the Vision statement was amended. 2025/26 was year 2 of the Plan, and there will be an opportunity at the 2026 AGM to hear about progress against the objectives we set.

Our Mission Statement

The calling of the Cotteridge Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

Our Vision Statement

The Cotteridge Church builds a welcoming, vibrant and inclusive community for Christian worship, fellowship and service. Immersed in our local community, we are responsive to wider world challenges.

Our Values:

- Inclusive - We nurture and build an inclusive community and inclusive theology
- Ecumenical - We are an ecumenical space that respects individual church traditions and celebrates what unites us
- Active - We take action to bring about God's Kingdom
- Sustainable - We act in ways that reflect an ethical and sustainable approach to people, planet and finance
- Community-focused - We see community as central to achieving our vision and supporting each other
- Collectively pastoral – We look out for each other and provide support through organised and informal means.

Trustees who served during the year

Ex officio

Rev'd Tariro Mukoja from April 2025, and Chair of JCC from July 2025

Rev'd Farai Mapamula

Rev'd Roger Collins (Non-stipendiary Anglican Minister and member of PCC)

Co-opted

Neil Walters (Churchwarden) to March 2025

Norman Mann (Churchwarden and Vice chair of PCC) from March 2025

Mike Meadows (Methodist Steward)

Dorothy Audley (URC Elder), Chair of JCC to July 2025 and Joint Treasurer

Elected

Monica Taylor from May 2025

Philip Adams

Stephen Audley, Joint Treasurer

Jane Stephens

Pam Waddell

Alison Sprackling

Michael Ravenhill

Neil Walters to March 2025

Chris Pascal to May 2025

Sandra Walton to May 2025

Non-trustees

Rev'd Cleopas Sibanda (Methodist Superintendent)

Marjorie Roper (Methodist Circuit Steward)

Introduction

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus. I write this as we continue our journey through this holy season, and my heart is full of gratitude for the beautiful way you have lived the mysteries of Advent, Christmas, and now Lent as a church family. In spite of all our frailties! God has indeed held us together.

During Advent, our community entered deeply into the spirit of watchful hope, with the highlight, at least for me, being the Christmas Fayre. It really did feel like we are a church that lives out its faith through community engagement. Like the prophet Isaiah and Saint John the Baptist, we listened again for the voice that calls us to “prepare the way of the Lord.” Your presence at Holy Communion/Eucharist, your participation in prayer opportunities especially the Tuesday morning HC, and your generosity to those in need reflected in your unwavering support for the B30 Foodbank, shows a true longing for Christ. In a world often marked by noise and distraction, you made space for silence, reflection, and expectation.

At Christmas, we rejoiced together in the birth of our Saviour. The celebration of the Nativity was made radiant not only by beautiful liturgies and sacred music, but by your faith. Our All-Age worship cafe-style is legendary, and something to hold on to. In welcoming family members, visitors, and those who may not often join us, we collectively embodied the hospitality of the Holy Family. As we contemplated the mystery of the Word made flesh, we were reminded that Emmanuel—God with us—continues to dwell in our midst.

Now, in Lent, we have turned our hearts toward Jerusalem, walking with Christ on the path that leads to the Cross and, ultimately, to the joy of Easter. Your commitment to prayer, and various Lent classes, fasting, and giving, has been a powerful witness. Whether through the various charities that we support, or in our quiet sacrifices known only to God, you are embracing this season with sincerity and courage. Be of good cheer!

I am especially grateful for all who have given of their time and talent: our ministers both lay and ordained, organists, AV volunteers, and our lay staff. Your service makes it possible for our church and community to flourish and for others to encounter Christ. To those who have reached out to the lonely, supported the poor, and comforted the grieving, thank you for being the hands and heart of Jesus in our community.

Thank you to all our committees and the work you offer to all of us.

As we continue through Lent and look ahead to the celebration of Easter, may we remain united in faith and love. Let us encourage one another to persevere in hope, trusting that the Lord who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your faithfulness, and may our church and community continue to grow as a joyful witness to God's saving love.

With gratitude and every blessing,

The Rev'd Farai Mapamula

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. In The Cotteridge Church a number of members have undertaken the Leadership Safeguarding training to help lead the church on Safeguarding matters. We continue to use the Church of England Safeguarding resources and their training courses. We are at the time of writing, seeking a volunteer to lead on Safeguarding for the Church.

Training is undertaken regularly and certificates kept up to date. DBS checks are carried out as they are required.

There were no Safeguarding issues during the year.

Membership

The number of members, as reported to the Church Council on 31st December 2025 was 106 (2024 - 109). 70 members are on the active list and 36 on the community list.

Sadly, three members died during 2025, Geoff Hulme, who had moved to South Wales to be near family, Janet Philips, and Jennifer Moore, who had moved to Manchester to be near her son.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Cotteridge Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Its premises are subject to a sharing agreement between the three denominations and its structure, governance and management is ordered by an updated constitution adopted at the 2020 AGM in April 2020.

Throughout the year the Trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit and in particular the specific guidance provided to charities involved in the advancement of religion.

Congregational Meeting

The meeting is chaired by the minister and is a vehicle for consulting with the congregation about all aspects of Church life, and for communicating the decisions of JCC to the wider Church congregation.

The annual meeting usually taking place around April/May is not only the Church AGM but also the time when the three denominational AGMs are held. It is at this meeting when the Annual report and Accounts are received.

Report of the Joint Church Council

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Reports and Accounts! This document celebrates the hard work of many wonderful individuals and, in terms of the accounts, the generosity of everyone who kindly supports The Cotteridge Church. We're grateful for your continued support and dedication.

Please take a moment to review the reports and accounts carefully. We're looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 10th, right after the 10:30 am service. It'll be a wonderful opportunity for you to ask questions and share your thoughts. We warmly encourage you to join us for both the worship service and the meeting, as it's a special chance for your voice to contribute to our shared mission of seeking God's guidance in serving the Cotteridge community with love and purpose.

The Joint Church Council (JCC) is responsible for the legal oversight of The Cotteridge Church. It is made up of members outlined in the Church Constitution 2020. Ex officio members, stipendiary and non-stipendiary ministers, Co-opted members including the Churchwarden of the Church of England, the Methodist Steward, and the URC Elder, serve until the next AGM. Elected members serve three-year terms and retire by rotation. Additionally, the JCC functions as the Trustees' body, with its members listed at the beginning of this report.

The JCC handles the Church's finances with care and responsibility, including managing and overseeing all financial activities and appointing the Treasurer. The joint Treasurers appointed by the trustees work alongside the Administrator to keep the accounting records that help us understand the Church's financial health. The Trustees take their role seriously, making sure that these records are

accurate and transparent, which allows them to assess the Church's financial situation effectively. They also ensure that the financial statements meet all the necessary standards as follows:

- The charity is regarded as a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

- The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) that applies to charities preparing their accounts in line with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), published on 16 July 2014, as well as the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as of 1 January 2015.

The JCC is dedicated to safeguarding the Church's valuable assets and actively preventing and detecting any fraud or irregularities. Considering the Charity's income level, it is essential that the JCC has the financial statements professionally reviewed by an independent examiner before making them publicly available.

The JCC meets at least six times annually and, when needed, holds special meetings to address issues as they arise.

A summary of the minutes of meetings is made available to members; these are displayed on the small notice board near the church office shortly after each meeting. Additionally, the summary is printed in the Roundabout magazine.

Norman M was put forward as the Churchwarden and admitted at a service in July. As a trustee, he is now representing Cotteridge Church at the Church of England deanery synod.

We would like to thank the various committees and their members for all the work they have done in 2025. It has enabled us as a church to get to this point. We see you, we appreciate your efforts and value your time.

The Pastoral and Worship team continued their work, ensuring our services went well throughout the year. We truly appreciate this work as worship is at the heart of who we are.

The Property and Management team continued their work in 2025, completing the decoration of the Cotswold and Clee rooms, which had started in 2024. The garden team has continued working, ensuring we have lovely flowers inside and out. We would like to thank them for their time, effort, and contributions to the way our building looks.

The Community Services committee planned various programs, including hosting the listening event with Al Carn and a Christmas event, which brought people together and strengthened relationships with the community. We are truly grateful for their work.

Over the course of the year, we, together with other groups that meet here, like BB, have supported charities like Action for Children, the B30 foodbank and Birmingham Hospice through donations in money, toys, and food. Let us keep up the good work.

We said farewell and later welcomed Tina back after some health concerns. We also welcomed Diane, who joined the kitchen team part-time, bringing the team to 3 with Sonia.

Whilst the Café continues to run at a financial loss, there has been a significant improvement, and we are hopeful that it will soon break even and/or make a profit that will go a long way to sustaining our vision as a church for the community we serve. We would like to thank the kitchen staff and the volunteers for their hard work during the week and on weekends, and for their service and hospitality when we host special events.

The Sales Room continues to generate valuable income, and our thanks go to Linda W. for her dedication to ensuring that everything is in order and for managing donations. For security reasons, a camera was installed there, which is now in place.

We were able to maintain good relations with the different groups that use our building throughout this year, many thanks to Sarah C, our administrator, for managing this work.

Under the supervision of JCC, the AV system was upgraded, and we hope this has made things better for us all.

We worked on various policies to ensure that we are up to date.

We have had 2 new ministers working with us this year: from the Methodist Church, Rev'd Farai Mapamula, and from the Church of England, Rev'd Tariro Mukoja. We still had a vacancy for the URC minister; however, the appointment process has been underway. At the time of reading this report, it has been announced that our Methodist Minister, Rev'd Farai, will be leaving us in August. A new Methodist minister, Rev'd Tokunbo Asogbon has been appointed and will begin his ministry amongst us in September. Also, the URC minister Rev'd Naomi Sakala has been appointed and will be joining us later in 2026.

As JCC, we are continuing our work to have a youth worker, which we were not able to achieve in 2025. This work will include grant applications to ensure we have funding for this role.

A grant application which was submitted earlier in the year was successful so this gives us hope.

We are still seeking volunteers to fill the roles of Safeguarding officer and Treasurer, either individually or as a team.

We have kept our Facebook active throughout the year and are looking forward to updating the website.

We endeavour to continue working together to protect and promote the aims and objectives set out for the Church.

We will keep all members updated, and please feel free to raise any issues or questions you may have at the meeting.

Rev'd Tariro Mukoja Chair of the Joint Church Council

Risk Management

The Joint Church Council recognises the need for appropriate policies and procedures to manage risk (including Health & Safety), across all areas of activity for which it is responsible, including its buildings and facilities, as well as a wide range of activities and events. Subject to policies agreed by the JCC, each Committee has responsibility for the effective day to day implementation of the relevant agreed risk management processes covering the areas of activity for which they are responsible.

The Church's exposure to risk is being managed and monitored through the Risk Register agreed by the JCC in 2014 and covers five major areas:

1. Strategic and Reputational Risk
2. Financial Risk
3. Compliance Ongoing Risk
4. Operational Risk
5. Property/premises

The major risks to which the JCC is exposed are identified in the above-mentioned document and the JCC are ultimately responsible to ensure that there are procedures established to reduce and manage those risks.

The Risk Register is reviewed on a regular basis as determined by JCC and was last updated in 2025.

Financial Review

The Annual Accounts show the year's income to be £201,064 a decrease on the previous year (£229,755). This decrease was anticipated (the church can hardly expect substantial legacies each year!). Expenditure at £210,465 is higher than the previous year (£204,320), with running costs rising continuously we need to look at ways of reducing costs and increasing our income. Utility bills continue to be a large expense. We have been fortunate in receiving a grant from the City Council towards being a Warm Space for users.

We give our thanks to our Administrator for continuing to secure regular and occasional users for our rooms, the income from hire makes up a considerable portion of the church's overall income.

As you are aware the church's Reserves Policy determines the amount required to be kept in Reserve to enable the church to be financially viable. The reserve requirement is reviewed regularly, and the Trustees notified of the figures. The church called upon the reserves to upgrade the Audio-Visual equipment during the year. We are pleased to report that reserves remain within the Reserves Policy requirements. As previous reports have stated, there is little scope for financing major building or refurbishment work. Refurbishment work continues to be carried out 'in-house' where viable, with external contractors being called in when their skills are required. It is hoped that internal fundraising efforts, together with some grant applications, will prove successful in bringing in sufficient funding towards some necessary major works projects very soon.

We are aware that church income cannot be guaranteed, hirers may leave and new users may not materialise. Regular donors may, without notice withdraw their donations. We are extremely appreciative for the continued support from our regular donors and anticipate that members will continue to be generous in supporting the many and varied activities of the church.

As ever, finance plays its role in enabling the church to thrive and grow. To continue its work and mission, finance is needed to maintain the building for use by the church and the community groups that have chosen the church as their base. We have staff who rely on the church to pay their wages. We rely heavily upon our staff and our volunteers to clean, cook and run our regular activities. (We're always in need of more volunteers should you have a few hours a week to spare).

The church's expenses continue to rise – bills arrive, wages need paying, food has to be purchased – etc. etc. We need to talk 'money', though we don't really like to do so, do we? Could our personal 'giving' be increased – could we all look around us when in the building and look at ways to reduce costs – switch off lights, turn the radiator down, turn off taps, close doors.

We give our thanks to Linda W. and her helpers for their wonderful work in the Sales Room – during the year they have brought in over £2,700 (included in the fundraising figure)

D. J. and S. P. Audley

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy of The Cotteridge Church was reviewed at the March 2025 meeting of JCC.

The reserves are calculated as follows:

“Six to Twelve Months Average Monthly Expenditure, plus the evaluated 5-year forecast of property expenditure, plus any restricted or designated funds, plus five percent of annual income for mission projects”.

The Policy was revisited in March 2026.

Administrator’s Report

1. 2025 was a steady year for room hire. Although the final invoiced figure was £46.5k which is a decrease of 11% from 2024, we were aware that this would happen as C2U reduced their student numbers and ultimately their room hire requirements and CGL moved back to their hub once it re-opened which took away 40% of their room hire requirements per week from us. We continued to work hard maintaining our rapport with existing clients as well as forming new relationships within the community.

We have welcomed Home Start Birmingham South into the church as regular room hirers holding a weekly stay and play session for registered families and we have been working with two local housing associations who held a couple of training events here and a Christmas celebration. They have been so impressed with our hospitality that they have booked multiple sessions every month for the remainder of 2026 with an expected revenue of over £2,000.00.

2. Staffing levels in the kitchen were tumultuous in 2025 with lots of different variations for a large portion of the year, however, we closed the year on a high, all three positions in the kitchen are filled and the team are working extremely well together.

The financial figures throughout the year showed a steady progression to reduce the deficit within Catering which we did very well. The deficit at the end of 2025 was -£9721 compared with -£14734 in 2024.

This was achieved through staffing re-structure, better buying, portion control and an improvement in the quality of food that we are serving from the kitchen which has helped sales rise by 15%.

We also saw our hygiene rating improve to a 4 which we are very proud of.

3. The representatives that we have in the church on a regular basis are proving to be very popular. Sharon Staples of BCC has become a familiar face and attends the church weekly for her sessions which are a great benefit to the local community. It also relieves some of the strain that was previously put on me by people coming into the building looking for support.

We also have a gentleman who can issue fuel vouchers and he attends the church once monthly, as do representatives from The Samaritans.

4. Continued enhancement of the spaces within the church and garden have helped improve our facilities hugely. We have now formed a small working group who have started looking at available grants and begun applying for funds which would enable us to refurbish larger areas within the building that require much more money and time to be spent on them.

We will be in a position to report on the success of this group next year.

Sarah Canning.

Church Committees and Groups

The Church is supported by a limited number of Committees and Groups:

Worship and Pastoral Committee

We welcomed both Rev'd Farai Mapamula and Rev'd Tariro Mukoja to ministry in the Cotteridge Church during the early part of the year and returned to ministerial chairing of the committee by Farai and Roger stepping down as secretary.

Communion continued on 2nd & 4th Sundays with Anglican distribution returning to using the common cup as required by Canon Law and Methodist services using bread. Covid restrictions had required us to make temporary adaptations which are now being phased out. Lay members now lead the intercessions on Communion Sundays and home communions are on offer again.

A Songs of Praise service was well received as well as the midweek carol service.

A new and more streamlined AV system was installed with a lot of work from John C & Sarah, which has simplified the operating desk although there are still some issues with the sound, and two new operators have been recruited.

Tariro led an Advent Bible Study on Zoom, a new development which will be tried again with more publicity in advance.

It is hoped to recruit some Pastoral Visitors in 2026 to support the work of the clergy.

Jane Stephens.

Flower ministry

I have been so grateful to those who have donated to the Flower Ministry. You have all made it possible for us to enjoy seeing flowers in church that does enhance our worship. Please do continue to support in the coming year as without these donations having flowers in church wouldn't be sustainable.

I want to say a big thankyou to those who have helped me with the flowers again this year....Linda Woodhouse, Rita Sutton, and Chris Pascal for supporting and helping when needed, and a special thank you to Steph who is always there when needed. Working as a team brings the best results for us all to share and I am so grateful to everyone. Now we have the upcycled flower stand that takes vases, it's much easier to do the flowers rather than doing an arrangement, so.....there is always room for others to join us so please come and chat to me about the possibilities.

Thank you again for all your encouragement.

Sandra Walton.

Praying through Change Group

The Praying through change group was started in the early 2000's by Hazel Nash and Gill Salkeld, who felt the need at the time to pray for the Cotteridge church as we went through a period of great change. The group has continued since this time. We meet in the chapel, fortnightly on a Tuesday morning, at 10.30, after the communion service. We continue to pray for the church locally and globally as well as praying for different situations in the world and the nation, as they arise. The

dates of our meetings are advertised in the weekly notice sheet and in the Pennine Way. We are always happy to welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Linda Mann

Sparks

A small group of congregational members has been meeting on a Sunday evening every couple of months, in each other's homes, for quite a few years now! (Participants originally came from the "18-30 group" in the late twentieth century).

We have watched films with themes allied to faith in practice or moral quandaries, reconsidered biblical parables in modern settings, and had discussion guided by book and video courses from the mainstream church denominations.

All in all it's been an enriching and insightful extension to worship together, as well as a greater opportunity to learn about—and from—each other in fellowship within the shared hospitality of where we live.

Tim Clayton.

Property and Management Committee

Committee: Peter Childs (chair), Sandra Walton (Eco and minute sec), Steve & Dorothy Audley, Mike Ravenhill, Norman Mann, Sarah Canning, and one of the ministers.

Routine: The fire alarms are tested weekly, the water temperature tested monthly, the emergency lights tested on a rolling rota. PAT testing annual or bi-annual. Failed light bulbs are replaced with LED equivalents. Sandra continues to lead up on Eco church.

Roof: Dev Sampla replaced a section of plaster above the altar in the Malvern room. It had become damp because the exterior roof valley had become silted up. Water backed up and leaked inside. Dev's repairs developed a brown stain. He later added a paint 'stopper'.

Mike and Peter inspected the valley. They plan to remove any build-up of debris annually.

Friday volunteers inspected the roof and later began to re-attach a strip of lead flashing.

Grants: The ground floor toilets and the Clent room need upgrading. Pam W. has put a bid in for a grant.

Interior: Double glazed windows were fitted in the Cotswold room. The Clee room was redecorated, new carpet tiles laid, new wall lights refitted. A bare section of wall plaster in the kitchen was retiled to better comply with the kitchen food safety certificate. The old A/V system was scrapped and replaced by a smaller unit. Potential excess items were identified and a list for disposal or sale was circulated. The old A/V speakers, mixer desk, and trolley were gifted to the Church of the Ascension. A mixer tap was replaced in the coffee bar. Water has been noted backing up inside and outside the boiler room, especially during heavy rainfall outside. Professionals have rodded drains.

Garden: Chris and Bob manage the garden with help from local volunteers. P & M recently incorporated the management team and will oversee projects.

Christmas: Trees and lights were installed inside and out under the direction of the administrator.

Peter Childs.

Eco Church

The Eco Church group has continued to work in collaboration with the Property and maintenance Committee highlighting the eco awareness of our Church and building. We have met regularly over the year, and matters re eco Church are always on the agenda. We continue to look at what was possible for us to do within financial constraints and our building's heritage in terms of our Energy Assessment that took place last year. It was good to replace the windows in the Cotswold room and these have made such a difference to the use and insulation of that room. We are considering other areas of the Church that need updating, particularly the toilets, of course looking at the best and most Eco friendly ways to support these in the future.

We are very proud of the plaque in the Pennine Way displaying our Silver Eco award. The process to obtaining a Gold award is very complex, but is another plan for the future.

Working with First Mile, we continue to recycle our paper, tins and cardboard. We are very grateful for all the help and support of Sarah our Administrator for continuing to work alongside us in the many aspects of our work.

I try to write an article for the editions of Roundabout on an area of “Making a difference” for the Climate Emergency, in order to encourage us all to make that difference to our work to support Climate change.

I also represent the Church at the Deanery climate change meetings. It is always good to hear what is happening and news of projects elsewhere.

Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. We have much to be proud of, but much to do in the future.

Let’s keep on making that difference together.

Sandra Walton.

Community Services Committee

CSC has oversight of the range of activities that we undertake to serve our local and wider community, with particular focus on the following two objectives from the Strategic Plan:

(iv) We will provide a Church building, facilities and services which are the hub of, and meet the practical needs of, the local community. It will be welcoming inclusive and safe. We will tailor our work and activities to the needs of people in the local area.

(v) We will speak out on behalf of, and show support for, disadvantaged people locally, nationally and globally.

In practice this means the Committee oversees and optimises the connections between Catering Services; Older Adults activity; Young Peoples activity (including Saplings and Uniformed Groups); Community Events; Book Centre/Fairtrade; and the mission/ social justice activities of The Cotteridge Church (local, national and international). Throughout the year we have worked closely with the Administrator, who attends CSC, to optimise opportunities for partnerships with external room hirers with a community purpose (Strategic Plan Action to ‘Develop partnerships with external organisations and/ or seek external funding/ support to deliver plans’). Together, we have had a productive year, progressing well on many year 1 and year 2 actions from the Strategic Plan under the above objectives:

□ Catering Services: This remains a central service provided by the church to the local community in keeping with the action from the Strategic Plan to ‘provide and develop an inclusive, welcoming café space where people meet, and provide a range of informal activities throughout the week...’. We have regained our level 4 hygiene rating and made great strides towards the goal of catering ‘breaking even’ this year (a huge challenge since Covid and the closure of the Day Centre), reducing the deficit from around £15k to about £10k. This has largely been achieved through reduced food waste and smarter shopping, with the introduction of a new menu including multiple pre-prepared meal choices, plus a popular weekly roast dinner option on Wednesdays. Staffing was rather turbulent for much of the year, but towards the end of the year settled with an excellent and committed team now in place.

□ Young People: Saplings and Uniformed Groups are reported in more detail elsewhere but continue to thrive. C2U continues to provide services to young adults with additional needs in our premises; although an external organisation, we have built a strong, mutually supportive partnership. In addition to these ongoing successful activities, we have been delighted to have Home-Start Birmingham, (a charity supporting parents and their children dealing with difficult life circumstances), start using our facilities for their weekly toddler group, complementing our own Saplings offer. This year, Sarah has also been working with an external provider hoping to establish a holiday club at the church (action from Strategic Plan to develop ‘holiday events for children of different ages...’), so hopefully we will be reporting a successful outcome next year! This year, a small but enthusiastic yoga group for ‘younger’ women’s wellbeing was added to the ‘fitness’ offer in church on a Monday evening (adding to the Extend Exercise for older adults on Wednesdays).

□ Community Events: This was an area that CSC was given oversight of this year, but we hope others will support the planning of specific events, and open to ideas. After a

successful trial period, with the catering team and Tuesday Fellowship, we have introduced monthly Community Meals, before Tuesday Fellowship but open to all, where everyone sits and eats together – typically around 15-20 people attend and enjoy good food and company (this fulfils an action from Strategic Plan). A small working group (under CSC) successfully arranged various Christmas activities – a Community, mid-week service with the Cotteridge School and C2U; a Christmas raffle; and the Christmas Tree Fayre. The Fayre kept many of the popular features of previous Fayres, but added trees provided and decorated by groups meeting in church and local traders, which was very successful on the day, but also graced the Malvern Room throughout Christmas.

□ Book Centre/Fairtrade: Reported elsewhere.

□ Social Justice and Mission: In January JCC approved the Social Justice Plan prepared by CSC specifically to address the action in the Strategic Plan ‘developing ways to raise awareness of social issues including, peace and justice, locally, nationally and globally; to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice’. As a result, JCC has agreed we focus on the campaigns of Christian Aid (Overseas issues) and Church Action on Poverty (UK issues) as these are both ecumenical charities. We have ensured that materials from these charities are periodically used in worship and highlighted in Roundabout and the Notice sheet to raise awareness. We have supported a series of public listening events with our local MP, Al Carns, including hosting one in the summer on the theme of poverty, at the Cotteridge Church. We ran a successful appeal in Lent to pay for meal vouchers for Foodbank users; the use of the vouchers was not quite as successful as we hoped, so we are currently reviewing this with Foodbank, but we are committed to ensure all the funds raised will be used to provide meals for the needy. We ran an Advent appeal, directly supporting Action for Children, rather than the traditional gift collection.

Judging by the amount raised via the till (others donated directly) this was a successful approach.

Pam Waddell

Chair of Community Services Committee

Our Work with Families and Young People

Saplings Stay and Play group

This group runs for two hours on Friday mornings and is an important opportunity to welcome young children and their carers into our church. The Malvern Room is laid out with toys and activities for the children to play with and there are stories and songs most weeks.

There is no charge for those attending. Those who wish to, use the coffee bar for refreshments as and when it suits them. Children can continue to play using the toys in the children's area in the Pennine Way once the Saplings toys have been tidied away.

Numbers attending vary, but, since September, we have noticed an increase and there is now a core of regulars. We still have new children registering most weeks. Feedback from carers is always positive and the children love to come and play!

We are very grateful to the local Early Years Alliance representative who supports us and runs a workshop for parents and carers once a term. She is also able to signpost parents and carers to other activities and support.

Big thanks go to the fabulous team of Saplings volunteers! We operate a rota so that volunteers help when they can, not every week. We are, however, always in need of more volunteers to go on the rota, particularly those who can help with the tidy up after sessions (about 30 minutes required!). Please get in touch soon if you are able to help.

In The Cotteridge Church Strategic Plan 2024-2027 our Year Two aim is 'Stay and play continues to meet and grow' and we are currently meeting this goal. Next, we are keen to update some of the Saplings' toys, so look out for opportunities to contribute to our

fundraising for this in future.

Alison Sprackling (on behalf of Community Service Committee)

Boys' Brigade

It is now 117 years since the Boy's Brigade was started in Cotteridge Church. It's motto still remains 'Sure & Steadfast '.

Boy's Brigade continues at Cotteridge with small numbers but all the boys are keen and the leaders are dedicated to attend every Friday. Our General Knowledge Quiz took place at Easter raising funds for the church and Birmingham Hospice. The Peckwood weekend was a success and the summer outing to Weston –Super- Mare was well supported. The enrolment service was led by our new chaplain Rev'd Tariro Mukoja and we thank her for her continued support to the company. At the Christmas Fair we again ran the tombola stall raising £84. The Junior section have been busy collecting items for the Cotteridge Food Bank. Many thanks to everybody who have supported the Boys' Brigade in the past year.

Bob Hotchkiss

Girlguiding and Tuesday Evening Café

The Girlguides ran three sections in the year during termtime. Rainbow (age 4 to 7), Brownies (age 7 to 10) and Guides (age 10 to 14).

The Church Café was open on Tuesday evenings in term time, so that parents waiting for their children could enjoy a drink and cake!

The Café helps to strengthen the relationship between the Church, the Girlguiding groups and the local community.

Communicate to You (C2U)

It has been another bumper year for C2U. In the first part of 2025 we had Selly Oak Trust School teaching with Coventry University, but also Aston University who attended their teaching sessions at the church. This provided a little income to the café, so a win, win.

With our new cohort starting in September, we have really thrown ourselves into continuing our relationship with the church and some new enterprises.

Along with our regular slots of Saplings and the training café on a Tuesday. We now do more work in the shop with massive support from Linda, many thanks. We have also begun work with the garden gang on a Thursday (to be moved to a Monday in 2026). The students have formed some real bonds with members of the garden gang and thoroughly enjoy their time in the garden. I believe Matthew's onions are doing well. We really look forward to working with them again in spring.

We have also been working with Kirsty from Newman University on a Board Game Café. This has begun at the church, again bringing in extra income for the café and room hire. We are taking this on the road with the hope of securing some internships and or stronger relationships with schools, colleges and community groups, where we will of course advertise all of the meaningful work done with and by The Cotteridge Church.

We also attended the Nativity at the church. It was lovely to see some parents attend and our school group had a lovely time and took part. It was so nice to see a coming together of different faiths celebrating as one.

And last but not least. The staff at C2U, mentors and Selly Oak students have worked incredibly hard on a health awareness film alongside Newman University. This is an ongoing project and was at the end of 2025 in the editing stage. It's an incredibly important film about the need for good communication between health care professionals and it's patients. Watch this space for further news in 2026.

We hope that 2026 will be even better and we would like to thank everyone at the church for their ongoing support for all of our students and mentors. And of course, the staff.

Mandy Parkes

Job Coach C2U

Our Work with Adults

Book Centre and Fair Trade

Really this should be called Fair-Trade resource because we sell very few books.

This year we turned over £5693 and spent £5203 which means the church will get £490

It is amazing that we still have a Fair-Trade stall with the difficulties of getting supplies

Christmas cards from Transform Trade have nearly gone which is good. Still, I understand that Fair Trade will not back on the agenda until the economic downturn is abandoned

Roger and Jane

The Tuesday Fellowship

Tuesday Fellowship is a group which is open to all. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month apart from August which is a holiday month. We have continued to meet on these days throughout 2025. Our average attendance is 10 with up to 15 members for popular meetings. Our speakers have covered a range of topics from travel reports, local history, poetry, books and music. We also enjoyed an afternoon listening to songs from the musicals and another afternoon identifying and learning about Celia's strange objects from around the world. We continued with the Pennine Way lunches which are very popular and have resulted in 3 more people joining our meeting. We were responsible for the cake stall at the Christmas Fair and raised over £300 towards the overall £1,400 total. We are beginning our programme for 2026 with our AGM and looking forward to a varied and exciting programme. Everyone is welcome.

Linda Mann

Pennine Way Trips

The aim is to offer opportunities to visit places of interest for people in the community who have no access to cars and perhaps no family in the area.

Six half-day trips were organised plus one full day trip and one five-day holiday.

The six half-day trips were well supported – the Horse and Donkey Sanctuary near Banbury and the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas being particular favourites. The day trip to Liverpool was a great success with beautiful weather. The two shopping trips followed by a meal were well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The holiday in Eastbourne, the second we have arranged, was also a success, some people coming for a second time.

Trips for 2026 are already booking up.

Rita Sutton

Sale Room/Book Room

Community Sale/Book Room is doing well, open daily to the public. Comments received are positive like an Aladdin's Cave, good bargains in both areas

The volunteer situation has improved, manned for some hours each week and periodically on

Saturday mornings

Tuesday in term time it is manned by C2U as a business enterprise for improving their dealing with the public, dealing with money, organisation skills, all of which are important for them in their future.

Paying by card in the Café is new this year but still cash is accepted if preferred.

Money taken each month is recorded by Sarah our Administrator.

Two rooms set aside for this activity is invaluable to help provide services for both Church and the local community. In the present economic climate, a bargain is very acceptable

Fundraising Raffles in the Pennine Way have proved very popular with customers with one in late Autumn 2025 and one planned for Easter 2026.

Community Meals were a new initiative in 2025. These take place prior to some of the regular Tuesday Fellowship gatherings and are open to the wider community. On offer is a two-course meal, but most importantly, a social event for people to get together and chat. A bonus, they bring extra funds to Catering. There has been good feedback from customers. A big thank you to kitchen staff and those helping to set up.

Linda Woodhouse.

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter meets every Thursday morning in term time between 10.30 -12noon.

We have six regular attendees and others who attend from time to time. We are a mixed group of church and non-church members.

We have concentrated this year on knitting blankets for the Foodbank. Recipients of the blankets live in substandard housing where a colourful home-made blanket can brighten up the place...and provide warmth. This year we have delivered six blankets made from knitted squares.

At Easter we knitted about 100 chicks, filled with a Cadbury's cream egg and sold on the coffee bar for church funds. For our tree at the Christmas Tree Fayre, we knitted pockets for each day of Advent. We also had many hand knitted items for sale.

After Christmas we began a new project knitting Wrist Warmers (fingerless gloves)

very welcome in the cold winter months to be given away or sold for a small donation to church funds.

Barbara Calvert.

Other activities

Our Church Garden.

An eventful year: Bob & I managed to keep the garden fairly colourful, but we both began to realise one of the downsides of ageing is the lack of energy & physical ability was becoming an issue!

God answers prayers.

We now have an enthusiastic & energetic gang. Brian, from Beaumont Park, Janet (who read the article I wrote for Roundabout) joined followed by her husband, along with C2U students & Mandy.

Our garden is taking a new shape, if you haven't been out to look recently, please do- weather permitting.

We had a Christmas Tree & plant stall at the Christmas Fayre & there are always small plants for sale in the Pennine Way. Help is always needed, especially on special occasions.

We look forward to 2026 with renewed enthusiasm.

A BIG Thank you to the workers.

Chris Pascal.

Roundabout

I would like to thank all the contributors for their continued support for the magazine. I hope all our readers enjoy it. If there is anything you would like to see included, please let me know. I am always ready to receive articles for future editions. Please send them via the church email as Pages, Word, or pdf, or on paper. I know of a number of people who were former members of our church, and who have moved away who enjoy the magazine via the church website, and so we can maintain valuable links with them. The website holds previous editions for a number of years, maintaining a history of our church

Celia Lester.

Signed and dated after approval by the members of the Joint Church Council, agreed via digital communication:

Signed: 

Date 23/04/26.....

Name: Tariro Mukoja
Chair of Joint Church Council

Signed

Date 23/04/2026.....

Name DOROTHY J. AUDLEY
Trustee of The Cotteridge Church

Part 2

The Cotteridge Church

Financial Accounts

For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the
Joint Council of The Cotteridge Church, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EJ
in respect of the Financial Statements of the Council
for the year ended 31st. December 2025
as set out on pages in this Report.**

Charity Commission Registration Number 1143091.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

Joint Council members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed. *Alan A Clements* Date *25th April 2026*

Name Revd. A. A. Clements.

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Voluntary income	2a	64,428	0	3,500	67,928	103,453
Activities for generating funds	2b	52,187	7,457	0	59,643	68,345
Investment income	2c	11,171	0	0	11,171	8,502
Church activities	2d	195	41,971	20,156	62,322	49,454
Total income		127,980	49,428	23,656	201,064	229,755
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	3a	128,095	56,635	20,942	205,671	197,318
Cost of generating funds	3b	17	4,777	0	4,794	7,002
Total expenditure		128,112	61,412	20,942	210,465	204,320
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		-131	-11,984	2,714	-9,401	25,435
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in		3,948	30,461	630	35,038	23,512
Gross transfers between funds - out		-30,440	-4,389	-210	-35,038	-23,512
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets		-3,030	0	0	-3,030	2,374
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Charity's own use						
Net movement in funds		-29,522	26,072	420	-3,030	2,374
Reconcillation of funds		-29,653	14,088	3,134	-12,431	27,809
Total funds brought forward		208,376	13,257	18,267	239,900	212,093
Total funds carried forward		178,723	27,344	21,401	227,469	239,900

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown

Balance Sheet

	notes	General	Designated	Restricted	At 31/12/2025	At 31/12/2024
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	8-9	19,170	694	0	19,864	5,698
Investments	10	137,681	21,640	0	159,321	167,351
		<u>156,852</u>	<u>22,334</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>179,186</u>	<u>173,049</u>
Current assets						
Cash at Bank & in Hand	11	16,674	1,510	21,637	39,821	52,048
Stocks and Work in Progress	12	0	3,500	0	3,500	3,500
Debtors	13	8,309	0	0	8,309	11,604
		<u>24,983</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>21,637</u>	<u>51,630</u>	<u>67,152</u>
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amount falling due in one year	14	3,111	0	236	3,347	300
		<u>3,111</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>3,347</u>	<u>300</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities		<u>21,871</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>21,401</u>	<u>48,283</u>	<u>66,852</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		178,723	27,344	21,401	227,469	239,900
Liabilities		0	0	0	0	0
Total net assets less liabilities		178,723	27,344	21,401	227,469	239,900

Approved by the Trustees of The Cotteridge Church at their meeting on
and signed on their behalf by:

Name: TARIRO MUKOJA

Signature: [Signature]

Chair of the Joint Church Council of The Cotteridge Church

Date: 17/03/26

Name: MICHAEL MEADOWS

Signature: [Signature]

Trustee of The Cotteridge Church

Date: 17/03/26

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Year Total	Last year total
a.voluntary income					
Planned Giving	42,061	0	0	42,061	46,406
Collections at service	2,698	0	0	2,698	201
Donations & Appeals	3,477	0	0	3,477	2,293
Gift Aid	11,192	0	0	11,192	11,341
Legacy gifts received	5,000	0	0	5,000	30,711
Grants	0	0	3,500	3,500	12,500
Voluntary income total	64,428	0	3,500	67,928	103,453
b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Fair	1,025	0	0	1,025	1,031
Regular Fundraising	3,078	0	0	3,078	3,062
Community Work	1,032	0	0	1,032	1,756
Hire	46,549	0	0	46,549	55,688
Catering	0	2,018	0	2,018	1,278
Book Centre Sales	503	5,238	0	5,741	5,445
Garden	0	201	0	201	85
Activities for generating funds	52,187	7,457	0	59,644	68,346
c. Investment Income					
Bank & Deposit Account Interest	309	0	0	309	285
Dividends	6,670	0	0	6,670	6,392
Solar Panel Income	4,192	0	0	4,192	1,825
Investment Income Total	11,171	0	0	11,171	8,502
d. Church Activities					
Other income	144	0	0	144	1,354
Parochial Fees	51	0	0	51	228
Catering service sales	0	41,763	0	41,763	37,799
Boys' Brigade	0	0	1,324	1,324	1,508
Saplings	0	0	0	0	616
Pennine Way Trips	0	0	18,801	18,801	7,187
Flower Fund	0	209	0	209	512
Tuesday Fellowship	0	0	31	31	249
Church activities total	195	41,971	20,156	62,322	49,454
Total Income	127,980	49,428	23,656	201,064	229,755

3a. Expended Resources

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Common Fund	15,040	0	0	15,040	26,476
Methodist Apportionment	15,040	0	0	15,040	8,856
URC Apportionment	9,120	0	0	9,120	8,856
Charitable Giving	0	0	0	0	0
Pastoral Costs	81	0	0	81	74
Ministry Expenses & Costs	248	0	50	298	381
Vicarage Costs	105	0	0	105	1,059
Staff Wages and payments	28,955	30,881	0	59,836	61,349
Youth & Family Work	0	0	0	0	0
Mission & Outreach Work	0	0	40	40	121
Children & Families Work	0	0	0	0	0
Community Work	0	1,840	0	1,840	1,651
Church Service Costs	2,686	0	0	2,686	1,824
Office & Admin Costs	6,247	0	0	6,247	7,646
Communication Costs	221	0	0	221	194
Maintenance & Improvements	9,019	674	0	9,693	10,776
Saplings	0	0	0	0	4
Garden Costs	0	266	0	266	81
Cleaning & Hygiene	5,943	0	0	5,943	5,175
Insurance	4,658	0	0	4,658	4,533
Safety & Security	1,124	0	0	1,124	1,689
Church Utilities	21,663	0	0	21,663	22,228
Church Major Repairs & Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	975	0	0	975	360
Other Expenditure	1,265	0	0	1,265	4,248
Christmas Tree & Lights	0	0	893	893	356
Depreciation	4,890	0	0	4,890	1,215
Catering Services Direct Costs	816	22,621	0	23,437	18,988
Boys' Brigade	0	0	1,158	1,158	1,256
Pennine Way Trips	0	0	18,801	18,801	7,162
Tuesday Fellowship	0	0	0	0	280
Flower Fund	0	352	0	352	480
Sub total Church Activities	128,095	56,635	20,942	205,671	197,318
3b. Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising Costs	17	0	0	17	48
Book Centre	0	4,777	0	4,777	6,489
Community Work	0	0	0	0	513
Costs of generating funds total	17	4,777	0	4,794	7,002
Total Payments	128,112	61,412	20,942	210,465	204,320

4.Unrestricted Funds

Fund	Fund Balance B/fwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund Balances C/fwd
General						
Unrestricted	208,376	127,980	128,112	-26,492	-3,030	178,723
Sub-totals	208,376	127,980	128,112	-26,492	-3,030	178,723
Designated	bfwd	In	Out	Transfers		Cfwd
Book Centre	5,180	5,238	4,777	-2,597	0	3,044
Catering Services	-18,309	43,781	53,502	28,031	0	0
Diocesan						
Decorating	655	0	0	-655	0	0
Flower fund	236	209	352	0	0	93
Garden Project	3,031	201	941	-546	0	1,745
Older Adult						
Activities	0	0	1,840	1,840	0	0
P&M(Cook&W)	21,640	0	0	0	0	21,640
Saplings	823	0	0	-1	0	822
Sub-totals	13,257	49,428	61,412	26,072	0	27,344

Unrestricted Fund Purposes:

General Fund:

Available for use at the discretion of the JCC in delivering its aims and objectives.

Book Centre Fund is used for the income & expenditure for the Book Centre and Fairtrade.

Catering Services is used for the running of the Café & kitchen at the church and any income and expenditure relating to those services.

Diocesan Decorating Fund is for any internal decorating to the vicarage.

5. Restricted Fund Movements

Fund	Fund Balance B/fwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund Balances C/fwd
BCC Catering	-189	0	0	189	0	0
Meal Vouchers	0	0	0	380	0	380
CP Childrens Party	233	0	0	0	0	233
C&Y Work	83	0	0	0	0	83
Garden	150	0	0	-150	0	0
HF Hardship Fund	1,299	500	90	0	0	1,709
Holiday Club	1,578	0	0	0	0	1,578
Iona Trip	235	0	0	0	0	235
Warm Spaces	2,651	3,000	0	0	0	5,651
Xmas Tree	1,463	0	893	0	0	570
Trips	25	18,801	18,801	0	0	25
Boys' Brigade	8,990	1,324	1,158	0	0	9,157
Saplings	-2	0	0	1	0	0
Tuesday Fellowship	268	31	0	0	0	299
	18,267	23,656	20,942	420	0	21,401

Church Restricted Fund Purposes:

Trip to Iona - Donations towards individuals going on a pilgrimage to Iona (Scotland)

Christmas Tree - Donations towards the costs of siting a Christmas Tree outside the church.

Summer Holiday Club - From a grant towards the running of a club for children over the summer holidays.

Children's Party - From a grant towards running a children's party.

Children & Youth Work - Proceeds from one third of the total fundraising of the bookstore to be used towards this work.

Meal Vouchers - Donations raised to provide meal vouchers to customers of the FoodBank.

Church Group Fund Purposes:

Boys' Brigade - Donations and Subscriptions towards the running of the Boys' Brigade Company.

Flowers - Donations raised for the provision of Flowers arranged for the Sunday act of Worship

Tuesday Fellowship - Funds raised by the group for the running of the group

Tuesday Fellowship - Income towards the costs and activities of the Tuesday Fellowship Group.

Pennine Way Trips - Contributions towards organised trips, travel and entrance tickets

6. Transfers Between Funds

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted
General fund	-26,492	0	0
book centre	0	-2,597	0
boys brigade	0	0	0
catering	0	28,031	189
decorating fund	0	-655	0
flower	0	0	0
garden	0	-546	-150
hardship	0	0	0
meal vouchers	0	0	380
older adults	0	1,840	0
saplings	0	-1	0
saplings	0	0	1
Tuesday Fellowship	0	0	0
Christmas Tree	0	0	0
warm spaces	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
	-26,492	26,072	420

7. Staff costs and Payments

	Church	Catering	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Administrator	18,810	0	18,810	17,514
Cleaning Wages	9,374	0	9,374	7,983
Catering - Kitchen Wages	0	29,000	29,000	31,794
Catering - Manager Wages	0	1,881	1,881	1,751
	28,184	30,881	59,065	59,042
Social Security Costs	4,828	0	4,828	4,124
Employment allowance	-4,828	0	-4,828	-3,099
Pension Costs	772	0	772	1,202
	772	0	772	2,227
	28,956	30,881	59,837	61,269

Average number of employees 5

During the year, no employee earned 60,000 per annum or more.

There are no other disclosable transactions in respect of JCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

8. Fixed Assets

	av equipment	Solar Panels	Garden Furniture	Total
Cost				
As at 1st January 2025	0	10,701	2,782	13,483
Additions	19,056	0	0	19,056
Disposals	0	0	0	0
As at 31st December 2025	19,056	10,701	2,782	32,539

9. Depreciation

	av equipment	solar panels	garden furniture	total
Depreciation				
At beginning of year	0	5,697	2,088	7,785
Charge for the year	3,811	385	694	4,890
As at 31st December 2025	3,811	6,082	2,782	12,675
Book Value	15,245	4,619	0	19,864

10. Investment

	Income Shares	Property Fund	Total
Market Value - 1st January	90,014	77,337	167,351
Additions	0		0
Disposals (Sales)	-5,000	0	-5,000
Revaluation gain / Loss	-3,469	439	-3,030
	81,545	77,776	159,321
	This Year Total	Last Year Total	

11. Cash At Bank and In Hand

<u>Church</u>		
Current Account	17,696	21,737
Church Soldo Account	2,149	2,831
Church cash on site	155	1,649
petty Cash Box	38	0
CCLA Deposit Account	5,467	8,406
	25,505	34,624
<u>Other Groups</u>		
Catering - Lloyds	1,963	1,736
soldo petty cash catering	0	5
Catering - Square (Till)	0	1,427
catering - petty cash	0	2,309
Food Ministry	0	527
Book Centre	3,044	2,080
Flower fund cash	93	236
Boys' Brigade	7,377	7,071
Boys' Brigade Reserve	1,779	1,765
Saplings	0	0
Tuesday Fellowship	60	268
	14,316	17,424
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	39,821	52,048

12. Stock

	Book Centre	Catering	Total
Cost:			
Bfwd 1st January 2025	3,100	400	3,500
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
Book Value 31st December 2025	<u>3,100</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>3,500</u>

13. Debtors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Trade Debtors	324	6,098
Other Debtors	3,253	849
Prepayments	4,732	4,657
Total Debtors and Prepayments	<u>8,309</u>	<u>11,604</u>

14. Creditors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Church Liabilities:		
Other Creditors	3,347	300
Agency Collection	0	1,482
Total Creditors	<u>3,347</u>	<u>1,782</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the
Joint Council of The Cotteridge Church, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EJ
in respect of the Financial Statements of the Council
for the year ended 31st. December 2025
as set out on pages in this Report.**

Charity Commission Registration Number 1143091.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

Joint Council members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed. *Alan A Clements* Date *25th April 2026*

Name Revd. A. A. Clements.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024

The Cotteridge Church

Annual Report 2024

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At the Church AGM in 2024, the updated Strategic Plan for 2024/2030 was presented and endorsed by the meeting. As part of that update, the Mission Statement remained unchanged, but the Vision statement was amended.

Our Mission Statement

The calling of the Cotteridge Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

Our Vision Statement

The Cotteridge Church builds a welcoming, vibrant and inclusive community for Christian worship, fellowship and service. Immersed in our local community, we are responsive to wider world challenges.

Our Values:

- Inclusive - We nurture and build an inclusive community and inclusive theology
- Ecumenical¹ - We are an ecumenical space that respects individual church traditions and celebrates what unites us
- Active - We take action to bring about God's Kingdom
- Sustainable - We act in ways that reflect an ethical and sustainable approach to people, planet and finance
- Community-focused - We see community as central to achieving our vision and supporting each other
- Collectively pastoral – We look out for each other and provide support through organised and informal means.

Trustees who served during the year

Ex officio

Rev. Michael Claridge (Anglican Minister), until 31st October 2024

Rev. Roger Collins (Non-stipendiary Anglican Minister and vice chair of PCC)

Co-opted

Neil Walters (Churchwarden)

Mike Meadows (Methodist Steward)

Dorothy Audley (URC Elder), Chair of JCC and Joint Treasurer

Philip Adams (From September 2024)

Elected

Neil Walters

Stephen Audley, Joint Treasurer

Jane Stephens

Chris Pascal

Sandra Walton

Pam Waddell

Alison Sprackling from May 2024

Michael Ravenhill from May 2024

Non-trustees

Rev. Cleopas Sibanda (Methodist Superintendent)

Marjorie Roper (Methodist Circuit Steward)

Introduction

Welcome to the Annual Reports and Accounts as they relate to 2024. This document represents the hard work of a large number of people and, in terms of the accounts, the generosity of all who support The Cotteridge Church financially.

Do take the time to read and examine the reports and accounts. During the Annual Meeting on Sunday 18th May (following the 10:30 am service) you will have the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification. Please make an effort to attend worship that morning, and the meeting that follows. The meeting is an important opportunity for your voice to be heard as we seek God's guidance in serving the community of Cotteridge in appropriate ways.

This report relates to the activities of 2024.

At the heart of our church activities is the worshipping community that meets regularly each Sunday. In addition to having our services being led by Mike and Roger, we have welcomed a number of others, including: Barbara Calvert, John Cooper, Sue Spencer, Revd. Steve Faber, Revd. Melanie Smith, Revd. Gordon Steele, and the Birmingham Anglican Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson to name just a few.

Mike wrote in the previous annual report that Worship must always be at the heart of the church's life. We continue to meet on Sunday mornings, Tuesday mornings for Holy Communion, and during the warmer months on the first Sunday evening of the month. We hold Lent Groups and have materials available for Advent.

The church building is open every day and our hospitality plays a huge and important role in the life and ministry of The Cotteridge Church. The Café is a vital and visual expression of our mission in the local community.

The Cotteridge Church serves the community in many ways, some are mentioned in the following pages. The church seeks to live out its calling to respond to God's love in Christ and to live out our discipleship in worship and mission.

Chair of the Joint Church Council.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. In The Cotteridge Church a number of members have undertaken the Leadership Safeguarding training to help lead the church on Safeguarding matters. We continue to use the Church of England Safeguarding resources and their training courses.

Training is undertaken regularly and certificates kept up to date. DBS checks are carried out as they are required.

There was one concern raised during the year. This was referred to the Diocese in accordance with procedure, and the issue was resolved.

Membership

The number of members, as reported to the Church Council on 31st December 2024, was 109 (2023 - 118).

During the preceding twelve months one member, Hazel N sadly died, six were removed and five moved from the area.

We welcomed three new members, Sheila M, Israel and Leelal S. .

The current membership is 71.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Cotteridge Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Its premises are subject to a sharing agreement between the three denominations and its structure, governance and management is ordered by an updated constitution adopted at the 2020 AGM in April 2020.

Throughout the year the Trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit and in particular the specific guidance provided to charities involved in the advancement of religion.

Congregational Meeting

The meeting is chaired by the minister and is a vehicle for consulting with the congregation about all aspects of Church life, and for communicating the decisions of JCC to the wider Church congregation.

The annual meeting usually taking place around April/May is not only the Church AGM but also the time when the three denominational AGMs are held. It is at this meeting when the Annual report and Accounts are received.

Joint Church Council

The legal responsibility for The Cotteridge Church rests with the Joint Church Council (JCC), which consists of members as stipulated in the Church Constitution 2020. The Stipendiary minister, and non-stipendiary ministers are ex-officio, co-opted members, (the C of E Churchwarden, the Methodist Steward, the URC Elder), serve until the next AGM, and elected members serve for three years retiring in rotation. The JCC is also the body of Trustees and membership is as per the list at the beginning of this report.

The JCC is responsible for the Church Finances, its management and control, including the appointment of the Treasurer. Currently, the Trustees have appointed joint Treasurers, who, together with the Administrator, keep the accountancy records which are used to ascertain the financial position of the Church. The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, and enable them to ascertain, the financial position of the Church, while ensuring that the financial statements comply as follows:

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The JCC is responsible for safeguarding Church assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Due to the level of income of the Charity, JCC is required to have the financial statements independently examined prior to publication.

The JCC meets a minimum of six times a year, should it be necessary, extraordinary meetings are called when specific issues arise.

A summary of the minutes of meetings are made available for members, these are placed on the small notice board near the church office shortly after each meeting, in addition, the summary is printed in the Roundabout magazine.

During the year a new water boiler has been installed. Cotswold and Clee rooms have been decorated – at least the work has begun during the 2024 and will be completed in early 2025. The heating continues to be an ongoing issue, and work is in hand to make progress on fully understanding the current system. It is planned to insulate some of the exposed heating pipes to conserve heat and save on energy costs going forward.

The church was asked to take on the task of serving Strawberries and Cream at the Bournville Festival, this involved a number of volunteers giving their time before, during and after the event. Thanks must go to Sarah C., members of Catering, and the Boys' Brigade for their work to make the event a success.

Saplings re-opened in September in a new format and with a new team of willing volunteers to meet and greet parents/carers and the children. A big thank you to everyone involved in setting up and clearing the room each week.

The Sales Room has continued to bring in valuable income, and our thanks go to Linda W., for her sterling work on sorting and selling books and other donations on our behalf.

We held a successful Barn Dance at Harvest and held a Christmas Fair in December. These two events prove to be very popular and it is always pleasing to see new faces join us on such occasions.

We said farewell to our long-standing cook Shirley P., after 24 years' service. We welcomed a new church cleaner Peter G., in October and welcomed a new kitchen assistant Sonia G., in early December.

Whilst the Café continues to run at a financial loss, the Café and its volunteers are part of the local mission offering of the church and, on behalf of everyone, I wish to give a huge thank you to those involved in running the catering provision during the week, on Saturdays and after our Sunday services.

JCC have been involved in looking into the upgrading of the AV system, it is hoped the upgrade will be undertaken during the middle of 2025.

The end of October saw the church wishing Mike and Susan Claridge a fond farewell as they moved from the area to Pelsall. We thank them for their contribution to the life of The Cotteridge Church since their arrival in 2017 and wish them every happiness for their future.

Moving into the New Year we know life in The Cotteridge Church will be different in many ways. The denominational leaders are working out the Ministerial input we are to have going forward. The plan is for three ministers – one from each of the denominations, equivalent to one full-time minister to serve here.

The Church of England are to interview early in the New Year to fill their vacancy, the Methodists will seek to fill their vacancy in September 2025 when they next station ministers, and representatives of the URC are currently working on the needs of four churches in the new URC Pastorate (comprising of Weoley Hill URC, Weoley Castle Community Church, Carrs Lane LEP and ourselves, in preparation for a minister to be appointed. (Later: we are delighted that Revd. Tariro Mukoja has been appointed as Associate Priest).

Be assured JCC will keep members updated. Please remember to approach JCC members with any questions you may have on any subject relating to church structure and governance.

Should you have any issues you wish raised at meetings, please let me know. Dates of all JCC meetings are published in the summary of minutes, on the church website, and available from the church office. Contact information for all committees is available on the church website and from the church office.

Dorothy Audley

Chair of the Joint Church Council.

Risk Management

The Joint Church Council recognises the need for appropriate policies and procedures to manage risk (including Health & Safety), across all areas of activity for which it is responsible, including its buildings and facilities, as well as a wide range of activities and events. Subject to policies agreed by the JCC, each Committee has responsibility for the effective day to day implementation of the

relevant agreed risk management processes covering the areas of activity for which they are responsible.

The Church's exposure to risk is being managed and monitored through the Risk Register agreed by the JCC in 2014 and covers five major areas:

1. Strategic and Reputational Risk
2. Financial Risk
3. Compliance Ongoing Risk
4. Operational Risk
5. Property/premises

The major risks to which the JCC is exposed are identified in the above-mentioned document and the JCC are ultimately responsible to ensure that there are procedures established to reduce and manage those risks.

The Risk Register is reviewed on a regular basis as determined by the Property and Management Committee and was last updated in 2022.

Financial Review

The Accounts show the year's income as being £229,755 an increase on the previous year (£219,804). This is due to a substantial legacy from the estate of Myra D., Upon reading through the figures you will notice the income for hirers was £55,688 an increase over the previous year (£41,728). Thanks must go to our Administrator for her work in securing regular and occasional users for our rooms.

We spent £204,320, as opposed to the previous year's total of £300,334. Whilst these figures appear to indicate good news, it must be noted that during 2024 the church has not incurred previous years costs in relation to the Day Centre, which in 2023 cost £60,062.

Church utility bills have increased significantly, and it is anticipated they will rise further going forward.

Our Reserves Policy determines the amount required to be kept in Reserves to enable the church to be financially viable. The church is currently able to meet the Reserves Policy,

though with little leeway for financing building projects on any large scale. Refurbishment of our facilities will continue to be carried out 'in-house' when members' skills permit. Work requiring external contractors will in the main require huge efforts in fundraising and / or grant applications to be submitted.

During the coming months the Audio-Visual system is to be upgraded, replacement windows for the Cotswold Room are to be sourced, and some refurbishment to the toilet facilities is being planned. These improvements come at a cost, one that is felt necessary to assist the church in meeting the Aims and Objectives in serving the Community in which we are placed.

We are very aware that income is never guaranteed, hirers can withdraw from their use of our rooms, and regular donors may, for a number of reasons, stop their donations. We anticipate that members will support the work of the church in the work that is being undertaken, so that The Cotteridge Church may continue the work began many years ago when the three denominations began working together as one.

In order to continue the work and mission of the church, finance will play a huge part. It is needed to support both the mission work of the church and to maintain the building to enable the church to thrive and grow. We also need the talents of our members, and we offer our thanks and gratitude to all those who give of their time, however small the task. We have very dedicated volunteers who regularly give of their time throughout the week: Consider the work that goes on here week by week: The Café, Saplings, Brigade, Maintenance, Gardening, Roundabout, the Notice sheet, preparing Communion, setting out the chairs, running the AV desk, Locking the building each night, the Crafters Group, Tuesday Fellowship, Tuesday Communion, Sales Room, Book Centre, Prayer Cards, attending Committee meetings, Meeting and greeting, Security. The list goes on, perhaps you are able to commit to helping in some way?

Without the support and commitment of those who have taken on the above roles, (and continue to do them each week), the church could not continue to be an active Christian presence in Cotteridge.

Finance can be an emotive subject to discuss, our building is a huge drain on resources. It is

large, old, and difficult to insulate. Working as we need to, with what we have, plans are in hand to lag the old heating pipes to both conserve heat and to reduce utility costs – this will be costly, though hopefully well worth the effort in the long-term.

Everyone is asked to look at ways for reducing costs - switching off those unnecessary lights, remembering to turn off that dripping tap, closing that door etc.

D.J. and S.P. Audley

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy of The Cotteridge Church was reviewed at the March 2025 meeting of JCC.

The reserves are calculated as follows:

“Six to Twelve Months Average Monthly Expenditure, plus the evaluated 5-year forecast of property expenditure, plus any restricted or designated funds, plus five percent of annual income for mission projects”.

Administrator’s Report

2024 saw a further increase on room hire revenue which was recorded as £55,688. This is a 22% increment on 2023 which saw figures of circa £45k invoiced.

In 2024 we saw some big staffing changes as Shirely Payton left the church after 24 years. Whilst this was a massive change for us as a church, it has been such a positive step. We have employed Pete as our cleaner who is doing such a fantastic job and has fitted in brilliantly and Sonia as our catering assistant to work alongside Tina.

Although we have not seen the financial savings we would have ideally liked immediately, we have seen an increase in productivity and we are receiving such lovely comments about the cleanliness of the building and the food that is being served. The café is getting busier and I think that we will see further benefits in another 6-12 months.

We managed to improve and upgrade some rooms within the church over the last 12 months and this will have such a positive impact on room hire potential moving forward.

I would like to upgrade the Clent room but this will be a much larger project and require a significant investment of around £6,000.00 in order to reinstate the parquet flooring and

paint the room; however, I'm confident that with a wooden floor we'd be able to hire the space out to dance groups and exercise clubs as well as it being an attractive party space.

Over the last year we have seen some successful fundraising activities take place such as raffles within the coffee bar, the harvest barn dance, the Christmas Fair and the recently introduced Fellowship luncheon which are all raising vital funds and improving community links.

This year we have been joined by Sharon Staples of Birmingham City Council who attends the church on Tuesdays and is able to assist people with financial enquiries, form filling and applications.

People often visit the church looking for assistance and whilst I am happy to help if I can, I'm not always able to which is frustrating. Sharon has been an asset to us and invaluable to members of the community who have benefited from her knowledge and skillset.

The Samaritans have agreed to provide a service within the church building once a month. There will be 2 members of the Samaritans team on site providing a presence for those in need. This is really positive and another fantastic asset for us and our community links.

Sarah Canning

Church Committees and Working Groups

The Church is supported by a limited number of Committees and Working Groups:

Worship and Pastoral Committee

At the start of 2024 the committee's focus was on restarting regular (twice a year) Pastoral Links meetings and planning for Lent and Easter. In March the Pastoral Links meeting updated the Pastoral List dividing it into Active (regularly attending worship or contributing financially or previously active now unable to attend) and Community Roll (all others). This provides a more

realistic membership for assessing financial contributions to our parent denominations.

Christian Aid material 'Act on Poverty' was used for the two Lent Courses. In Holy Week the Good Friday service was followed by the Walk of Witness from Cotteridge to Bournville. Sadly attendance at the Maundy Thursday service and the Easter Eve services has dropped significantly.

From May the Strategy Action Plan became a guide for the agenda alongside planning and review of worship and pastoral care:

- Increasing congregational involvement in worship resulted in Roger mentoring 3 people to lead intercessions in Sunday morning services.
- The upgrade of the Audio-Visual equipment to provide better sound throughout the Malvern Room and more flexible and easier to use equipment has been a long running project which is close to becoming a reality.

September's Pastoral Links meeting focused on reviewing the role of a Pastoral Link and on what support is and could be available for members who are unable to attend worship.

Following Mike Claridge's retirement at the end of October we hosted a 'Coming together for Coffee and Cake' on a Saturday morning in November, it was an opportunity for anyone to come in to chat, ask questions and reflect on where the Cotteridge Church had been and where it is going. These thoughts fed back into future planning including future Coming Together sessions. The monthly evening services were suspended once the clocks changed and will be reviewed when we have new clergy.

Barbara led a midweek carol service and Roger led the Sunday Carol service and the Christmas morning communion service.

Jane Stephens.

Property and Management Committee

Property & Management (P & M) have met every two months since the last AGM. Membership comprises Peter Childs (chair), Dorothy & Steve A, Sandra W and Mike R. The church administrator Sarah C may also attend or provide reports.

Eco Group, led by Sandra, is incorporated into P & M and has submitted a separate report. Mike Ravenhill was appointed to P & M last autumn. His professional expertise is much appreciated. A P & M work group meet every Friday assisted by an external volunteer Tony Dyer.

Church hardware: the hot water boiler failed and was replaced.

External Roof Repairs: Dev Sampla repaired lead flashing in a valley on the south side evidenced by a wall stain in the Cheviot room. When the stain dried out the area was re-decorated. Dev also repaired a damaged area of plaster inside the Malvern room following external repairs. P & M carried out a roof inspection to verify the annual circuit return, but also cleared the north valley of sediment and small debris. The intention is to schedule an annual roof check. Waterproof mastic was added to vertical cracks in brick pillars to limit frost and water damage.

Internal Decorating: the Clee room was partly refreshed by an external volunteer group who gave a day to the church. The Friday group added fresh paint to the walls, put wall TVs onto a trolley system, repaired some ceiling tiles, painted the skirting boards and doors, and made the room into a fresher more contemporary space. The carpet needs replacing.

The Cotswold room was also partly redecorated by the volunteer group. The Friday group followed up by replacing some water-stained wallpaper, repairing some loose plaster, and laying new carpet tiles to make a fresher, more lettable room. The single glazed windows need replacing with double glazed units. The Clent room also needs upgrading in part because its role has changed. We need a vision of what is most favourable for hiring. It remains to be seen whether the available (free) volunteer skills are suitable to renovate this higher, bigger space or whether we need to pay professionals.

Buddleia is still growing out of the stonework in the church tower. It needs to be removed before the stonework is further damaged. Hiring a cherry picker costs around £500.

The toilets were installed thirty years ago. Cisterns and taps need replacing. Kitchen equipment is also thirty years old and some of it needs upgrading.

The fire alarms are tested weekly. The tap water temperatures are tested monthly. The safety lighting and battery back-up is tested on a rolling program. Portable Appliances are tested on a one- or two-year schedule. Light bulbs are replaced as they fail, preferably with LED versions.

Peter Childs

Chair of P & M.

Community Services Committee

CSC has, for some years, had oversight of the Catering Services WG; Book Centre/Fairtrade; Older Adults activity; Young Peoples activity (including Saplings and Uniformed Groups); and the mission activities of The Cotteridge Church (local, national and international). At the end of the year JCC also agreed it should also oversee (though not run) all events and activities for the wider community. Working with the Administrator, CSC also keeps an overview of opportunities for partnership with external room hirers with a community purpose.

In the first part of the year, we were reviewing all these areas as part of the development of the Church Strategic Plan. In order to fully cover the wide range of responsibilities, the CSC membership was refreshed and each member leads oversight for a particular area. As a result, CSC made progress against most areas of the strategic plan that it has responsibility for in the first six months after its adoption in May.

Most of the areas of responsibility of CSC are covered in more detail elsewhere in this report, suffice to say CSC endeavours to make connections between them, and wider community activity, to bring maximum benefit.

One area not covered elsewhere is the mission activities of the church. In the Strategic Plan this was recast as ‘developing ways to raise awareness of social issues including, peace and justice, locally, nationally and globally; to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice’.

Towards the end of the year Barbara rejoined the CSC and has led us in the development of a ‘Social Justice Plan’ (approved by JCC in January 2025).

Pam Waddell

Chair of Community Services Committee

Catering Working Group

The community survey (as part of the strategy work) in 2024 showed that the church Cafe is highly valued by our customers as offering good food, at good value and offering a friendly environment. The Church Strategy in 2024 also recognised the importance of the catering offer as a service to the community. Because of it, we are recognised as a Warm Space by Birmingham City Council, which brings a small amount of grant funding.

Catering sales increased again over the last year, though showed signs of plateauing towards the end of the year. Despite this increased income, and efforts to minimise costs, e.g. through reducing food waste and better ordering, catering continues to be in deficit. The Catering WG and staff continue to make efforts to reduce this deficit but in grateful that the catering offer is valued despite the cost.

The year has seen a good number of new customers this year, many of whom have become part of the regular clientele, but also the sad loss of other old friends. We also saw staff changes; in September, Shirley, our cook for 20+ years retired, and Tina stepped up to running the kitchen, ably assisted by Sonia, the new Catering Assistant a few hours a day. Tina and Sonia are a great team and are working constructively with Sarah, whose duties include Catering Manager, and the Catering WG to improve efficiency, hygiene, food variety and consistency. This has included a refresh of the menu, with multiple hot food options available daily, and a roast dinner special on Wednesdays. Seasonal specials are also being trialled.

We have a strong core group of volunteers running the Cafe, working well with the kitchen staff. They are quite stretched at times, when there are departures or absences so we are always looking for new recruits. But everyone pulls together to make sure we can open consistently from 08.30-13.30 Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) and 10.00-12.00 on Saturdays for drinks and snacks. for which we are extremely grateful.

In addition to the regular service, we endeavour to support other church and external groups with catering, which also contributes to income. The Cafe is regularly open in term-time for parents of Rainbows and Brownies; we have started to pair up with the Tuesday Fellowship to run periodic, well-received Fellowship lunches this year; in June we successfully ran the strawberry and cream stall at Bournville Festival (exhausting but fun!) as well as supporting regular events like the Christmas Fair.

Pam Waddell
Chair of Catering Working Group

Our Work with Families and Young People

Saplings Stay and Play group

This group runs for two hours on Friday mornings and is an important opportunity to welcome young children and their carers into our church.

Saplings continued to run as previously until July thanks to Sue, Laura and the team. We are very grateful to Sue and Laura for all they did for this group before they both moved onto other things last year.

Since September, Saplings has run slightly differently with a smaller team of volunteers on a rota, offering support when they can. The Malvern Room is still full of wonderful toys and activities on Friday mornings, there are still stories and songs most weeks and there is now no charge for attending. Those who wish to, use the Cafe for refreshments as and when it suits them. Numbers attending vary from a minimum of 6 to a maximum of 12, but we have more than 40 children registered and a group of regulars each week. Feedback from carers is always positive and the children love to come and play!

We are very grateful to the local Early Years Alliance representative who supports us and to the fabulous team of Saplings volunteers. We are in need of more volunteers to go on the rota, particularly those who can help with the tidy up after sessions (about 30 minutes required!). Please get in touch soon if you are able to help.

Alison Sprackling (on behalf of Community Service Committee).

Boys' Brigade

It is now 117 years since the Boy's Brigade was started in Cotteridge Church. It's motto still remains 'Sure & Steadfast'.

During 2024 the company entered and won some Battalion and Divisional competitions.

We continue to organize the annual General Knowledge quiz with the proceeds divided between the Cotteridge Church and the local hospice.

The family coach trip to Weston – Super –Mare was again a great success with a full coach load.

Probably the highlight of the year was our company weekend at Peckwood in Worcestershire which is always enjoyed by everybody.

As usual we ran the 'Tombola stall at the Church Christmas Fair and this was well supported by everybody.

We now look forward to 2025 and hope more boys will be encouraged to join the oldest uniformed youth organization in the UK.

Bob Hotchkiss.

Girlguiding and Tuesday Evening Café

The Girlguides ran three sections in the year during termtime. Rainbow (age 4 to 7), Brownies (age 7 to 10) and Guides (age 10 to 14).

The Church Café was open on Tuesday evenings in term time, so that parents waiting for their children could enjoy a drink and cake!

The Café helps to strengthen the relationship between the Church, the Girlguiding groups and the local community.

Communicate to You (C2U)

Communicate 2U is a social enterprise, supporting young people in local specialist (SEN) schools to develop the communication and vocational skills they need to prepare for the workplace or other meaningful activities. Our young people complete a supported internship, alongside continuing towards their English and Maths qualifications. As part of their internship, our young people also teach professionals in healthcare settings and universities how to communicate more effectively with their most vulnerable patients. This year alone, they will teach over 1,000 professionals across Coventry University, Newman University, Aston University and Birmingham & Solihull NHS Trust.

Since January 2017, our young people have been based at Cotteridge Church five days per week, to prepare for the transition from a school environment to a real-world working environment. This has created opportunities for our young people to volunteer in the Cotteridge Church Café, kitchen, day care centre and mother-and-baby group. As a result of this experience, some of our supported interns have continued to volunteer in the Church Café after their course has finished, and others have found paid or voluntary work in the local community. Moving forwards, Communicate 2U is working with Cotteridge Church to set up a board game Café, to encourage people at risk of loneliness to visit the Church for a drink and a game.

Working at Cotteridge Church has enabled our young people to part of a community of staff, volunteers and visitors that is diverse in its ages and disabilities, where everybody is able to learn from each other.

Dan Waldron.

Our Work with Adults

Book Centre and Fair Trade

In 2024, the Bookcentre received £5442, and spent £5208 with a profit of £234. With the demise of Traidcraft, it is now quite difficult to find suppliers that carry the same range as Traidcraft. We use Ethical Superstore there have been stock issues for some time. If products are out of stock, it suggests finance issues.

True Origin is the Scottish company that deals with fair trade jars, Equal Exchange provided the wholefoods with We are Fair Trade (who sold most of the Traidcraft stock, and Transform Traidcraft name).

Divine chocolate are not producing small Easter eggs this year because of the steep rise in the price of cocoa, and Equal Exchange has just emailed quoting climate related weather disruptions such as drought.

Unfortunately, Fair Trade is not high on peoples' agenda due to the current economic difficulties.

Roger Collins.

Praying through Change Group

This group was founded by Hazel N and Gill S when we were in our first interregnum after Michael B's retirement. We meet fortnightly, at 10.30 after communion on Tuesday morning, to pray for the world , our nation, our community and our church. We are open to anyone who wishes to join us and we produce prayer guidelines which we email to anyone who is unable to join us in person. For further information please contact Linda Mann or Janet Hall.

The Tuesday Fellowship

Tuesday Fellowship have continued to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month throughout 2024. We have maintained an average attendance of 9 with up to 14 at popular meetings.

We have covered a range of topics from the Herbert Austin village, virtual trips to Scandinavia, France and the Elan valley and in house meetings exploring favourite hymns and books, poetry and a very popular Beetle drive. John Smith came to treat us to an afternoon listening to songs from the musicals, Roger told us all about fair trade and Celia brought more strange objects for us to identify. Our year ended with the usual carols and mince pies meeting.

The church Catering Working Group approached us with an idea to start occasional lunches to be held in the Pennine Way with people from the Cafe joining us for lunch when we had a speaker for

the afternoon meeting. We have done this twice now and each one was very enjoyable with good food and lots of conversation, followed by several new people joining us in our afternoon meeting. The lunches are scheduled to continue throughout this year.

We ran the cake stall for the Christmas Fair and managed to raise over £200. Two of our members sadly died this year and another moved away from the area.

We have now begun our 2025 programme and will hopefully continue to meet regularly throughout the year. Our programme is advertised in the coffee bar and anyone interested would be very welcome.

Linda Mann.

Pennine Way Trips

2024 was an interesting year for Pennine Way Trips, especially to the National Memorial Arboretum, where everyone enjoyed the 1944 exhibition- a real trip down memory lane. A new venture to celebrate 20 years since Pennine Way Trips started was a 5-day holiday to Eastbourne, organised by our coach company, Hollywood Travel. This was a great success. (the same holiday has been booked for 2025).

The aim has always been the same - to offer friendly, reasonably priced afternoon trips to places of interest around the Midlands. We now have a coach with a lift which opens up opportunities for more people. Feedback from participants shows that these trips are an important part of our community's life as many people have no access to cars .

Many new people find out about our church from first coming on a trip - they can then often be found enjoying breakfast or lunch in our Cafe. One of the four pillars of our church is service and the trips certainly contribute to this.

My thanks again to our Administrator, Sarah, for helping with publicity and accounts.

Rita Sutton.

Our Church Garden.

Church Garden has kept Bob & myself busy during the year .

Like most small household to large National Trust gardens, 2024 was a challenge!

Lack of sunshine plus heavy rainfalls was challenging, but despite this, apples grew in abundance, especially the crab apples (which Celia Lester transformed into numerous jars of delicious crab apple jelly).

We were able to sell plants, bulbs,& flowers at the Christmas Fair, & have an ongoing sale of plants in the Pennine Way.

As well as more clement weather, we do need help.!

The greenhouse is calling out for seeds to be planted & cultivated; any of the congregation are welcome to use it for their own use as well as for the Church.

Please see Chris or Bob.

PS: my sincere thanks to Bob who uses his green fingers for us & The Lord.

Chris Pascal.

Sale Room/Book Room

These 2 ventures are continuing to bring in much needed money for the church.

Since 2024 AGM they have generated a considerable amount This year as with other ventures in church difficulty recruiting helpers but recently this has now improved a little with help from a church member, plus a regular customer to our Cafe and input from C2U students as part of their work experience Customers being able to pay with their credit cards has helped sales. Please continue to support these ventures and give donations of paperback novels, bric a brac and summer clothes.

Thank you.

Linda Woodhouse

Flower Ministry

I have been so thankful to everyone who has donated this year to the Flower Ministry. You made it possible for us to enjoy seeing flowers in Church that does enhance our worship. Please continue to support in the coming year it is so appreciated.

I want to say a big thank you to all those who have helped me with the flowers this year.....Linda Woodhouse, Rita Sutton and Chris Pascall for supporting and helping when needed, and a special thank you to Steph who is always there for us if needed. Working as a team brings the best results for us all to share and I am so grateful to everyone. Now we have the upcycled flower stand that takes vases, it's much easier to do the flowers rather than doing an arrangement.

There is always room for others to join us so please come and chat to me about the possibilities. Thank you again for all your encouragement.

Sandra Walton.

Roundabout

I have been editing Roundabout for just over seven years now. When I first accepted the role, I was scared that no one would send me anything to include. Now I am always grateful to the folk who do so - unfailingly. I feel Roundabout is an important way for us to communicate with one another, share news, ideas and experiences. All of these help to build and strengthen our community.

Thank you to all the contributors.

I now duplicate 100 copies of each edition - a decline, especially since Covid, from the 200+ I did originally. However, now it is in colour, and more recently, our new photocopier does all the folding and stapling for me!

I hope you enjoy reading it. If there is anything you would like to see there, please let me know. Could you join our team of writers? Do you have something you would like to share with us all?

Celia Lester

Eco Church Report 2024

The Eco Church group has now merged into the Property and Maintenance committee representing the eco awareness of our church and building. We have met regularly over the year. And always matters re Eco Church are on the agenda.

We were grateful for the support of Footprints for a Grant towards an Energy Assessment of our building, carried by Phil Beardsmore in March. We received the report in April and started to look at what was possible for us to do within financial constraints and our buildings heritage. At the same time Phil and others had heard of a Government grant called Groundworks.. that would look to support work in buildings serving the community. We applied for work on our heating system and insulation to many areas of the building. We set about completing the extensive paperwork and the bid was submitted in June. Sadly we heard in October that the bid was unsuccessful but we intend to use the information from that bid and Phil's report to move forward into 2025.

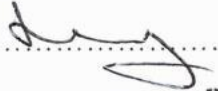
We achieved our Silver Eco Church award in September and are very grateful for all who have made this possible.. We are very proud of the plaque in the Pennine Way. Working with First Mile recycling we have also re-recycled our paper, tins and cardboard. We are very grateful for all the help and support of Sarah, our administrator for continuing to work alongside us.

Every edition of the Roundabout, our Church magazine, I write an article on an area of, "Making a difference" for the Climate Emergency. We can all make that difference to our work to support Climate change however small. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. We have much to be proud of, but much to do in the future.

Let's keep on making that difference together.

Sandra Walton

Signed and dated after approval by the members of the Joint Church Council, agreed via digital communication:

Signed  Date 2nd May 2025

Name DOROTHY J. AUDLEY
Chair of Joint Church Council

Signed  Date 2nd May 2025

Name ROGER COLLINS
Trustee of The Cotteridge Church

Part 2

The Cotteridge Church

Financial Accounts

For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the
Joint Council of The Cotteridge Church, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EJ
in respect of the Financial Statements of the Council
for the year ended 31st. December 2024
as set out on pages in this Report.

Charity Commission Registration Number 1143091.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

Joint Council members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed. *Alan A Clements*

Date 7th. May 2025.

Name Revd. A. A. Clements.

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Income and endowments from:						
Voluntary income	2a	96,828	125	6,500	103,453	84,749
Activities for generating funds	2b	61,457	6,808	80	68,345	50,902
Investment income	2c	8,502	0	0	8,502	7,361
Church activities	2d	1,582	38,312	9,560	49,453	73,273
Internal Contribution – in		0	0	0	0	3,519
Total income		168,369	45,245	16,140	229,755	219,804
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	3a	134,407	53,709	9,202	197,318	291,402
Cost of generating funds	3b	551	6,451	0	7,002	5,293
Internal Contribution -out		0	0	0	0	3,639
Total expenditure		134,958	60,161	9,202	204,320	300,334
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		33,411	-14,915	6,939	25,435	-80,530
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in		12,597	10,404	511	23,512	10,567
Gross transfers between funds - out		-9,499	-7,747	-6,266	-23,512	-10,567
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets		2,374	0	0	2,374	4,315
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Charity's own use		0	0	0	0	
Net movement in funds		38,883	-12,258	1,184	27,809	-76,215
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		169,494	25,516	17,083	212,093	288,307
Total funds carried forward		208,376	13,257	18,267	239,900	212,093

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown



Balance Sheet

	General	Designated	Restricted	At 31/12/2024	At 31/12/2023
Fixed assets					
Tangible Assets	5,004	694	0	5,698	6,913
Investments	145,711	21,640	0	167,351	159,977
	150,715	22,334	0	173,049	166,890
Current assets					
Cash at Bank & in Hand	46,358	-12,577	18,267	52,048	25,681
Stocks and Work in Progress	0	3,500	0	3,500	3,500
Debtors	11,604	0	0	11,604	17,804
	57,962	-9,077	18,267	67,152	46,985
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due in one year	300	0	0	300	1,782
	300	0	0	300	1,782
Net current assets less current liabilities	57,662	-9,077	18,267	66,852	42,203
Total net assets less current liabilities	208,376	13,257	18,267	239,900	212,093

Signed and dated after approval by the members on the Joint Church Council after their meeting on 13/03/2025

Signed 
 Name DOROTHY J. AUDLEY
 Chair of the Joint Church Council of The Cotteridge Church

Date 01/05/2025

Signed 
 Name Ray Gill
 Trustee of The Cotteridge Church

Date 02/05/2025

Notes to the Accounts

1. Summary of Accounting Policies

General Information and basis of preparation

The Joint Council of The Cotteridge Church is a public benefit entity with the meaning of FRS102. The Financial Statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards, and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Report by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets:

Consecrated and benefice property.

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded and not capitalised in the financial statements in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided as follows:

Solar Panels	Straight line over 25 years.
Equipment & Vehicles	Straight line over 4 years.

Investments

Investments are recognised at their quoted market price. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Funds:

The financial statements have been prepared using fund accounts. Whereby income, expenditure, assets & liabilities

are classified by fund. The 2 types of fund classification present in these accounts are:

1. Unrestricted Funds (General & Designated)

- a. General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the JCC in delivering the aims and objectives of the charity.
- b. Designated Funds are funds that have been set aside by the JCC for a particular purpose from the general fund.

2. Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for a specific purpose.

The purpose of funds held by the charity are set out in notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
a. Voluntary income					
Planned Giving	46,406	0	0	46,406	52,570
Collections at service	201	0	0	201	601
Donations & Appeals	2,168	125	0	2,293	1,640
Gift Aid	11,341	0	0	11,341	11,087
Legacy gifts received	30,711	0	0	30,711	1,250
Grants	6,000	0	6,500	12,500	17,601
Voluntary income total	96,827	125	6,500	103,453	84,749
b. Activities for Generating Funds					
Events Fundraising	1,031	0	0	1,031	1,091
Regular Fundraising	2,982	0	80	3,062	2,465
Community Work	1,756	0	0	1,756	0
Hire	55,688	0	0	55,688	41,728
Catering	0	1,278	0	1,278	0
Book Centre Sales	0	5,445	0	5,445	5,618
Garden	0	85	0	85	0
Activities for generating funds total	61,457	6,808	80	68,346	50,902
c. Investment Income					
Bank & Deposit Account Interest	285	0	0	285	444
Dividends	6,392	0	0	6,392	6,377
Solar Panel Income	1,825	0	0	1,825	539
Investment Income Total	8,502	0	0	8,502	7,361
d. Church Activities					
Other income	1,354	0	0	1,354	914
Parochial Fees	228	0	0	228	568
Catering service sales	0	37,799	0	37,799	33,045
Boys' Brigade	0	0	1,508	1,508	1,888
Saplings	0	0	616	616	2,128
Pennine Way Trips	0	0	7,187	7,187	6,596
Flower Guild	0	512	0	512	479
Tuesday Fellowship	0	0	249	249	315
Day Centre Attendance	0	0	0	0	27,340
Church activities total	1,582	38,311	9,560	49,453	73,273
Internal contributions - in	0	0	0	0	3,519
Internal contributions - in	0	0	0	0	3,519
Total Income	168,369	45,245	16,140	229,755	219,804

3a. Expended Resources

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Common Fund	26,476	0	0	26,476	55,260
Methodist Apportionment	8,856	0	0	8,856	8,856
URC Apportionment	8,856	0	0	8,856	8,856
Charitable Giving	0	0	0	0	0
Pastoral Costs	74	0	0	74	43
Ministry Expenses & Costs	381	0	0	381	530
Vicarage Costs	1,059	0	0	1,059	921
Staff Wages and payments	27,724	33,545	0	61,269	129,920
Youth & Family Work	0	0	0	0	0
Mission & Outreach Work	20	0	101	121	20
Children & Families Work	80	0	0	80	17
Community Work	466	0	1,185	1,651	0
Church Service Costs	1,824	0	0	1,824	1,875
Office & Admin Costs	7,306	0	340	7,646	5,765
Communication Costs	194	0	0	194	175
Maintenance & Improvements	10,776	0	0	10,776	2,979
Saplings	0	0	4	4	2,258
Garden Costs	81	0	0	81	38
Cleaning & Hygiene	5,175	0	0	5,175	5,009
Insurance	4,533	0	0	4,533	4,242
Safety & Security	1,689	0	0	1,689	4,109
Church Utilities	22,228	0	0	22,228	15,615
Church Major Repairs & Additions	0	0	0	0	5,950
Professional Fees	360	0	0	360	300
Other Expenditure	5,730	0	-1,482	4,248	613
Christmas Tree & Lights	0	0	356	356	821
Depreciation	518	697	0	1,215	1,167
Catering Services Direct Costs	0	18,988	0	18,988	20,363
Day Centre Direct Costs	0	0	0	0	6,884
Boys' Brigade	0	0	1,256	1,256	1,607
Pennine Way Trips	0	0	7,162	7,162	6,596
Tuesday Fellowship	0	0	280	280	170
Flower Guild	0	480	0	480	442
Sub total Church Activities	134,407	53,709	9,202	197,318	291,401

3b. Costs of generating funds

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Fundraising Costs	48	0	0	0	48
Book Centre	0	6,441	0	6,441	4,795
Community Work	503	10	0	513	0
Staff wages and payments	0	0	0	0	450
Costs of generating funds total	551	6,451	0	6,954	5,293
Internal Contributions - out	0	0	0	0	3,639
Total Internal Contributions - out	0	0	0	0	3,639
Total Payments	551	60,161	0	204,320	300,333

4. Unrestricted Fund Movements

	Fund Balance Bfwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund Balances Cfwd
General						
Unrestricted	169,494	168,369	134,958	3,098	2,374	208,376
Sub-totals	169,494	168,369	134,958	3,098	2,374	208,376
Designated						
Book Centre	6,136	5,445	6,441	41	0	5,180
Catering Services	-4,970	39,077	52,543	127	0	-18,309
Diocesan Decorating Fund	655	0	0	0	0	655
Garden Project	3,556	210	697	-38	0	3,031
QM - Cook & Wolstenholme	20,140	0	0	1,500	0	21,640
SP2	0	0	0	823	0	823
Sub-totals	25,517	45,244	60,161	2,657	0	13,256

Unrestricted Fund Purposes:

General Fund:

Available for use at the discretion of the JCC in delivering its aims and objectives.

Designated Funds:

Book Centre Fund is used for the income & expenditure associated with the Book Centre selling books and Fairtrade products.

Catering Services is used for the running of the Café & kitchen and any income & expenditure associated with those services.

Diocesan Decorating Fund is for any internal decorating to the vicarage.

5. Restricted Fund Movements

	Fund Balance Bfwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund Balances Cfwd
BCC Catering	-189	0	0	0	0	-189
CP Childrens Party	233	0	0	0	0	233
C&Y Work	83	0	0	0	0	83
Garden	112	0	0	38	0	150
HF Hardship Fund	1,027	500	101	-127	0	1,299
Holiday Club	1,578	0	0	0	0	1,578
Iona Trip	235	0	0	0	0	235
OA Activities	0	1,080	1,185	105	0	0
Trips	0	7,187	7,162	0	0	25
WS Warm Spaces	2,651	5,000	0	-5,000	0	2,651
Xmas Tree	1,819	0	356	0	0	1,463
	7,549	13,767	8,804	-4,984	0	7,528
Chursh Group's Restricted						
BB Boys' Brigade	8,738	1,508	1,256	0	0	8,990
Saplings	209	616	4	-823	0	-2
Flowers	204	0	0	-204	0	0
TF Tuesday Fellowship	299	249	280	0	0	268
	9,450	2,373	1,540	-1,027	0	9,256
Day Centre Restricted						
DC General	83	0	340	256	0	0

Church Restricted Fund Purposes

Trip to Iona - Donations towards individuals going on a pilgrimage to Iona (Scotland)

Cotteridge Christmas Tree - Costs associated with installing a Christmas Tree outside the church.

Summer Holiday Club – From a grant towards the running of a club for children over the summer holidays.

Children's Party - From a grant towards running a children's party.

Food Ministry – fundraising and donations towards catering's food ministry initiative which aims to engage with The community through the use of food.

Church Group Fund Purposes:

Boys' Brigade - Donations and Subscriptions towards the running of the Boys' Brigade Company.

Saplings - Donations and Attendance Fees towards the running of the weekly term-time saplings group for children.

Flower Guild - Donations and Contributions towards the flowers at services and special events.

Tuesday Fellowship - Donations and Contributions towards the costs and activities of the Tuesday Fellowship Group.

Pennine Way Trips - Contributions towards the regular organised coach trips covering both coach hire and attendance.

6. Transfers between Funds

	General	Designated	Restricted
General Fund to Catering Designated Fund	-127	127	0
Flower Fund from Res to Des	0	204	-204
From general to DC Gen restricted	-256	0	256
Garden from Des to Res	0	-38	38
Hardship Fund into general	127	0	-127
OA Activites	-105	0	105
Saplings from Res to Des	0	823	-823
Warm Spaces from Res to Gen	5,000	0	-5,000
P&M Action Plan	-1,500	1,500	0
Designated Book Centre to General Fund	-41	41	0
	3,098	2,657	-5,755

7. Staff costs and Payments

	Church	Catering	Day Centre	This Year	Last Year
Administrator	17,514	0	0	17,514	16,026
Cleaning Wages	7,983	0	0	7,983	8,870
Catering - Kitchen Wages	0	31,794	0	31,794	33,838
Catering - Manager Wages	0	1,751	0	1,751	1,592
Catering - DC Wages Contribution	0	0	0	0	-2,567
Day Centre - Carer Wages	0	0	0	0	60,062
Treasurer Payments	0	0	0	0	1,938
Agency Cover	0	0	0	0	4,182
Redundancy Payment	0	0	0	0	0
	25,497	33,545	0	59,042	123,941
Social Security Costs	4,124	0	0	4,124	3,891
Employment Allowance	-3,099	0	0	-3,099	0
Pension Costs	1,202	0	0	1,202	2,089
	2,227	0	0	2,227	5,980
	27,724	33,545	0	61,269	129,921
Average number of employees			3	3	

During the year, no employee earned 60,000 per annum or more.

There are no other disclosable transaction in respect of JCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

8. Fixed Assets

	Solar Panels	Garden Furniture	Total
Cost			
As at 1st January 2024	10,701	2,782	13,483
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
As at 31st December 2024	10,701	2,782	13,483

9. Depreciation

Depreciation			
As at 1st January 2024	5,179	1,392	6,571
Charge for the year	518	696	1,214
As at 31st December 2024	5,697	2,088	7,785
	5,004	694	5,698

10. Investment

	Income Shares	Property Fund	Total
Market Value - 1st January	88,000	71,977	159,977
Additions	0	5,000	5,000
Disposals (Sales)	0	0	0
Revaluation gain / Loss	2,014	360	2,374
	90,014	77,337	167,351

11. Cash At Bank and In Hand

	This Year	Last Year
Church		
Current Account	21,737	2,779
Church Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	2,831	2,199
Church Petty Cash (Cotteridge Church)	1,649	20
CCLA Deposit Account	8,406	5,729
Diocesan Decorating Fund	0	0
	34,624	10,727

Other Groups

	This Year	Last Year
Catering	1,736	1,736
Catering - Soldo Account (petty Cash)	5	5
Catering - Square (Till)	1,427	365
Catering - Petty Cash	2,309	0
Food Ministry	527	527
Book Centre	2,080	3,077
Flower Guild	236	204
Boys' Brigade	7,071	6,995
Boys' Brigade Reserve	1,765	1,744
Saplings	0	2
Tuesday Fellowship	268	298
	17,424	14,953
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	52,048	25,681

12. Stock

	Book Centre	Catering	Total
Cost:			
Bfwd 1st January 2024	3,100	400	3,500
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
	3,100	400	3,500
Book Value 31st December 2024			

13. Debtors

	This Year	Last Year
Trade Debtors	6,098	9,317
Other Debtors	849	3,955
Prepayments	4,657	4,533
Total Debtors and Prepayments	11,604	17,804

14. Creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Church Liabilities:		
Other Creditors	300	300
Utility Creditors	0	0
Agency Collection	0	1,482
Total Creditors	300	1,782

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Annual Report & Financial Accounts
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Our Mission Statement

The Cotteridge Church aims to be:

A place of reconciliation

- where hurts are healed, and barriers broken down

A place of proclamation

- where beliefs are respected, and dialogue encouraged

A place of service

- where community needs are met

A place of celebration

- where the good things of life are celebrated

Our Vision Statement

Striving to be a vibrant, challenging Christian community celebrating and sharing in the life of God's kingdom.

Inclusive

Welcoming all: ourselves, our community, and the worldwide community

Intentional

Living the gospel in word and deed

Inviting

Offering the opportunity to explore the Christian faith

Interactive

Enabling all to find and celebrate their place in the life of the Church

Church members will be aware that a Strategy Group is currently consulting with all those associated with the Church on its Mission Statement, its Vision Statement and an Action Plan for the future. There will be an update on progress at the AGM.

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Trustees who served during the year

Ex officio

Rev. Michael Claridge (Anglican Minister)

Rev. Roger Collins (Non-stipendiary Anglican Minister and vice chair of PCC)

Rev. Barbara Calvert (Methodist Supernumerary minister)

Dorothy Audley (Treasurer)

Co-opted

Neil Walters (Church Warden)

Mike Meadows (Methodist Steward)

Dorothy Audley (URC Elder) and Chair of JCC

Elected

Neil Walters

Stephen Audley

Jane Stephens

Chris Pascal

Sandra Walton

Pam Waddell

Non-trustees

Rev. Cleopas Sibanda (Methodist Superintendent)

Marje Roper (Methodist Circuit Steward)

Introduction

Welcome to the Annual Reports and Accounts as they relate to 2023. The contents of this document represent a lot of hard work by a lot of people and, in terms of the accounts, the generosity of all who support The Cotteridge Church financially. Please take time to read and examine the report and accounts. There will be an opportunity at the Annual Meeting on Sunday 12th May (after the 10.30am service) to ask any questions for clarification. Please make every effort to attend the worship that morning, and the meeting that will follow it. This is an important time in the life of The Cotteridge Church as we are seeking God's direction as we look to serve Christ and the community in appropriate ways.

Mike Claridge, Minister

Minister's Notes

The year of 2023, which the reports in this document relate too, was a busy year in which we continued to try and 'bounce back' after the three years of different levels of lock down due to Covid-19. At the heart of our common life together is of course worship. Our main act of worship at 10.30am on Sundays has seen a number of new faces, and more new ones are always welcome. As well as myself we have had worship led by Roger Collins, Barbara Calvert, John Cooper and Sue Spencer among others. Worship must always be at the heart of our common life - as we praise God for the love revealed in Jesus Christ. We do this on Sunday mornings face-to-face, Wednesday evening on Zoom, Tuesday mornings for Holy Communion and, in the final third of 2023 Sunday Evening Worship was restarted on the first Sunday of the month.

Worship is only part of the ministry of The Cotteridge Church. Hospitality and welcome are an important part of our life and the ministry of the Cotteridge Church Café is vital. On Monday to Saturday mornings, and Tuesday evenings, we welcome all who come for refreshment. The café is part of the wider catering ministry for which we give thanks.

During 2023 we said goodbye to the ministry of the Day Centre for Older Adults. This was for various reasons. We give thanks for its ministry over many years and for the devotion of those who worked there.

The Cotteridge Church serves the community in many ways, some of which feature in this report. In all this we seek to live out our calling to respond to God's love in Christ and to live out our discipleship in worship and mission.

Mike Claridge, Minister

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Lead stepped down during the year. It was decided that the setting up of a Safeguarding Team was the way forward to ensure the Church fulfilled Safeguarding requirements.

Members wishing to join the team are encouraged to contact the Chair of JCC.

Thank you to those who have helped with the administration of Safeguarding this year. Also, to those who have completed training as required and obtained DBS checks. We ensure that both training and DBS checks are up to date as required.

During 2023 there were no safeguarding concerns or incidents that required action by The Cotteridge Church Safeguarding Team.

Mike Claridge, Minister

Membership

The number of members, as reported to the Church Council on 31st December 2023, was 118 (2022 - 125).

During the preceding twelve months seven members sadly died.

The current membership is 115.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Cotteridge Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Its premises are subject to a sharing agreement between the three denominations and its structure, governance and management is ordered by an updated constitution adopted at the 2020 AGM in April 2020.

Throughout the year the Trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit and in particular the specific guidance provided to charities involved in the advancement of religion.

Congregational Meeting

The meeting is chaired by the minister and is a vehicle for consulting with the congregation about all aspects of Church life, and for communicating the decisions of JCC to the wider Church congregation.

The annual meeting usually taking place around April/May is not only the Church AGM but also the time when the three denominational AGMs are held. It is at this meeting when the Annual report and Accounts are received.

Joint Church Council

The legal responsibility for The Cotteridge Church rests with the Joint Church Council (JCC), which is elected on denominational lines as defined in the Sharing Agreement. The Stipendiary minister, and non-stipendiary ministers are ex-officio, co-opted members, (the C of E Church warden, the Methodist Steward, the URC Elder), serve until the next AGM, and elected members serve for three years retiring in rotation. The JCC is also the body of Trustees and membership is as per the list at the beginning of this report.

The JCC is responsible for the Church finances, its management and control, including the appointment of a Treasurer. Currently, the Trustees have appointed joint Treasurers, who, together with the Administrator, keep the accountancy records which are used to ascertain the financial position of the Church. The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, and enable them to ascertain, the financial position of the Church, while ensuring that the financial statements comply as follows:

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The JCC is responsible for safeguarding Church assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Due to the level of income of the Charity, JCC is required to have the financial statements independently examined prior to publication.

Risk Management

The Joint Church Council recognises the need for appropriate policies and procedures to manage risk (including Health & Safety), across all areas of activity for which it is responsible, including its buildings and facilities, as well as a wide range of activities and events. Subject to policies agreed by the JCC, each

Committee has responsibility for the effective day to day implementation of the relevant agreed risk management processes covering the areas of activity for which they are responsible.

The Church's exposure to risk is being managed and monitored through the Risk Register agreed by the JCC in 2014 and covers five major areas:

1. Strategic and Reputational Risk
2. Financial Risk
3. Compliance Ongoing Risk
4. Operational Risk
5. Property/premises

The major risks to which the JCC is exposed are identified in the above-mentioned document and the JCC are ultimately responsible to ensure that there are procedures established to reduce and manage those risks.

The Risk Register is reviewed on a regular basis as determined by the Property and Management Committee and was last updated in 2022.

Financial Review

The total unrestricted income for the year is £125,242 which is slightly higher than for 2022. Designated income has risen slightly, from £30,007 to £38,627. The total income for 2023 is £219,804 which is lower than the total income for 2022 which stood at £240,166 due to restricted income funds being considerably lower during 2023. This in part is due to Foodbank no longer being part of the church accounts and also down to the closure of the Day Centre.

Church expenditure continues to be higher than income, meaning reserves have to be called upon.

Room Hire continues to generate a sizeable income due to the outstanding effort of our church Administrator. It is our hope that room hire will continue to grow.

Donations have been received from BB, Tuesday Fellowship and the Book Centre.

There has been some Legacy gifts and Grants received during the year.

Thanks go to our church staff for the work they do, and in particular, thanks go to our church volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year.

The income from donations for books, and financial donations via the Café are very gratefully received.

We continue to carry out essential work on the building. In order to deliver on the Action Plan adopted from the work of the Strategy Group, financial investment is needed.

Fundraising of various means and Grant applications will be required in the coming years to help in fulfilling our mission to and in the Community.

A reduction in our Common Fund contribution for the next year has been successfully negotiated which will help enormously.

The Treasury Team.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy of The Cotteridge Church is currently being reviewed. The reserves are calculated as follows:

“Six to Twelve Months Average Monthly Expenditure, plus the evaluated 5-year forecast of property expenditure, plus any restricted or designated funds, plus five percent of annual income for mission projects”.

Administrator's Report

One of my main objectives for 2023 was to increase the room hire revenue.

This has been successful and in 2023 we invoiced in excess of £45.5k which was an increase of 45% compared to 2022 when we invoiced £31.3k.

The closure of the Day Centre was very emotive for the Church; however, we have been able to use the space very well since October and the sale room and new hire opportunities are generating an average of £720.00 per month.

Although we are benefiting from a new revenue stream, the brief is not simply to make money.

Most of the room hire is to groups who are supporting members of the local community. An alcohol addiction support group, a teacher & student having 1-2-1 sessions and we are running an exercise class in the space too.

We still very much want to upgrade and improve certain areas of the church building.

My personal view is that the toilets and both the 'front' and 'funeral' doors need to be improved with some urgency. Unfortunately, I haven't had any update from the Building Steering Group in relation to these items that have been on the agenda for the last year. (*Note: One of the key outcomes of the Strategy Group consultation was the need to refurbish the toilets.*)

One of the biggest obstacles I face is when requesting support from the church community. Everything that we do here relies so heavily on the goodwill of others. That maybe volunteering some of their time or participating in some of the events that we run. I understand that we all live very busy lives but without the support from the church members we do struggle to do all of the things that we want to.

Sarah Canning

Church Committees

The Church is supported by a limited number of Committees and Working Groups:

Worship and Pastoral Committee

Regular worship and on-going pastoral care would not happen without the contributions of a large team of people, a lot of the time and effort is unseen but is vital to the life of The Cotteridge Church.

Pastoral

- Pastoral links maintained their contact with members despite significantly reduced ministerial support.
- Prayer cards have continued to be delivered to members.

Services

- Midweek services at key celebrations continued including many people from the community and classes from Cotteridge School.
- Sunday morning services now include:
 - The re-introduction of alcoholic wine to communion on 2nd Sunday of the month with non-alcoholic wine also available.
 - A children's activity table with colouring sheets linked to the service.
 - The request for the congregation to remain quiet and seated while the organist plays at the end of the service has helped but isn't always followed.

- Lent Groups were led by our Queen's College placement student Judith which produced some interesting conversations.
- Evening services restarted in the chapel on 1st Sunday evening of each month alternating between Communion and Evening Prayer.
- Welcome cards for visitors are now available and offered to people attending services for the first time.

Witness

- As a sign of hope a light is now permanently on in the church tower (using a low energy bulb).
- Walk of Witness organised by Churches Together in B30 on Good Friday took place peacefully and with a good spirit. Starting at The Cotteridge Church, pausing outside Cotteridge Friends Meeting House where members from St Joseph's and St Helen's also joined, along Watford / Linden Road, then pausing again in Beaumont Road where members from Rowheath Church joined and progressing then to St. Francis, Bournville for a Bible reading and prayers.

Ongoing developments

- Inclusion in services is being looked at to ensure access to services is as wide as possible. As a result of this the text for the congregation on the screen is in yellow on a black background because our members with dyslexia and dyspraxia find this the most helpful colour combination.
- An update to the audio-visual system is being worked on.

Jane Stephens

Property and Management Committee

Property & Management (P & M) have met every two months since the last AGM. Membership comprises Peter Childs (chair) Dorothy & Steve A (JCC), Sandra W(JCC) and Mike C (JCC). The church administrator Sarah C may also attend or provide reports.

Eco Group, led by Sandra, is incorporated into P & M. They group successfully applied for and were awarded silver level in recognition of achieving benchmark goals.

Roof Repairs and Condition: Dev Samplar of Building Kontrol repaired and re-pointed several areas on the north side of the roof in February 2023, removed debris from valleys to assist drainage, and made lead flashing repairs. Internal water stains especially above the altar had been noted before the work. As far as P & M can see the stains have stabilised and the repairs have held, but ideally, we should move to replacing the stained plasterwork.

The Methodist Circuit annual return submitted August 2023 noted a slate was missing on the south side roof above the coffee bar, and a persistent stain on the wall of the Cheviot room was not responding to cosmetic decorating. Mr Samplar has been asked to quote and subsequently undertake work to remedy these problems.

Some areas of plaster from a lath roof above the south exit steps have fallen away and need to be repaired.

Windows: Single glazed windows noted in the 2021 quinquennial inspection should ideally be upgraded to double glazing. The kitchen window frame facing the garden needs replacing.

Heating and Lighting: The gas boiler and lighting are generally up to satisfactory condition but the heating controls are still not clear to the operators. Mapping the system to better understand it would make it more efficient and less wasteful.

Routine Safety Procedures: Fire Call points test frequency was moved from ¼ year to weekly in September 2023. One box in turn out of the full set of nine is tested at 9 am each Friday. All tap water temperatures are tested monthly to monitor compliance against the build-up of Legionella bacteria. Emergency lighting is tested on a regular basis. Portable Appliances are tested for electrical safety according to regulations.

Equipment: A new upright 'fridge/freezer was purchased and installed in the kitchen. The door seals on the old one had failed.

Rooms: Weatheroak Day Centre closed in September 2023. The former premises have been repurposed as extra meeting rooms. Linda Woodhouse has set up extra stalls selling second hand items. P & M are looking to internally decorate to freshen up some of the rooms. Discussions are taking place to create better access to the Pennine Way.

Solar Panels: Feed in Tariff (FIT) payments had been claimed each ¼ year by sending the solar meter readings to Scottish & Southern Energy (SSE), worth on average £1 500 pa. However, SSE have been taken over by OVO. Since November 2023 it has proved difficult to get OVO to action the FIT payments.

Buddleia was noted to be growing in the stonework on the tower at the 2021 Quinquennial.

A cheap way to remove it has not yet been found.

Peter Childs Chair of P & M

Property Development Working Group

PDWG has not met since March 2022. In part this behaviour continued deliberate caution while new patterns of use emerged and the church's "vision" remains to be finalised.

Our key marker and resource (www.PDWG.weebly.com) have hence barely changed as no significant progress has been possible.

In late May I briefly met the constituency MP and—as he was more in touch than most with community needs—asked what he would like to see provided on the site. No response came.

Membership was due for reconstitution in May 2023 so I asked who was willing to continue. Sandra Walton and Barbara Calvert have stepped back, leaving only myself, Roger Collins, Jane Stephens, and Peter Childs. Roger (alone) said he thought we should meet.

We continue to await a vision from JCC so that we may frame needs, identify relevant professionals, draft proposals and engage with funders. (BCC remains in financial crisis so funding from the local council seems impossible for at least the next few years).

Tim Clayton

Chair of the PDWG

Community Services Warm Welcome Committee

In 2023 CSC was pleased to welcome Cathy Tuckett from the Cotteridge Friends and Bonnie Alcock (a warm welcome volunteer) on to the committee.

Warm Welcome

The Cotteridge Church continues to be place of warm welcome each day through the services of the Pennine Way café thanks to the hard work of Shirley, Tina, Sarah and all the volunteers. Working with Cotteridge Quakers an afternoon of 'Warm Welcome' was offered at the Meeting House on a Wednesday. Free refreshments and crafts were provided and volunteers recruited from amongst the Quakers and members of Cotteridge Church. This venture did not attract a lot of custom so now a monthly afternoon craft session is offered to all.

Barbara Calvert

Catering Working Group

It is very clear from the recent community survey (as part of the strategy work) that the church coffee bar continues to be highly valued by our customers as offering good food, at good value and offering a friendly

environment. It has attracted a good number of new customers this year, many of whom have become part of the regular clientele.

Catering sales have increased substantially over the last year (at least 30% increase and consistently over £3,000/week by the end of the year), as the coffee bar continues to get busier, and contributed to by a price rise in spring 2023. Unfortunately, without full accounts available for the whole of 2023 it is difficult to be accurate, but despite increased sales we are still in deficit, though by the end of the year we were covering about 70% of food and staff costs. At the start of the year, it was hoped that the Day Centre would be contributing about 30% of staff costs, but with the closure of the Day Centre, we will have to make up the difference by increased sales. There will be a further price increase too, but we strongly wish to continue to provide an affordable offer for the community.

Improvements in 2023, which have doubtless contributed to increase sales, have included a revised and expanded menu, smartening up of the look of the café and some new equipment (funded by some grant funding). There have been more large-group booking, including but not only at Christmas, with the Catering Manager/ Administrator really helping to link room hire and catering more strongly.

There were some long-term absences amongst staff and volunteers during the year, but everyone pulled together for which we are extremely grateful. A good number of new volunteers have been brought on board throughout the year, including a small team of 'cover volunteers', so not only did we manage to stay operating throughout absences, but we are now consistently open from 08.30-14.00 Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) and 10.00-12.00 of Saturdays for drinks and snacks. The slightly extended and more consistent hours have recently been helped by a changed arrangement whereby one of the kitchen staff is present on the coffee bar most of the time. This has also helped with consistency in service and hygiene.

New Volunteers are always welcome, and if we continue to get busier during the week will be very necessary. We are also encouraging more regular catered group events, including Saturdays, so will need additional weekend help.

Pam Waddell
Chair of Catering Working Group

Older Adults Working Group

Day Centre

Sadly, the Day Centre closed in October 2023. Since Covid it had proved impossible to build numbers to a sustainable level. With Michelle and Simon moving on to other jobs it was decided the Centre had to close.

Pennine Way Trips

The trips are open to anyone who visits our Church, not just church members.

In 2023 the programme included eight half-day trips to Boundary Outlet, Harvington Hall, Arley Arboretum, Winterbourne, Leamington Spa, The Hop Pocket and twice to Melbicks and The Lake at Barston. There were also two daytrips to Oxford and Weston-Super-Mare.

The aim of these trips is to give adults who may not be able to go anywhere under their own steam, the chance to visit interesting places round the Midlands. They offer value for money, a friendly atmosphere, and most of all they contribute towards the quality of life. The fact that so many people want to join in, not only from Cotteridge, but Kings Norton, Bournville, Kings Heath, Northfield etc., shows that the aim is being fulfilled. (Not too many churches can provide such a full programme of trips, which in 2024, will have been running for 20 years.)

When people bring along friends and family, this not only introduces them to the trips programme, but also makes them aware of all the other activities our church provides – especially the café. The first time at Cotteridge will probably not be their last.

My thanks to Sarah, our Administrator, for helping with publicity, as well as taking part in one of the trips to find out more about the aims.

Rita Sutton.

The Church Garden

- After the excitement & enthusiasm of planning, organising & spending money we had been given, the Platinum Garden blossomed.
- I would like to thank Bob for his regular involvement in tidying planting & maintaining the garden., as well as encouraging Sam (a CTU student) to help.
- Help needed. Please offer even a few hours to get involved , so that we can be ready to use the garden to best advantage welcoming groups such as Little Foxes and also using the garden for worship outside when possible.
 - Groups who meet in the garden: Little Foxes, C2U, Craft group, BB/ Brownies
 - SW and CP to arrange meeting of original garden gang.
 - CP to discuss with BB and Brownies activities for them to be involved in garden.
 - Celebration Garden Weekend Saturday 6th July Strawberry teas BC to ask Peter re music.
 - Sunday 7th July morning all age/parade service in the garden.
 - Sunday in August for HC in the garden followed by shared lunch.

Chris Pascal.

Knit and natter

A regular group meet on Thursday mornings in the café. A new knitted nativity set was created in the run up to Christmas with different members knitting different figures. The stipulation was that they must have brown faces. The new set of figures was used effectively as a visual aid in the Christmas midweek service. Some of our knitters also crochet, make cards and have introduced weaving. Sarah has also been donated a Doll's house which needs furnishing. The proposal is to rename the Knit and Natter group the Craft group to be inclusive of all these different activities.

Work with Families and Young People

The Young People Working Group

The Young People Working Group oversaw all young people services provided by the Church and links to other young people in our community and groups who hire rooms throughout most of 2023. The group was dissolved in the Autumn term, with the Community Services Committee taking over the role.

Sue Clayton (Chair)

Saplings Stay & Play Group

Saplings Stay & Play Group offers friendship and support to carers and their pre-school children, with both secular and Christian themes. This group continues to be very popular with young families in our locality, welcoming 133 families with multiple children and adults during 2023. Parents are very appreciative of the group and the opportunity to talk to the leaders, other parents and Cathy Leigh, our contact from the Early Years Alliance. We are particularly grateful to the new volunteers who

joined us during the year and Rev Barbara Calvert, who welcomes and provides a wonderful listening ear to the families.

Sue Clayton (Saplings Coordinator)

Cotteridge Primary School

Cotteridge School Choir were a delight when they sang 4 songs at our Christmas midweek Service on Thursday 14th December. The children were also very keen to read and to offer thoughts for prayers. A Mother's Day midweek service is planned for Thursday 7th March and Cotteridge school choir will be invited.

Assemblies at Cotteridge School . Barbara Calvert was invited and led a Christmas assembly on Monday 18th December and has been invited again 18th March. Good and positive relationships are being forged with the school.

Boys' Brigade

Another successful year at Boys Brigade with the highlight being the Queens badge awarded to Finlay Attrill. The sleepover and BB week in November again proved popular with the money raised helping to continue Boys Brigade at Cotteridge.

Our General Knowledge Quiz at Easter raised a substantial amount which was shared between The Birmingham Hospice and The Cotteridge Church. The summer Peckwood week-end for all sections was enjoyed by everybody and all the boys are looking forward to our 2024 visit in June. In July the coach outing to Weston-Super-Mare took place and a near full coach had a great time despite the damp weather.

We continued to meet every Friday and all this would not be possible but for the loyalty of our leaders who support the company.

Bob Hotchkiss

Youth Café

Although towards the beginning of 2023 Youth Café was still appearing on the Notice Sheet in reality it didn't take place. Whereas before Covid lock downs it was booming, with numbers of participants in double figures, it failed to take off again after lock down. This was despite the hard work in late 2022 of Youth Workers (for whom we were paying £1000 per term). A decision was made to cease to meet and this was the reality in 2023.

Mike Claridge, Minister

Girlguiding and Tuesday Evening Café

Tuesday evenings during term time are busy with Girlguiding groups running in three sections; Rainbows (aged 4-7), Brownies (7-10), and Guides (10-14). There is currently no Rangers (14-18) provision at The Cotteridge Church.

I have continued to open the café when possible, from 6.15pm - 7.30pm, which is the main time that parents choose to wait. The merchandise of the coffee bar is very popular with the parents - and a large amount of cake in particular is sold and consumed!

The Tuesday café has helped to continue to build relationships between The Cotteridge Church and Girlguiding groups. Unlike Boys Brigade, Girlguiding is not a Christian organisation, indeed all reference

to God has now been removed from the promises that girls make. However, our Girlguiding groups continue to build links with the wider church community here.

Mike Claridge, Minister

Communicate to You (C2U)

Our friends at C2U (Communicate to You) continue to be much more than just a room hirer (although their room hire is important!). They continue to support different aspects of church life, for example supporting Summer and Christmas fairs. In addition, they also operate the café, specifically on Tuesday mornings as a training opportunity. The nature of C2U of course means that faces are often changing, especially at the turn of the academic year, and we welcome those new to The Cotteridge Church.

Mike Claridge, Minister

Other Church Activities

Book Centre and Traidcraft

In January 2023 Traidcraft went into receivership. The signs were there in late 2022. Deciding to keep the fair trade going in the Bookcentre we needed to find new suppliers which was fairly straight forward. JTS (TRUE ORIGIN) provided the jars, EQUAL EXCHANGE provided the whole foods ETHICAL SUPERSTORE provided most of the rest together with WE ARE FAIR TRADE (who sold most of the Traidcraft stock and TRANSFORM TRADE the charity that took over the TRAIDCRAFT name. What became clear was that discounts were not going to be as good as Traidcraft although during the year discounts did improve slightly on bulk buying. We have kept going and by the end of the year we had taken £5598 and has spent £4755. The difference of £863 was transferred to the church

Roger Collins.

Praying through Change Group

The Praying through Change Group was started in the early 2000's by Hazel Nash and Gill Salkeld who felt the need at the time to pray for the church as it went through a period of great change. The group has continued since this time and we still pray for the church locally and globally as well as praying for different situations in the world and the nation as they arise. We meet fortnightly on Tuesday morning after the communion service. The dates of our meetings are advertised in the notice sheet. We are always happy to welcome other members.

Linda Mann

The Tuesday Fellowship

Tuesday Fellowship is a group of people who meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon of each month. We have a regular average attendance of 9 with up to 15 for popular speakers. Over the last year we have covered a range of topics from Louise Ryland and Josiah Mason to old bottles, musicals, Palestine and Isle of Man Railways, interspersed with music and poetry afternoons. We ran the cake stall for the Christmas Fair, as usual, and managed to raise nearly £200. Our programme for 2024 is advertised in the Pennine Way. We are a diverse group, and we invite anyone of any age or gender to join us. If you need more information please contact me.

Linda Mann.

Flower Ministry

It was a joy to be able to celebrate an Easter Wedding in Church this year. The flowers used were all ready for Easter day and what a joyful celebration it made. Thank you, Emily and Ollie.

I have been so thankful to everyone who has donated this year to the flower ministry. You have all made it possible for us to enjoy seeing flowers in church that does enhance our worship. Please continue to support in the coming year, it is so appreciated.

I want to say a big thank you to all those who have helped me with the flowers this year. Linda Woodhouse, Rita Sutton and Chris Pascal, and a special thank you to Peter, Tony, Stephen and Dorothy for supporting and helping whenever needed. Working as a team brings the best results for us all to share, and I am so grateful to everyone. There is always room for others to join us so please come and chat to me about the possibilities. Thank you again for all your encouragement.

Sandra Walton.

Roundabout

This is published every two months:- i.e. January, March, May, July, September and November.

I would like to thank wholeheartedly all the contributors who have made it an interesting and informative record of the life of our church and its members. One of its most important aims is to foster a community spirit, and, hopefully, to increase the number of people visiting our church. I would like to encourage more people to submit an article, ideally relating to faith or our community. I am always open to new ideas, so if there is anything you would particularly like to see in Roundabout, please let me know.

Celia Lester

Eco Church Report

We are still a small group supporting and encouraging the agenda of climate change and eco matters in church. Peter Childs, Carole Allen and myself comprise the group but we are always looking for new members to join us. Please think about this.

We had several meetings during the year, illness, holidays and time somehow have limited the times we have met ... and of course the Eco Church group reports directly to P&M group so issues are discussed and raised there throughout the year.

We have continued to make a contribution to church life through the articles in Roundabout..."What we can do however small makes a difference". We celebrated Big Green week differently this year through a time of worship led by Barbara and also everyone present was given a bookmark celebrating and reminding us of the Big Green week agenda. Our Sunday services continue to remind us in prayer and worship of the climate agenda and Roger and Mike have included issues in prayers and readings throughout the year.

Our main focus has been on looking at ways to become energy efficient and to this end what insulation is present in our building. We therefore applied to the Footsteps charity for a grant to enable us to have an energy assessment... this will be reported in in 2024 report.

We were thrilled to progress to our Silver Award in the Eco church supported by "A Rocha" this year, and received notification of this in December. We have yet to celebrate our success and this of course will be reported on in our next AGM report. As a church we are mindful of all we need to do. We are thankful for the Fairtrade products sold in church, the dedicated work performed by Peter, Tony, Stephen and Dorothy Audley on our building. We are constantly thinking of ways we can reduce our carbon footprint.... and include sustainability in what we do.

Can I encourage everyone to consider what they can do personally in lifestyle choices. Thank you for all your encouragement and articles passed to me for reading. The more we have knowledge, the more we can do.

What you do makes a difference. Keep going thank you.

Sandra Walton

Fundraising

Since January 2023 there has been a new initiative for raising much needed funds for our church. A room has become available specifically for selling items, kindly donated for this purpose. This is in conjunction with the existing book room/library. The aim is to try and open each day for customers, but we are in need of volunteers to give up a few hours on days to suit. Feedback has been positive for the sale room, evidenced by the number of customers who visit to buy. A small team, between January and April, has raised over £1000. Please support us through donations and offer some of your time so that we can open each day.

Thank you.

Linda Woodhouse.

The Cotteridge Church

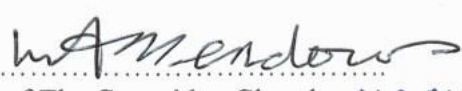
Annual Report and Accounts 2023

Signed and dated after approval by the members of the Joint Church Council after their meeting on 24/09/24

Signed  Date 25th September 2024

MRS DOROTHY AUDLEY

Chair of the Joint Church Council of The Cotteridge Church

Signed  Date 25th September 2024

Trustee of The Cotteridge Church MR MICHAEL MEADOWS

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of The Cotteridge Church, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EJ in respect of the Financial Statements of the Joint Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2023 as set out on pages 17 to 18 of this Report.

Charity Commission Registration Number 1143091.

Respective responsibilities of the JCC and the examiner.

The Joint Church Council members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

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

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attentions should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts is reached.

Signed.

Alan A Clements Date *26th September 2024*

Name Revd. A. A. Clements.

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

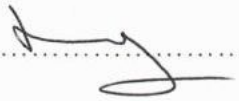
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Voluntary income	(2a)	67,755	0	16,994	84,749	115,380
Activities for generating funds	(2b)	45,264	5,638	0	50,902	30,810
Investment income	(2c)	7,222	0	139	7,361	10,077
Church activities	(2d)	1,482	32,985	38,806	73,273	83,861
Internal Contribution – In		3,519	0	0	3,519	38
Total income		125,242	38,623	55,938	219,804	240,166
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	(3a)	144,044	53,491	93,867	291,402	560,734
Costs of generating funds	(3b)	48	4,795	450	5,293	4,988
Internal Contribution - Out		120	0	3,519	3,639	8,928
Total expenditure		144,211	58,286	97,836	300,333	574,651
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		-18,969	-19,663	-41,897	-80,530	-325,558
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in		1,957	8,610	0	10,567	58,706
Gross transfers between funds - out		-8,610	-1,707	-250	-10,567	-58,706
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets		4,315	0	0	4,315	-29,379
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-21,307	-12,761	-42,147	-76,215	-354,938
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		190,801	38,276	59,230	288,307	643,245
Total funds carried forward		169,494	25,516	17,083	212,093	288,307

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

BALANCE SHEET

	General	Designated	Restricted	At 31/12/2023 £	At 31/12/2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible Assets	4,826	2,087	0	6,913	8,080
Investments	132,977	27,000	0	159,977	165,662
	137,803	29,087	0	166,890	173,742
Current assets					
Stocks And Work In Progress	0	3,500	0	3,500	3,825
Debtors	17,754	0	50	17,804	22,655
Cash At Bank And In Hand	14,236	-7,071	18,515	25,681	109,480
	31,991	-3,571	18,565	46,985	135,960
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	300	0	1,482	1,782	21,395
	300	0	1,482	1,782	21,395
Net current assets less current liabilities	31,691	-3,571	17,083	45,203	114,565
Total assets less current liabilities	169,494	25,516	17,083	212,093	288,307
Liabilities					
	0	0	0	0	0
Total net assets less liabilities	169,494	25,516	17,083	212,093	288,307

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Trustee of The Cotteridge Church

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Summary of Accounting Policies

General Information and basis of preparation

The Joint Church Council of the Cotteridge Church (JCC) is a public benefit entity with the meaning of FRS102. The financial Statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards, and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Report by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets:

Consecrated and benefice property.

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded and not capitalised in the financial statements in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided as follows:

Solar Panels	Straight line over 25 years.
Equipment & Vehicles	Straight line over 4 years.

Investments

Investments are recognised at their quoted market price. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Funds:

The financial statements have been prepared using fund accounting. Whereby income, expenditure, assets & liabilities are classified by fund. The 2 types of fund classification present in these accounts are:

1. **Unrestricted Funds** (General & Designated):
 - a. General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the JCC in delivering the aims and objectives of the charity.
 - b. Designated Funds are funds that have been set aside by the JCC for a particular purpose from the general fund.
2. **Restricted Funds** represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for a specific purpose.

The purpose of funds held by the charity are set out in notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
a) Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving	52,282	0	288	52,570	55,596
Collections At Service	601	0	0	601	189
Donations & Appeals	732	0	908	1,640	6,521
Gift Aid	10,890	0	197	11,087	12,936
Legacy gifts received	1,250	0	0	1,250	0
Grants	2,000	0	15,601	17,601	40,138
Voluntary income total	67,755	0	16,994	84,749	115,380
b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Events Fundraising	1,091	0	0	1,091	953
Regular Fundraising	2,445	20	0	2,465	1,623
Hire	41,728	0	0	41,728	22,905
Book Centre Sales	0	5,618	0	5,618	5,329
Activities for generating funds total	45,264	5,638	0	50,902	30,810
c) Investment Income					
Bank & Deposit Account Interest	306	0	139	444	189
Dividends	6,377	0	0	6,377	7,683
Solar Panel Income	539	0	0	539	2,205
Investment income total	7,222	0	139	7,361	10,077
d) Church Activities					
Other Income	914	0	0	914	628
Parochial Fees	568	0	0	568	1,175
Catering Services Sales	0	32,985	60	33,045	24,678
Boys' Brigade	0	0	1,888	1,888	3,286
Saplings	0	0	2,128	2,128	693
Pennine Way Trips	0	0	6,596	6,596	6,946
Flower Guild	0	0	479	479	358
Tuesday Fellowship	0	0	315	315	424
Day Centre Attendance	0	0	27,340	27,340	45,673
Church activities total	1,482	32,985	38,806	73,273	83,861
Internal Contributions - In	3,519	0	0	3,519	8,966
Internal Contributions - In	3,519	0	0	3,519	8,966
Total Income and endowments from:	125,242	38,623	55,938	219,804	249,092

3. Expended Resources

a) Church Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
Common Fund	55,260	0	0	55,260	55,260
Methodist Apportionment	8,856	0	0	8,856	8,856
URC Apportionment	8,856	0	0	8,856	9,156
Charitable Giving	0	0	0	0	50
Pastoral Costs	43	0	0	43	50
Ministry Expenses & Costs	529	1	0	530	1,078
Vicarage Costs	921	0	0	921	892
Youth & Family Work	0	0	0	0	126
Mission & Outreach Work	20	0	0	20	42
Children & Families Work	17	0	0	17	0
Community Work	0	0	0	0	146
Church Service Costs	1,875	0	0	1,875	2,878
	76,377	1	0	76,378	78,534
Staffing Costs					
Staff Wages & Payments	27,881	29,748	72,292	129,920	142,561
	27,881	29,748	72,292	129,920	142,561
Office & Admin Costs	5,765	0	0	5,765	4,662
Communication Costs	175	0	0	175	175
Maintenance & Improvements	2,004	975	0	2,979	16,367
Garden Costs	0	0	38	38	0
Cleaning & Hygiene	5,009	0	0	5,009	5,023
Insurance	4,242	0	0	4,242	3,864
Safety & Security	4,109	0	0	4,109	625
Church Utilities	15,615	0	0	15,615	16,317
Church Major Repairs & Additions	0	5,950	0	5,950	0
Professional Fees	300	0	0	300	300
Other Expenditure	613	0	0	613	253,214
Christmas Tree & Lights	491	0	330	821	255
Depreciation	1,167	0	0	1,167	1,574
	39,490	6,925	368	46,783	302,376
Catering Services Direct Costs	296	16,817	3,249	20,363	15,924
Day Centre Direct Costs	0	0	6,884	6,884	8,369
Foodbank Direct Costs	0	0	0	0	3,017
	296	16,817	10,133	27,247	27,310
Saplings	0	0	2,258	2,258	491
Boys' Brigade	0	0	1,607	1,607	1,832
Pennine Way Trips	0	0	6,596	6,596	7,056
Tuesday Fellowship	0	0	170	170	85
Flower Guild	0	0	442	442	489
	0	0	11,073	11,073	9,953
	144,044	53,491	93,867	291,402	560,734

b) Costs of generating funds

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
Fundraising Costs	48	0	0	48	131
Book Centre	0	4,795	0	4,795	3,622
Staff Wages & Payments	0	0	450	450	1,235
Costs of generating funds total	48	4,795	450	5,293	4,988
Internal Contributions - Out	120	0	0	120	8,928
Total Internal Contribution - Out	120	0	0	120	8,928
Total Expenditure on:	144,211	58,286	97,836	300,333	574,651

c) Unrestricted Fund Movements

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
General						
Unrestricted	190,801	125,242	144,211	-6,653	4,315	169,493
Sub-totals	190,801	124,328	143,297	-6,653	4,315	169,493
Designated						
Book Centre	7,020	5,618	4,795	-1,707	0	6,136
Catering Services	0	32,985	46,565	8,610	0	-4,970
Diocesan Decorating Fund	655	0	0	0	0	655
Garden Project	3,602	20	66	0	0	3,556
QM - Cook & Wolstenholme	27,000	0	6,860	0	0	20,140
Sub-totals	38,277	38,623	58,286	6,903	0	25,517

Unrestricted Fund Purposes:

General Fund:

- Available for use at the discretion of the JCC in delivering its aims and objectives.

Designated Funds:

- **Book Centre Fund** is used for the income & expenditure associated with the book centre selling books & Fairtrade products.
- **Catering Services** is for used for the running of the coffee bar & kitchen at the church and any income & expenditure associated with those services.
- **Diocesan Decorating Fund** is for any internal decorating to the vicarage.

d) Restricted Fund Movements

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
BCC - Catering	0	3,060	3,249	0	0	-189
CP - Childrens Party	233	0	0	0	0	233
C&Y Work	83	0	0	0	0	83
Garden	0	150	38	0	0	112
HF - Hardship Fund	522	505	0	0	0	1,027
Holiday Club	1,578	0	0	0	0	1,578
IonaTrip	235	0	0	0	0	235
WS - Warm Spaces	1,000	1,651	0	0	0	2,651
Xmas Tree	1,694	455	330	0	0	1,819
Trips	0	6,596	6,596	0	0	0
	5,345	12,417	10,213	0	0	7,549
Church Group's Restricted						
BB - Boys Brigade	8,457	1,888	1,607	0	0	8,738
Saplings	340	2,128	2,258	0	0	209
Flowers	167	479	442	0	0	204
TF - Tuesday Fellowship	404	315	170	-250	0	299
	9,368	4,810	4,477	-250	0	9,450
Day Centre Restricted						
DC-Gen	26,458	38,712	65,087	0	0	83
	26,458	38,712	65,087	0	0	83
Sub-totals	14,796	17,227	14,690	-250	0	17,082

Day Centre Restricted

Apprentice	11,985	0	11,985	0	0	0
We are all Making a Difference	768	0	768	0	0	0
Door	3,030	0	3,030	0	0	0
Mem Act	1,754	0	1,754	0	0	0
NP ??	520	0	520	0	0	0
	18,057	0	18,057	0	0	0

Church Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Trip to Iona** – Donations towards individuals going on a pilgrimage to Iona (Scotland).
- **Cotteridge Christmas Tree** – Donations towards the costs associated with installing a Christmas tree outside the church.
- **Summer Holiday Club** – From a grant towards the running of a club for children over the summer holidays.
- **Children's Party** – From a grant towards running a children's party..
- **Children & Youth Work** – Proceeds from one third of the total fundraising of the bookstore to be used towards youth & children work.
- **Food Ministry** – Fundraising & Donations towards catering's food ministry initiative which aims to engage with the community through the use of food.

Church Group Fund Purposes:

- **Boy's Brigade** – Donations & Subscriptions towards the running of the Boy's Brigade.
- **Saplings** – Donations & Attendance Fees towards the running of the weekly term-time saplings groups for children.
- **Flower Guild** – Donations & Contributions towards the flowers at services & special events.
- **Tuesday Fellowship** – Donations & Contributions towards the costs & activities of the Tuesday Fellowship group.
- **Pennine Way Trips** – Contributions towards the regular organised coach trips covering both coach hire & attendance.

Day Centre Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Day Centre – General Fund** - Available for use at the discretion of the Day Centre in delivering its aims and objectives.
- **Apprentice** is the result of grants towards the employment of an apprentice.
- **Entertainment & Therapy** was of grants and an ongoing appeal towards the program of activities the Day Centre runs for members. This includes costs associated with the hiring activity facilitators and material costs of some activities.
- **Door** is the result of several grants into replacing the entrance fire door that is currently a full wood door with the aim of making the entrance way more welcoming.
- **We Are All Making A Difference 2020 & 2021** is a donation to be used towards an expenditure that directly impacts the members are the Day Centre not to be used for general day to day expenditure.
- **Nostalgia Posters** is the Result of a grant towards nostalgia and familiarity posters / canvases to be hung around the centre.
- **Rempod Immersive** is the result of a grant from Birmingham City Council towards the buying of a Rempod System.
- **Christmas & Trips** is the result of grants towards the yearly Christmas festivities as well as Day Trips usually in the summer months.

6. Transfers Between Funds

	Note	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
General Fund to Catering Designated Fund	1	-8,610	8,610		0
Tuesday Fellowship Restricted to Church General Fund	2	250		-250	0
Designated Book centre to General fund	3	1,707	-1,707		0
		-6,653	6,903	-250	0

- 1** £8,610 transferred from General fund to Designated Catering Fund to cover shortfall between caterings income & core expenditure during 2023.
- 2** £250 transferred from Tuesday Fellowship Restricted Fund to General Fund as a contribution to church overheads.
- 3** £1,707 transferred from Designated Book centre to General fund.

7. Staff Costs & Payments

	Church	Catering	Day Centre	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Administrator Wages	16,026	0	0	16,026	15,063
Cleaning Wages	6,868	0	2,002	8,870	9,269
Catering - Kitchen Wages	0	30,723	3,115	33,838	29,875
Catering - Manager Wages	0	1,592	0	1,592	1,134
Catering - DC Wages Contribution	0	-2,567	0	-2,567	0
Day Centre - Carer Wages	0	0	60,062	60,062	68,242
Treasurer Payments	0	0	1,938	1,938	2,318
Agency Cover	0	0	4,182	4,182	0
Redundancy Payment	0	0	0	0	8,928
	22,894	29,748	71,299	129,922	127,103
Social Security Costs	3,891	0	0	3,891	5,312
Pension Costs	1,096	0	994	2,089	2,421
	4,987	0	994	4,987	7,733
The average number of employees	3	3	4	7	9

During the year, no employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

There are no other disclosable transactions in respect of JCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

8. Fixed Assets

	Solar Panels	Garden Furniture	Total
Cost			
As at 1 January 2023	10,701	2,782	13,483
Additions	—	—	—
Disposals	—	—	—
As at 31 December 2023	10,701	2,782	13,483
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2023	4,708	696	5,404
Charge for year	471	696	1,167
As at 31 December 2023	5,179	1,392	6,571
Net Book Value 31 December 2023	5,522	1,390	6,912

9. Investments

	Share Fund	Property Fund	Total
Market Value – 1 st January	90,166	75,497	165,662
Additions	—	—	—
Disposals (Sales)	-10,000	—	-10,000
Revaluation gain / (loss)	7,834	-3,520	4,314
	88,000	71,977	159,977

10. Cash At Bank & In Hand

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
<u>Church:</u>		
Current Account	2,779	32,077
Church Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	2,199	16
Church Petty Cash (Cotteridge Church)	20	20
CCLA Deposit Account	5,729	16,046
Diocesan Decorating Fund	0	655
	10,727	48,815
 <u>Other Groups:</u>		
Catering	1,736	2,500
Catering Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	5	1,073
Catering – Square (Till)	365	1,475
Food Ministry	527	522
Book Centre	3,077	3,920
Flower Guild	204	167
Boy's Brigade	6,995	6,729
Boy's Brigade Reserve	1,744	1,728
Saplings	2	87
Tuesday Fellowship	298	404
	14,953	18,604
 Total Cash At Bank & In Hand	25,681	67,419

11. Stock

	Book Centre	Catering	Total
Cost:			
Brought forward 1 st December 2023	3,100	725	3,825
Additions	—	—	—
Disposals	—	-325	-325
Book Value 31 st December 2023	3,100	400	3,500

12. Debtors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Trade Debtors	9,317	11,949
Other Debtors	3,955	6,356
Prepayments	4,533	4,351
Total Debtors & Prepayments	17,804	22,655

13. Creditors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Church Liabilities:		
Other Creditors	300	6,732
Utility Creditors	0	2,510
Agency Collections	1,482	11,536
Total Creditors	1,782	20,778
Deferred Income	—	—
Total Creditors & Deferred Income	1,782	20,778

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2022

The Cotteridge Church

Annual Report 2022

Year ended 31 December 2022

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Our Mission Statement 2022

The Cotteridge Church aims to be:

A place of reconciliation

- where hurts are healed, and barriers broken down

A place of proclamation

- where beliefs are respected, and dialogue encouraged

A place of service

- where community needs are met

A place of celebration

- where the good things of life are celebrated

Our vision

Striving to be a vibrant, challenging Christian community celebrating and sharing in the life of God's kingdom.

Inclusive

Welcoming all: ourselves, our community, and the worldwide community

Intentional

Living the gospel in word and deed

Inviting

Offering the opportunity to explore the Christian faith

Interactive

Enabling all to find and celebrate their place in the life of the Church

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Trustees who served during the year

Ex officio

Rev. Michael Claridge (Anglican Minister) from March 2017

Rev. Roger Collins (Non-stipendiary Anglican Minister and vice chair of PCC)

Rev. Barbara Calvert

Jane Stephens (Treasurer) to July 2022

Dorothy Audley (Treasurer) from July 2022

Co-opted

Neil Walters (Church Warden)

Mike Meadows (Methodist Steward)

Dorothy Audley (URC Elder) and Chair from July 2022

Elected

Neil Walters (Chair) from November 2020. Stood down as Chair May 2022

John Cooper from June 2021 to May 2022

Stephen Audley from June 2021

Jane Stephens from May 2022

Chris Pascal from May 2022

Sandra Walton from May 2022

Pam Waddell from May 2022

Non-trustees

Rev. Neil Johnson (Methodist Superintendent)

Marje Roper (Methodist Circuit Steward)

David Pycock/Sarah Molloy (Recorder and Administrator)

Church Administrator

Sarah Molloy

Introduction

Welcome to the Annual Report of The Cotteridge Church prepared for the 2023 Annual Church Meeting.

The contents of the individual reports in this document relate in the main to the mission, worship and service of The Cotteridge Church during 2022. The activities mentioned represent a lot of very hard work by a lot of very hardworking people - some paid, but mostly volunteers. I am sure that you will all join with me in heartily thanking everyone who played a part in the life of The Cotteridge Church during 2022. Every task done, whether big or small, one task or one of many, is greatly appreciated.

Please take the time to read this report. Also please use it in your prayers. Pray for the groups and their activities, give thanks for what is going well, pray for the challenges faced. We minister together in very difficult times. May we continue to seek God's guidance and blessing in all we do.

Ministers Notes

During 2022 The Cotteridge Church continued to bounce back from Covid lockdown and easing of restrictions. This was a slow process, and is still continuing in 2023. Numbers at 10.30am Sunday worship slowly increased during 2022 and are now mainly back at pre-Covid levels. Tuesday 10.00am Holy Communion has a small but faithful congregation. At the time of writing, we are still assessing and pondering the return of Sunday 6.30pm worship. Traditional worship for midweek festivals such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Ascension etc. are however very poorly attended. But positively the midweek all age events Barbara organised for Harvest, Christmas etc. have been attended by fantastic numbers; café users, C2U, Day Centre and classes from Cotteridge School. It's clearly one of the ways forward and greatly appreciated. Jane Stephens has written in more detail about face-to-face worship elsewhere in this report.

We have also maintained our online presence. Wednesday evening Zoom Services have a dozen or so logged-in most weeks. Thirteen Cotteridge people joined with friends from my previous Circuit, The Black Country Circuit, on Zoom for this year's Ash Wednesday and, at the time of writing, we are planning to do the same for Good Friday evening. I have also continued to produce my weekly reflections on YouTube. At the time of writing there's 138 of them. I was conscious that many of the audience are elsewhere than Cotteridge so I've recently renamed them to reflect that I use a history or industrial history theme linked to the week's Gospel. Take a look at "Coal, Iron, Lime ... and a bit of Gospel" accessible as mjclaridge on YouTube or via www.mjclaridge.co.uk

I would like to thank all those who contribute to leading worship. We have several musicians on our rota, bringing different styles and instruments to lead our singing. Our rota of readers is strong. Our 'front of house' volunteers ensure all are welcomed as they enter the building. Service preparation by the vestry team is vital, and one of the areas where we need new volunteers.

Also thank you to those who preach. We are fortunate at The Cotteridge Church to have five people preaching from within our membership. Roger, Barbara and myself as ministers, Judith as a Methodist student minister, and John Cooper as a Local Preacher (on trial). Also, a big thank you for many years' service to Hazel who decided in 2022 it was time to 'sit down' from preaching. Her

continuing encouraging presence at worship is greatly appreciated. We have also welcomed preachers from outside on occasion and will continue to do so.

Having so many in our 'pool' of preachers means that I am able to offer dates to preach elsewhere on Sundays. This helps me take 'ecumenical greetings' from The Cotteridge Church to other congregations. I love preaching and am fortunate to have the variety and enjoyment that being with different congregations brings.

The Cotteridge Church is a vibrant and busy place. It can sometimes seem somewhat overwhelming. In its day-to-day life we are very fortunate to have the calm and efficient presence of Sarah, our Church Administrator. I know I speak for many when I thank her for all that she does, a lot of it seen but far more unseen but just as important. Among Sarah's achievements in 2022 was to increase the number of room hire users. There are times now when we are at capacity. This is wonderful but brings its own challenges and sometimes we have to move things around a little and be imaginative with the wonderful spaces we have. On the subject of which thank you to Stephen, Dorothy etc. for redecorating what are now the Red Room and Blue Room upstairs. Very posh!

At the heart of weekday activity is The Cotteridge Church Café. Thank you to Shirley, Tina and the army of volunteers. The new menu is wonderful. Also, here day by day are The Cotteridge Church Day Centre. Thank you to Michelle, Simon and the team for all you do - and to Michelle for acting as our Safeguarding lead during 2022. She now needs to lay that role down and we need someone to take it on. Please chat with me - that could be you.

I commend this report to you. Within its pages you will find reports on a whole host of activities groups, church ones and room hire ones. All make up the varied wonderful family of The Cotteridge Church.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank you all for your forbearance in what was a very difficult 2022 for Susan, the family and I. We continue to face challenges of health and well-being in 2023. Things are under control. Thank you to everyone who has been supportive. In all this we remember John Wesley's words "Best of all, God is with us".

Mike Claridge (Minister of The Cotteridge Church)

Safeguarding

I became Safeguarding Co-Ordinator in 2020. I have spoken to the various Church groups and gathered their details for the parish safeguarding dashboard, and have introduced myself to the leaders of these too. I have only had one safeguarding concern reported to me, and this was in late 2022 by a Church group. The concern was resolved very quickly after taking advice from MASH (Childrens Safeguarding Group Birmingham), and discussions between myself and the group leaders.

Michelle Madden.

Membership

The number of members, as reported to the Church Council on 31st December 2022, was 125 (2021 - 138). During the preceding twelve months six members sadly died and eight names were removed for other reasons. The current membership is 124.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy of The Cotteridge Church was reviewed during 2022. The policy is next due for review in 2023. The reserves are calculated as follows:

“Six to Twelve Months Average Monthly Expenditure, plus the evaluated 5-year forecast of property expenditure, plus any restricted or designated funds, plus five percent of annual income for mission projects”.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Cotteridge Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Its premises are subject to a sharing agreement between the three denominations and its structure, governance and management is ordered by an updated constitution adopted at the 2020 AGM in April 2020.

Throughout the year the Trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit and in particular the specific guidance provided to charities involved in the advancement of religion.

Joint Church Council

The legal responsibility for The Cotteridge Church rests with the Joint Church Council (JCC), which is elected on denominational lines as defined in the Sharing Agreement. The Stipendiary minister, and non-stipendiary ministers are ex-officio, co-opted members serve until the next AGM, and elected members serve for three years retiring in rotation. The JCC is also the body of Trustees and membership is as per the list at the beginning of this report.

The JCC is responsible for the Church finances, its management and control, including the appointment of a Treasurer. The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Church, while ensuring that the financial statements comply as follows:

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The JCC is responsible for safeguarding Church assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Due to the level of income of the Charity, JCC is required to have the financial statements independently examined prior to publication.

Congregational Meeting

The meeting is chaired by the chair of JCC and is a vehicle for consulting with the congregation about all aspects of Church life, and for communicating the decisions of JCC to the wider Church congregation.

The annual meeting usually taking place around April is not only the Church AGM but also the time when the three denominational AGMs are held. It is at this meeting when the Annual report and Accounts are received.

Risk Management

The Joint Church Council recognises the need for appropriate policies and procedures to manage risk (including Health & Safety), across all areas of activity for which it is responsible, including its buildings and facilities, as well as a wide range of activities and events. Subject to policies agreed by the JCC, each Group and Committee has responsibility for the effective day to day implementation of the relevant agreed risk management processes covering the areas of activity for which they are responsible.

The Church's exposure to risk is being managed and monitored through the Risk Register agreed by the JCC in 2014 and covers five major areas:

1. Strategic and Reputational Risk
2. Financial Risk
3. Compliance Ongoing Risk
4. Operational Risk
5. Property/premises

The major risks to which the JCC is exposed are identified in the above-mentioned document and the JCC are ultimately responsible to ensure that there are procedures established to reduce and manage those risks.

It is the intention of the JCC to review this Risk Register on a regular basis.

Financial Review

The total unrestricted income for the year is £107,702 which is some £25,000 less than that of 2021. This is principally due to a significant drop of £50,000 in voluntary giving, which has been somewhat offset by an increase of £14,000, mainly from Room Hire which has been increasing throughout the year due to the efforts of our administrator.

The Covid Pandemic is continuing to affect the Church finances, which are generally worse than last year. Last year the government furlough scheme helped to offset the wage costs. This year wage

costs had to be covered by cafe sales and Day Centre income from clients. Unfortunately, the footfall for both is still well short of pre covid levels, though they are continuing to improve.

During the Pandemic, Room Hire income also collapsed, and is only now recovering.

The net result on church finances has been a reduction of £354,988.

A restricted fund transfer of £252,729 to B30 Foodbank occurred as a result of the Foodbank becoming a registered charity in its own right and removes Foodbank finances from future accounts.

An unrestricted fund loss of £126,918 is described above.

Essential maintenance/repair work, to meet the Methodist Quinquennial report as well as insurance compliance, has also eaten into our financial resources. However, with a new team tasked with applying for grants, it is hoped they can in part fund some maintenance and repairs going forward.

The detailed Accounts for 2022 will be circulated separately.

Church Committees

The Church is supported by a limited number of Committees and Working Groups:

Worship and Pastoral Committee

Pastoral

- In January the pastoral links met for a very helpful learning and sharing session.
- Pastoral links have maintained their contact with members with ministerial support.
- Prayer cards have continued to be delivered to members.

Services

- Memorial service held in the autumn was the first to include those who had died from covid.
- The introduction of midweek services at key celebrations which include the day centre and classes from Cotteridge School.
- Tuesday communion services returned to the chapel.
- Sunday morning services have evolved to include:
 - Experimenting with layouts of chairs including curves.
 - New volunteers operating the sound desk.
 - Full text of Bible readings on the screen.
 - Re-introduced lay assistance with distributing communion.
- All age worship.

Witness

- At the front of our building now stands a large wooden cross which was decorated with flowers at Easter.

- Walk of Witness organised by Churches Together in B30 on Good Friday encountered an unexpected and divisive deviation en route which caused a lot of upset. The route has been revised to go straight from Cotteridge to Bournville along Watford / Linden Road.

Ongoing developments

- Evening worship – at last year's AGM we were requested to look at restarting an evening service. The format of this is being explored before going to consultation with the congregation.
- Guidance information is being developed for visiting preachers.
- Welcome cards for visitors are being worked on.

Jane Stephens (Chair)

Property and Management Committee

Property & Management (P & M) have met every two months since the last AGM.

Eco Group: The Eco group, led by Sandra Walton, became incorporated into P & M.

Roof Repairs: Covid restrictions had delayed some important repairs. Problems with the roof such as slipped slates and loose coping stones had been noted in the last quinquennial report (August '21) but these issues were not addressed until January / February 2023. Note that a £10 k grant from Historic Churches has been applied for when the administrator post was handed over from David Pycock to Sarah Molloy. The grant offer came in at £2 500 but required oversight from an architect. In the event it proved too difficult to operate within the framework required by the grant and we declined taking it up.

Lightening Conductor theft: about 2 metres on the bottom half of the copper strip acting as a lightening conductor set up on the church tower was noted to be stolen in January 2023. It was last definitely known to be intact in 2021. Repairs, including a vandal proofing guard, have been made.

Hot Water: Both the Weatheroak and ground floor water heaters failed. The Weatheroak one was replaced. That heater had previously served both the Weatheroak hot water and the kitchen & toilets hot water on the first floor. A separate immersion heater under the first-floor kitchen sink has been installed. The ground floor hot water taps had been fed from an immersion heater in the BB cupboard. When that failed David Pycock re-plumbed the hot water feed from the basement boiler supply. David also fitted a new thermostat to the vestry immersion heater. Tap water temperature tests are done monthly to ensure we comply with legionella legislation.

Space Heating: We continue to have problems matching room heating with demand. Too often rooms are heated but empty. Ever increasing electricity and gas prices cost us significant expenditure. Only qualified staff should program the heating zones.

Recycling: First Mile are paid to collect paper, glass and metal off site.

Omissions: The A/V system has not been upgraded. Attempts to upgrade remaining single glazing to double have so far failed.

Friday Jobs: Tony Dyer, Peter, Steve & Dorothy continue to work Friday mornings and other times as necessary to do jobs within their capability and remit.

Painting & Decorating: Both upstairs meeting rooms have been decorated.

Fire Safety Management: An upgrade has been made to the emergency alarm & lighting controls.

Warm Spaces: The Pennine Way Cafe times were extended Mon-Friday to offer a 'warm space' to the community.

Christmas Tree: Seasonal trees with lights were installed inside and outside the church.
My thanks to all who have served on P & M this year, to the administrator, Sarah, and to Tony Dyer.

Peter Childs Chair of P & M

Property Development Working Group

PDWG met in March 2022 to remind ourselves where its predecessor, the Building Steering Group, had got to and whether BSG's research remained applicable. The Covid pandemic has changed behaviour patterns among all users of the site, so PDWG has been deliberately cautious while new expectations emerge.

Last Spring, I set up website www.PDWG.weebly.com to aggregate reference material, further links, and record all progress. The notional intention long-term has been to open up the visual frontage of the church, to likely reorient the everyday entrance to face Watford Road. However, we awaited the church awayday in June to inform action¹.

In July, JCC suggested full refurbishment of the main kitchen; making the internal southwest area (old reception room and Beacon Room) more open plan; refurbishing / relocating toilets, to enable enlargement of kitchen; improvement to entrance to evidence being open (perhaps with a new door in place of 'the funeral door').

By autumn, and before speaking further with professionals, PDWG wished to know there was a concerted, clear and visible, vision for any project of substantive change to “stay the course” and flourish. We met informally in early November and wished for some formal report (with aims and actions) following the awayday. Part of that is understanding the clergy leadership's vision for this place, which we invited late last year.

While that crystallises, I met with the Grants group early in 2023. Through the “Warm Spaces” initiative (Mon-Thu since November), Barbara Calvert has hosted visits from BVT and Thrive Together Birmingham, recently resulting in £3k for immediate kitchen work. They, with BVT and Birmingham City Council, encourage us to 'think big' and apply for much larger grants for a site-wide refurbishment.

The Council recognise that supporting organisations like ours is a major vehicle to addressing the cost-of-living crisis among the huge diversity of people alone or in groups who can be given friendly welcome on this site—all building healthier lives and stronger community.

Our facilitator created a map representing our church life: Pennine Way Café, Saplings, Day Centre, worship (Sundays and midweek), harvest and faith celebrations, Eco church, fairtrade, fellowship groups, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Boys Brigade, Pennine Way coach trips, Knit-&-natter, Little Foxes, Church Garden, C2U, Platinum party, Irish dementia café, Warm Spaces, Christmas Fayres, etc.

There is much work to be done to articulate our committed vision. The outcome of last June's away day is a key first step.

Membership is due for reconstitution in May 2023.

Tim Clayton

Community Services Committee

This Committee, reporting to JCC, continued to meet throughout 2022, overseeing Catering, Young People and Older Adults Working Groups, as well as the Book Centre and Foodbank. Each of these areas is separately covered in this Annual Report.

In 2022 the CSC took on oversight of two new activities, both substantially driven by Barbara Calvert, as follows:

- Warm Space: In response to the energy and cost-of-living crisis, between November 2022-February, the Pennine Way opening hours were extended beyond the café closing time (13.30) until 17.00 Monday-Thursday. During these hours hot drinks and toast were offered for free. A steady flow of people attended. This means the church was offering a warm space for a total of 8.5 hours on those days, enabled by volunteers from The Cotteridge Church and the Cotteridge Quakers.
- A Grant Fundraising Group was established, as a task and finish group rather than a standing part of the governance structure. The group has so far raised over £5000 towards running costs associated with Warm Spaces and for kitchen and café equipment and improvements.

Pam Waddell, Chair of Community Services Committee

Catering Working Group

As predicted last year, catering made a deficit in 2022 (about £17k) as we continued to recover from the impact of Covid. The reduced number of clients in the Day Centre has a direct impact on catering, as well, as café footfall and sales being less than pre-Covid. However, sales trended upwards throughout the year, as the food offer expanded and new customers started coming. By the end of the year the typical takings were about £560/ week, including sale of over 200 hot drinks and about 60 hot meals per week. Increasing footfall, together with price rises, introduced in March 2023 following about four years with no rises, makes the Catering Working Group hopeful that the deficit will be much reduced in 2023. Furthermore, a new menu was developed in 2022, and introduced in March 2023, that aims to attract a wider clientele, thus increasing community reach and sales. The new menu features, for example, more children's, light lunch and vegetarian options.

The café has been open from 08.30-13.30, Monday to Friday and reopened 10.00-12.00 on Saturdays, since spring 2022. WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS,

PARTICULARLY FOR LATER SHIFTS, to allow opening until 14.00 on weekdays to encourage extension of the lunch service.

The Church Administrator has had ‘Catering Manager’ duties formally added to her role, and she sits on, and works closely with, the Catering WG, which has been of great benefit. We are also very grateful to the kitchen staff for continuing to adapt this year, and to our loyal band of volunteers. We continue to work in partnership with C2U on catering; they run the café on Tuesdays in term-time and provide kitchen assistance on other days too – this is a mutually beneficial arrangement that provides catering resource and training opportunities for C2U.

With an aging kitchen, we have ongoing need to repair and update equipment and facilities (e.g., there was a major issue with ventilation in this year) – we are grateful to the P&M Committee and the ‘maintenance team’ for their help in resolving issues. The work of the Grant Fundraising Group has started to help with the costs of replacement equipment, and will soon contribute to improving the look and visibility of the café. Further bids are anticipated in 2023, allowing us to pre-empt crises and continue to improve the service offered to the Cotteridge community through our Catering Services.

Pam Waddell, Chair of Catering Working Group

Older Adults Working Group

1. **Knit and Natter** continues to flourish on a Thursday morning with church and non- church members. Leading up to Christmas lots of hats were knitted with contributions also from home knitters. These and scarves were sold at a very reduced price at the Christmas fayre and the remainder made available free in the Pennine Way. Lots of knitted sheep provided a visual aid for the All Age/Parade service 5th March and the Midweek Mothers’ Day service Thursday 16th March. Sheep were then given to members of CCDC. We have been asked to knit soft toys for children at Christmas in preference to them receiving plastic items at the Children’s Christmas party. We may also knit toys for Saplings children.
2. **Midweek Christmas carol service held Thursday 15th December** was attended by members of the Day care Centre, C2U, Year 5 from Cotteridge School, church members and others. The members of the Day Centre particularly enjoyed the children being present and singing two nativity focused songs for us. C2U also contributed to the service which was great so very good to have young and old together.
3. **Art** – small groups of children from year 1 at Cotteridge school have visited the Day Centre to do art work with members. Again, very good to have young and old engaged in shared activities. Linda W. does wonderful creative art with members and it is greatly appreciated.
4. **Warm Spaces.** The Café remained open in the afternoons during the winter months to provide hot drinks/toast with no charge. Donations are accepted. We had a wonderful team of

volunteers to staff the Warm Space from the church and from Cotteridge Quakers with one or two others. Attendance varied with a maximum of 12 in any afternoon. Birmingham City Council are supporting a network of Warm Spaces across the city seeing this initiative as in its infancy with a vision that there will be a Warm Welcome Space in every community. The Bournville and Cotteridge Cost of Living Group (of which I am a member) meet in the Pennine Way on occasional Tuesday afternoons. They are very impressed with what we offer and very encouraging. Liz Clements (Councillor) attends the meeting. She said it was early days. She also was very encouraging about what we offer to the community in so many ways. She encouraged our application to Birmingham City Council for a grant towards the cost of running Warm Spaces. We were successful in our application for a grant receiving £3,000 from BCC, £500 from Thrive Together Birmingham, £500 from Cotteridge Quakers. The Co Op have also put up £1million to support Warm Welcome Spaces on a Crowdfunding basis immediately paying in £500 and doubling every contribution that is made. To date our Crowdfunding page has raised in excess of £1,500. Our aim is to upgrade the café with new signage, new aprons, cutlery, crockery etc. Seeking grants continues with a vision in the longer term to upgrade our premises especially the toilets!

5. Big green week. We came together to produce a wonderful programme that involved all ages...really driven by older adults.
6. The garden.....new garden continues to flourish thanks to tireless efforts of a special few. .
7. The Platinum Jubilee party last June was very popular and a great community celebration. The church is uniquely placed for organising such events which help to create healthy communities. The Christmas fayre and the green Week fayre were also very successful as community events.
8. **Coronation celebration:** Plans...All Age/Parade service Sunday 7th May followed by shared lunch and music by Peter Childs and musicians. On Coronation bank holiday Monday 8th May Garden tea at 5 Middleton Hall Road. Donations to Christian Aid.
9. **Looking ahead:**
 - Thai chi – we are looking for an instructor.
 - Table tennis – many older people enjoy physical activity and it is good for healthy living. Table tennis is enjoyed by many even people into their nineties. One idea for the future would be to have a table tennis afternoon for the over 60s perhaps alternating with Tuesday Fellowship. Those who are not so keen on table tennis would be welcome for board games such as Scrabble.
 - Warm Welcome...to continue to be an active participant in the network of Warm Welcome Spaces working with others in the community to provide the best we can offer.

Day Centre Report

Members attending from 6th December 2022 to 27th February 2023

Five Days Per week 1

Four days per week 2

Three days per week 1

Two days per week 6

One day per week 6

Total 16

Members

Further to my last report, Joyce who used to attend the Robin Centre, has now started doing 4 days a week with us, as the family have said we are more friendly, better value and more accommodating with Joyce and her needs. One of Joyce's daughters, who is currently over from America gave an interview to Birmingham Mail regarding Day Centres. She said that she did mention us by name, but that doesn't appear in the article. (I will bring copies of the article to the meeting if you wish to read it).

We have had two new people start with us. Iris on a Wednesday and Margaret on a Thursday. We have also had multiple enquires recently.

Activities

Davina (Sing for joy) is returning to us in April after her maternity leave. The members are all looking forward to her return. I have booked a visit from the Zoolab people who are attending in April, which always seems to go down well with the members. They bring in small exotic animals for the members to hold if they wish.

Staffing

As you are all aware, I was recently off sick with shingles, and then Simon contracted chicken pox which meant that for three days crossover illness period the Day Centre had to close.

Tracey continues with her treatment and obviously she requires time off when she feels particularly ill, but she does try to come in most days. Nikki, our apprentice, has proven a great asset and we wouldn't be able to manage if we hadn't got her to rely on.

General

We have had visits from two charities who support the Day Centre, Cadbury trust and Douglas Turner Trust. Both visits seemed to go very well and we hope both charities will continue to support us in the future. Cadbury trust in particular seemed very keen on supporting new chairs or transport during the visit.

Myself and Simon have both made leaflet drops in the local area, targeting doctors' surgeries and advert spaces in local shops and businesses, although Doctors surgeries no longer display the leaflets, they still have them for signposting.

We have had a meeting with Dan Yarnell and Martin Thompson (Fundraisers) and discussed the targets for this year, they are both very motivated and hopeful of a good year, and have given us some pointers on things we can do to help as well, with publicity.

Michelle Madden (CCDC Co-ordinator)

Barbara Calvert (Chair OAWG)

Work with Families and Young People

The Young People Working Group oversees all young people services provided by the Church and links to other young people in our community and groups who hire rooms. Following the Covid period when our groups were suspended, Saplings and Boys' Brigade have returned. Other areas of our children & youth work have not, either due to a lack of volunteers (Messy Church), or a change in demand (Youth Café). The focus on Sundays has shifted from Young Church to All Age Worship services, which are proving popular.

Rev Barbara Calvert has established a good connection with Cotteridge Primary School, which has seen some of the children coming to participate in our Christmas midweek service, as well as the Day Centre.

Looking to the future, we are in the early stages of researching the possibility of employing a part time Children & Families worker to support current and lead new projects. Anyone interested in volunteering with children and youth is always welcome to get in touch.

Sue Clayton (Chair)

Saplings Stay & Play group offers friendship and support to carers and their pre-school children, with both secular and Christian themes. This group returned in June 2022. There was great demand, with the group fully booked, with a waiting list, most weeks. By the end of the year, we had welcomed 66 families with 90 adults and 83 children, most of whom were new to us. Parents are very appreciative of the group and the opportunity to talk to the leaders, other parents and Cathy Leigh, our contact from the Early Years Alliance. We are particularly grateful to Laura, one of our former parents, who now helps to lead the group every week and Barbara, who welcomes and provides a wonderful listening ear to the families. Additional volunteers would be most welcome.

Sue Clayton (Saplings Coordinator)

Boys' Brigade

2022 was certainly a busy year at Boys Brigade. Our numbers have improved but we would always welcome new members. We continue to provide activities for all the boys on a Friday night. We have taken part in several competitions and quizzes. Our sponsored sleepover was a great success which provided funds for the running of the company. Popular events such as our Peckwood weekend and the outing to Weston –Super-Mare returned after an absence of a couple of years. Finlay has been working towards his Queens badge which should be completed in 2023.

Bob Hotchkiss (Captain)

Youth Café

This time last year, in March 2022, we were taking a break from Youth Café with a view to restarting after Easter. That didn't happen. It had become very apparent that the 'landscape' had changed post-lockdown. Even the qualified Youth Workers that we were working with were having difficulty engaging with young people on the streets of Cotteridge. Some teens seemed to have turned inwards, wanting to relate only to their peer groups. Current thinking is that, with appropriate qualified support, we should consider a younger age range. Previously we focused on secondary school age. Maybe Year 5 and 6 (top two primary school years), with parents, might be an idea. They would then hopefully 'grow through' into a teenage group in time. It will be a challenge though because support from church members previously was very disappointing.

Girlguiding and Tuesday Evening Café

Girlguiding groups (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) are strong in number. We have continued to open Tuesday night café, usually from 6pm - 7.30pm, to serve the (mainly) Rainbows parents who wait during their daughters' stay. On occasion the café is full and is very much appreciated. Girlguiding groups have continued to support The Cotteridge Church in a variety of ways. They have also been present at several Parade Services and guides have taken part in drama within the services. In September this year we will be hosting the Divisional Service on a Tuesday night. This is for all Girlguiding groups from Cotteridge, Kings Norton and Maypole. We expect over 200 in church. We may need some extra help on the café that evening.

Communicate to You (C2U)

C2U continues to be a valued part of The Cotteridge Church. They support a number of events; Christmas and Summer Fairs, last year's Jubilee event, carol singing in the Day Centre, midweek 'Pennine Way Services' on special occasions such as Harvest and Christmas. They also help to run the café on Tuesday daytimes during term time. They bring a vibrancy and 'buzz' to The Cotteridge Church on weekdays.

Rev Mike Claridge (Youth Café & Link with external groups)

Other Church Activities

Pennine Way Trips

In 2022 there was a varied programme of monthly trips – 7 half days and 2 full days. The aim is to provide good value and a friendly group for people who have little or no access to cars, and/or no family nearby.

Visits included Hartlebury Castle, Guide Dogs Puppy Breeding Centre near Leamington, Bourton on the Water, Liverpool and Weston-Super-Mare, plus a shopping opportunity at Boundary Mills sale.

The annual early Christmas shop and meal was so oversubscribed that an additional trip was organised so that 60 plus people were able to take part.

As part of the Big Green week, there was a harvest Tea for 40 people with quizzes and an hilarious game of Beetle.

The 2023 programme has started well with a good mix of venues. Day trips include Chester and Oxford.

Rita Sutton.

The Church Garden

A gardener's wish come true.....to be allocated £10,000 for our Church Garden.

The work started in February 2022 with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be the aim and purpose. The garden gang (Dorothy, Steve, Sandra, Bob and myself), along with other willing helpers, set about transforming what was a rather tired, cluttered space into an open, user-friendly area to encourage everyone using the Church building to be part of it.

Moving the dead ivy and hedge, replacing with open fencing, knocking down the centre raised bed, creating a Bible Garden, restructuring the area by the greenhouse, meant some very serious physical work.

Despite a few sleepless nights and waiting for materials, (soil, bricks, planters etc), we did manage to achieve the vision. A place for people to come bringing drinks, sitting, playing, and hopefully, find peace on a busy place. The kitchen staff cooked the beans, tomatoes, used the strawberries, plus the birds now use it as their home.

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way at the start of what must become part of our Church life.

Please use it and contribute in any way you can....the bank account has been spent!!!

Chris Pascal.

BookCentre and Traidcraft

During 2022 the BookCentre received income which totalled £5745 and expenditure of £4038.

It was during the run up to Christmas that the signs that Traidcraft was in difficulty because not only was there no CHRISTMAS catalogue, but also stock items were not replaced when stocks ran out.

Roger Collins/Jane Stephens

The Tuesday Fellowship

Tuesday Fellowship meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and we are open to anyone who wishes to come. We have a variety of speakers throughout the year interspersed with meetings on poetry, music, quizzes and discussions. We have a cake stall at the Church Christmas Fayre and raise about £220. We advertise our meeting in the Pennine way and in Roundabout to encourage people to come to the meetings which interest them.

Linda Mann.

Flower Ministry

It was a joy to have flowers in church throughout 2022. We have celebrated Easter, our late Queen's Jubilee, Big Green Week, Harvest and Christmas with flowers that enhance worship for us all. I have been very grateful for the support of Linda Woodhouse and Rita Sutton who have helped arrange these displays, ...and special mention and thanks to Steph on the Coffee Bar who is always ready to help and make a cuppa to keep us going. I am also very grateful to Sarah and others who moved our flower resources to the Clent Room after all these years of carrying from the basement. It has made it so much easier to access all we need. Thank you all.

We are so thankful for donations to support this ministry and know from your comments that you appreciate the displays. I have also sent or taken flowers to members and friends within our church community who need to know of our thanks and prayers. Working as a small team brings the best results for us all to share. There is always room for others to join us so please come and chat to me about the possibilities. Thank you again for all your encouragement.

Sandra Walton

Roundabout

Roundabout is the bimonthly magazine for the Cotteridge Church. As its editor, I would like to thank sincerely all the contributors of articles for it. The aims of the magazine are to foster and encourage the community spirit within the church, and its locality - something which has been severely damaged during the Covid epidemic. We need to let everyone know what we are thinking about, what we are planning to do, and what we have done, and, of course, occasionally -to amuse. The articles we publish are doing just that. I have a "Next Roundabout" folder on my computer, which is always ready to receive your articles for the next edition; so, to the regular contributors - please keep them coming, whenever you like, and perhaps we can inspire others to write something too.

Celia Lester

Eco Church Report

The Eco Church group has had a busy but successful year in supporting the environmental policy. Our group consists of Peter Childs, Carole Allen, John Cooper and myself.

We have met regularly over the year. A big project was to open the Church Garden for the Jubilee. We now have a green space to enjoy peace and calm, listen to the birds and admire the plants and trees that were planted. So many folk worked so hard to make it and our thanks to them for the legacy that has been given to us all.

We were pleased to support Big Green Week in September/October. Many activities took place over the week and highlights must include the Big Green Fayre held on the Saturday. We had the opportunity to welcome our community with gardening stalls, finding out our carbon footprint, enjoying fruit and vegetable treats in the Coffee Bar and activities for the younger ones in the garden.

Thank you to everyone who made this and other activities that week possible.

We achieved our Bronze Eco Church award in October. We are very proud of the plaque in the Pennine Way and look forward to working towards our Silver in 2023. Working with First Mile recycling we have also re-recycled our paper, tins and cardboard.

Every edition of the Roundabout, our Church magazine, I write an article on an area of, "Making a difference" for the Climate Emergency. We can all make that difference to our work to support Climate change however small. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. We have much to be proud of, but much to do in the future.

Let's keep on making that difference together.

Sandra Walton

THE COTTERIDGE CHURCH

Annual Report & Financial Accounts

For The Year End 31st December 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the
Joint Council of The Cotteridge Church, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EJ
in respect of the Financial Statements of the Council
for the year ended 31st. December 2022
as set out on pages 24 to 25 of this Report.**

Charity Commission Registration Number 1143091.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

Joint Council members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed. *Alan A Clements* Date *16th May 2023*

Name Revd. A. A. Clements.

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Voluntary income	(2a)	71,235	-	44,145	115,380	362,949
Activities for generating funds	(2b)	25,181	5,329	300	30,810	17,777
Investment income	(2c)	10,073	-	3	10,077	9,723
Church activities	(2d)	1,213	24,678	58,007	83,899	31,011
Total income		107,702	30,007	102,456	240,164	421,459
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	(3a)	148,476	57,113	355,196	560,784	347,243
Costs of generating funds	(3b)	131	3,622	1,235	4,988	5,290
Total expenditure		148,607	60,735	356,430	565,773	352,532
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		(40,905)	(30,728)	(253,974)	(325,608)	68,927
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in		500	67,133	-	67,633	23,156
Gross transfers between funds - out		(57,134)	(10,000)	(500)	(67,633)	(23,156)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets		(29,379)	-	-	(29,379)	33,548
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(126,918)	26,405	(254,475)	(354,988)	102,475
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		317,719	11,871	313,705	643,295	540,820
Total funds carried forward		190,801	38,276	59,230	288,307	643,295

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	General	Designate d	Restrict ed	At 31/12/2022 £	At 31/12/2021 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	(8)	5,993	2,087	-	8,080	16,794
		5,993	2,087	-	8,080	16,794
Current assets						
Investments	(9)	138,662	27,000	-	165,662	255,042
Cash At Bank & In Hand	(10)	35,279	6,964	67,237	109,480	332,275
Stocks And Work in Progress	(11)	-	3,825	-	3,825	3,825
Debtors	(12)	18,366	-	4,289	22,655	39,953
		192,307	37,789	71,526	301,622	631,095
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	(13)	7,500	1,599	12,296	21,395	4,594
		7,500	1,599	12,296	21,395	4,594
Net current assets less current liabilities		184,808	36,190	59,230	280,227	626,501
Total assets less current liabilities		190,801	38,276	59,230	288,307	643,295
Total net assets less liabilities		190,801	38,276	59,230	288,307	643,295
Fund Totals		190,801	36,190	59,230	286,220	643,295

Approved by the Trustees of The Cotteridge Church at their meeting on
and signed on their

behalf by

Date

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Summary of Accounting Policies

General Information and basis of preparation

The Joint Council of the Cotteridge Church is a public benefit entity with the meaning of FRS102. The financial Statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards, and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Report by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets:

Consecrated and benefice property.

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded and not capitalised in the financial statements in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided as follows:

Solar Panels	Straight line over 25 years.
Equipment & Vehicles	Straight line over 4 years.

Investments

Investments are recognised at their quoted market price. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Funds:

The financial statements have been prepared using fund accounting. Whereby income, expenditure, assets & liabilities are classified by fund. The 2 types of fund classification present in these accounts are:

1. **Unrestricted Funds** (General & Designated):
 - a. General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering the aims and objectives of the charity.
 - b. Designated Funds are funds that have but have been set aside by the PCC for a particular purpose from the general fund.

2. **Restricted Funds** represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for a specific purpose.

The purpose of funds held by the charity are set out in notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
a) Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving	52,095	-	3,501	55,596	96,800
Collections At Service	189	-	-	189	3,051
Donations & Appeals	1,644	-	4,877	6,521	129,505
Gift Aid	12,122	-	814	12,936	19,414
Grants	5,185	-	34,953	40,138	35,090
Job Retention Scheme Grant	-	-	-	-	61,198
Legacies	-	-	-	-	17,892
Voluntary income total	71,235	-	44,145	115,380	362,949

Grants – Church

Birmingham Diocesan Board of Finance	5,185	—	—	5,185	—
Quakers	—	—	—	—	540
	5,185	—	—	5,185	540

Grants – Day Centre

Roger & Douglas Turner Charitable Trust	—	—	8,000	8,000	8,000
The Eveson Trust	—	—	11,403	11,403	—
DMF Ellis Charitable Trust	—	—	5,000	5,000	—
The E. & D. Cadbury Trust	—	—	2,500	2,500	—

Lord Austin Trust	—	—	3,000	3,000	3,000
Grimmit Trust	—	—	—	—	4,000
Avon Trust	—	—	—	—	1,000
W.E.D Charitable Trust	—	—	—	—	2,000
We Are All Making A Difference	—	—	1,000	1,000	1,000
Measures Trust	—	—	—	—	1,000
Bernard Piggot Charitable Trust	—	—	—	—	750
William A Cadbury Trust	—	—	1,000	1,000	—
The Sparkhill Trust	—	—	550	550	500
Marsh Christian Trust	—	—	—	—	500
Gowling WLG Trust	—	—	1,000	1,000	500
The Cook & Wolstenholme Trust	—	—	—	—	500
The K & J Mindelsohn Trust	—	—	—	—	500
Lille C Johnson Trust	—	—	500	500	500
EH Smith Charitable Trust	—	—	—	—	500
Richard Cadbury Trust	—	—	500	500	—
Stanley Smith Memorial Fund	—	—	500	500	—
Jarman Charitable Trust	—	—	—	—	200
M & H Cadbury Trust	—	—	—	—	100
	—	—	34,953	34,953	24,550

Grants – Food Bank

Asda	—	—	—	—	10,000
	—	—	—	—	10,000

Grant income total	5,185	—	34,953	40,138	35,090
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	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
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b) Investment Income

Bank & Deposit Account Interest	186	-	3	189	22
Dividends	7,683	-	-	7,683	8,087
Solar Panel Income	2,205	-	-	2,205	1,614

Investment income total	10,073	-	3	10,077	9,723
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c) Activities for Generating Funds

Hire	22,905	-	-	22,905	10,096
Regular Fundraising	1,323	-	300	1,623	863
Other Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Book Centre Sales	-	5,329	-	5,329	5,964
Events Fundraising	953	-	-	953	858
Activities for generating funds total	24,709	5,329	300	30,810	17,777

d) Church Activities

Parochial Fees	1,175	-	-	1,175	23
Other Income	38	-	628	666	289
Catering Services Sales	-	24,678	-	24,678	11,088
Day Centre Attendance	-	-	45,673	45,673	17,956
Boys' Brigade Income	-	-	3,286	3,286	763
Saplings Income	-	-	693	693	-
Pennine Way Trips Income	-	-	6,946	6,946	700
Flower Guild Income	-	-	358	358	130
Tuesday Fellowship Income	-	-	424	424	62
Church activities total	1,213	24,678	58,007	83,899	31,011

3. Expended Resources

a) Church Activities	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
Common Fund	55,260	-	-	55,260	55,260
Methodist Apportionment	8,856	-	-	8,856	8,856
URC Apportionment	9,156	-	-	9,156	8,412
Charitable Giving	50	-	-	50	-
Pastoral Costs	50	-	-	50	179
Vicarage Costs	892	-	-	892	864
Ministry Expenses & Costs	1,078	-	-	1,078	462
Church Service Costs	2,928	-	-	2,928	2,138
Mission & Outreach Work	42	-	-	42	150
Youth & Family Work	126	-	-	126	252
Community Work	146	-	-	146	
	78,584	-	-	78,584	76,573
Staffing Costs	-				
Staff Wages & Payments	26,499	34,791	81,271	142,561	157,658
Staff & Volunteer Training	-	-	-	-	145
	26,499	34,791	81,271	142,561	157,803
Office & Admin Costs	4,662	-	-	4,662	6,745
Communication Costs	175	-	-	175	
Insurance	3,864	-	-	3,864	3,780
Church Utilities	16,317	-	-	16,317	7,853
Cleaning & Hygiene	5,023	-	-	5,023	4,404
Safety & Security	625	-	-	625	1,581
Maintenance & Improvements	10,665	6,104	-	16,769	2,846
Christmas Tree & Lights	54	-	200	255	
Professional Fees	300	-	-	300	300
Depreciation	428	696	450	1,574	9,536
Other Expenditure	486	-	-	486	672
	42,600	6,800	651	50,050	37,717
Day Centre Direct Costs	-	-	8,369	8,369	2,127

Catering Services Direct Costs	-	15,522	-	15,522	5,509
Foodbank Transfer	-	-	252,729	252,729	-
Foodbank Direct Costs	-	-	3,017	3,017	61,294
	-	15,522	264,114	279,637	68,930
Saplings	-	-	491	491	-
Boys' Brigade	793	-	1,039	1,832	1,035
Pennine Way Trips	-	-	7,056	7,056	745
Tuesday Fellowship	-	-	85	85	5
Flower Guild	-	-	489	489	-
	793	-	9,159	9,952	1785
	148,476	57,113	355,196	560,784	347,243

b) Costs of generating funds

Fundraiser Costs	-	-	1,235	1,235	281
Fundraising Costs	131			131	
Book Centre	-	3,622	-	3,622	5,009
Costs of generating funds total	131	3,622	1,235	4,988	5,290

4. Unrestricted Fund Movements

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	317,719	107,702	148,607	(56,633)	(29,379)	190,801
Sub-totals	317,719	107,702	148,607	(56,633)	(29,379)	190,801

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Designated						
Book Centre	5,313	5,329	3,622	—	—	7,020
Cook & Wolstenholme Donation	—	—	—	27,000	—	27,000
Garden Project	—	—	6,398	10,000	—	3,602
Catering Services	5,903	24,678	41,787	11,206	—	—
Day Centre Designated	—	—	8,928	8,928	—	—
Diocesan Decorating Fund	655	—	—	—	—	655
Sub-totals	11,871	30,007	60,735	57,134	—	38,276

Unrestricted Fund Purposes:

General Fund:

- Available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering its aims and objectives.

Designated Funds:

- **Book Centre Fund** is used for the income & expenditure associated with the book centre selling books & Fairtrade products.
- **Catering Services** is for used for the running of the coffee bar & kitchen at the church and any income & expenditure associated with those services.
- **Diocesan Decorating Fund** is for any internal decorating to the vicarage.

5. Restricted Fund Movements

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Restricted						
Trip to Iona	235	—	—	—	—	235
Cotteridge Christmas Tree	1,440	455	200	—	—	1,694
Summer Holiday Club	1,000	578	—	—	—	1,000

Children & Youth Work	83	—	—	—	—	83
Children's Party	233	—	—	—	—	233
Food Ministry	522	—	—	—	—	522
Sub-totals	3,514	1,033	200	—	—	4,346
Church Group's Restricted						
Boys' Brigade	6,510	3,287	1,039	(300)	—	8,457
Saplings	129	702	491	—	—	167
Flower Guild	298	358	489	—	—	340
Tuesday Fellowship	265	424	85	(250)	—	404
Pennine Way Trips	87	6,969	7,056	—	—	—
Sub-totals	7,288	11,738	9,159	(550)	—	9,368
Food Bank Restricted						
Food Bank – General	247,741	7,323	255,064	—	—	—
Food Bank – Summer Holiday Club	578	—	578	—	—	—
Food Bank – Advice Worker	554	—	554	—	—	—
Sub-totals	248,873	7,323	256,196	—	—	—
Day Centre Restricted						
DC – General	44,021	68,958	86,521	—	—	26,375
DC – Apprentice	2,603	11,403	2,020	—	—	11,985
DC – Entertainment & Therapy	2,821	—	1,067	—	—	1,754
DC – Door	3,030	—	—	—	—	3,030
DC – Making a Difference 21	434	—	434	—	—	—
DC – Making a Difference 22	—	1,000	232	—	—	768
DC – Nostalgia Posters	600	—	80	—	—	520

DC – Rempod	81	—	81	—	—	—
DC – Christmas & Trips	440	—	440	—	—	—
Sub-totals	54,030	81,361	90,875	—	—	44,433
Restricted Total	313,705	102,456	356,430	(500)	—	59,230

Fund Descriptions next page.

Church Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Trip to Iona** – Donations towards individuals going on a pilgrimage to Iona (Scotland).
- **Cotteridge Christmas Tree** – Donations towards the costs associated with installing a Christmas tree outside the church.
- **Summer Holiday Club** – From a grant towards the running of a club for children over the summer holidays.
- **Children's Party** – From a grant towards running a children's party..
- **Children & Youth Work** – Proceeds from one third of the total fundraising of the bookstore to be used towards youth & children work.
- **Food Ministry** – Fundraising & Donations towards catering's food ministry initiative which aims to engage with the community through the use of food.

Church Group Fund Purposes:

- **Boy's Brigade** – Donations & Subscriptions towards the running of the Boy's Brigade.
- **Saplings** – Donations & Attendance Fees towards the running of the weekly term-time saplings groups for children.
- **Flower Guild** – Donations & Contributions towards the flowers at services & special events.
- **Tuesday Fellowship** – Donations & Contributions towards the costs & activities of the Tuesday Fellowship group.
- **Pennine Way Trips** – Contributions towards the regular organised coach trips covering both coach hire & attendance.

Food Bank Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Food Bank – General Fund** - Available for use at the discretion of the B30 Foodbank in delivering its aims and objectives.

- **Food Bank – Advice Worker** – From grant income towards the services of an advice worker to help foodbank users with advice on finance management, etc.
- **Food Bank - Summer Holiday Club** – From a grant towards the running of a club for children over the summer holidays.

Day Centre Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Day Centre – General Fund** - Available for use at the discretion of the Day Centre in delivering its aims and objectives.
- **Apprentice** is the result of grants towards the employment of an apprentice.
- **Entertainment & Therapy** was of grants and an ongoing appeal towards the program of activities the Day Centre runs for members. This includes costs associated with the hiring activity facilitators and material costs of some activities.
- **Door** is the result of several grants into replacing the entrance fire door that is currently a full wood door with the aim of making the entrance way more welcoming.
- **We Are All Making A Difference 2020 & 2021** is a donation to be used towards an expenditure that directly impacts the members are the Day Centre not to be used for general day to day expenditure.
- **Nostalgia Posters** is the Result of a grant towards nostalgia and familiarity posters / canvases to be hung around the centre.
- **Rempod Immersive** is the result of a grant from Birmingham City Council towards the buying of a Rempod System.
- **Christmas & Trips** is the result of grants towards the yearly Christmas festivities as well as Day Trips usually in the summer months.

6. Transfers Between Funds

	Note	General	Designated	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total
General Fund to Designated Cook & Wolstenholme	1	(37,000)	37,000	—	—	—
Designated Cook & Wolstenholme to Garden Project Designated Fund	2		(10,000) 10,000	—	—	—
General Fund to Catering Designated Fund	3	(11,205)	11,205	—	—	—
General Fund to Catering Designated Fund	4					
Tuesday Fellowship Restricted to Church General Fund	5	200		(200)	—	—
Boys Brigade Restricted Fund to Church General Fund	6	300	—	(300)		—
General Fund to Day Centre Designated Fund	7	(8,928)	8,928			
		(56,634)	57,134	(500)	—	—

- 1 £37,000 transferred from General fund to the designated Cook & Wolstenholme Fund to allow the grant received in 2021 to be set aside to be used for certain purposes as deemed by JCC
- 2 £10,000 transferred from the designated Cook & Wolstenholme Fund to designated Garden Project Fund.
- 3 £9,907 transferred from General fund to Designated Catering Fund to cover shortfall between caterings income & core expenditure during 2022.
- 4 £1,298 transferred from General fund to Designated Catering Fund to fund the purchasing of new Oven & Chest Freezer.
- 5 £200 transferred from Tuesday Fellowship Restricted Fund to General Fund as a contribution to church overheads.
- 6 £300 transferred from Boy's Brigade Restricted Fund to General Fund as a contribution to church overheads.
- 7 £8,928 transferred from General fund to Designated Day Centre fund to cover the cost of redundancy of one of the Day Centre members of staff.

7. Staff Costs & Payments

	Church	Catering	Day Centre	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Administration	15,063	—	—	15,063	13,045
Cleaner Wages	6,689	—	2,580	9,269	9,109

Catering Manager	—	1,134		1,134	
Kitchen Wages	—	24,729	5,146	29,875	29,406
Day Care Wages	—	—	68,242	68,242	94,509
Treasurer Payments	—	—	2,318	2,318	2,295
	21,752	25,863	78,286	125,901	148,364
Social Security Costs	3,726	—	1,587	5,312	6,614
Pension Costs	1,021	—	1,399	2,421	2,680
	26,499	25,863	81,272	133,634	157,658
The average number of employees	3	3	4	7	9

During the year, no employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

There are no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

8. Fixed Assets

	Food Bank Vehicle	Food Bank Fixture & Fittings	Food Bank Handling Equipment	Solar Panels	Garden Furniture	Total
Cost						
As at 1 January 2022	17,316	13,847	5,960	10,701	—	47,824
Additions	—	—	—		2,782	2,782
Disposals	(3,526)	(4,832)	(1,565)	—	—	(9,923)
As at 31 December 2022	13,790	9,015	4,395	10,701	2,782	40,683
Depreciation						
As at 1 January 2022	13,629	8,817	4,305	4,280	—	31,030
Charge for year	162	198	91	428	696	1,574
As at 31 December 2022	13,790	9,015	4,395	4,708	696	32,604
Net Book Value 31 December 2022	—	—	—	5,993	2,087	8,080

9. Investments

	Share Fund	Property Fund	Total
Market Value – 1 st January	168,165	86,877	255,042
Additions	—	—	—
Disposals (Sales)	(60,000)	—	(60,000)
Revaluation gain / (loss)	(17,999)	(11,380)	(29,379)
	90,166	75,497	165,662

10. Cash At Bank & In Hand

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
<u>Church:</u>		
Current Account	32,077	39,019
Church Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	36	42
CCLA Deposit Account	16,046	13,178
Diocesan Decorating Fund	655	655
	48,814	52,893

Day Centre:

Current Account	16,588	20,970
Reserve Account	25,000	30,000
Day Centre Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	474	500
Petty Cash	—	195
	42,062	51,665

Food Bank:

Current Accounts	—	212,496
Cash in Hand	—	—

	—	212,496
<u>Other Groups:</u>		
Catering	2,500	4,982
Catering Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	1,073	185
Catering – Square (Till)	1,475	11
Food Ministry	522	522
Book Centre	3,920	2,213
Flower Guild	167	298
Boy's Brigade	6,729	4,781
Boy's Brigade Reserve	1,728	1,728
Saplings	87	129
Pennine Way Trips	—	87
Tuesday Fellowship	404	265
	18,604	15,202
Total Cash At Bank & In Hand	109,480	332,275

11. Stock

	Book Centre	Catering	Total
Cost:			
Brought forward 1 st December 2022	3,100	725	3,825
Additions	—	—	—
Disposals	—	—	—
Book Value 31 st December 2022	3,100	725	3,825

12. Debtors

This Year Total	Last Year Total
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Trade Debtors	11,949	8,666
Other Debtors	6,356	11,143
Prepayments	4,351	20,144
Total Debtors & Prepayments	22,655	39,953

13. Creditors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Church Liabilities:		
Other Creditors	7,349	581
Accruals	2,510	4,013
Agency Collections	11,536	—
Total Creditors	21,395	4,594
Deferred Income	—	—
Total Creditors & Deferred Income	21,395	4,594

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Total income for unrestricted funds was £133,505 of which £55,262 was unrestricted voluntary donations, £11,657 from Gift Aid, £26,611 Job Retention Scheme and £1,000 in Legacies. Restricted voluntary income of £287,222 was also received and is detailed in the Financial Statements.

Although overall voluntary income increased by 2.5% compared to 2019 this was due to receipt of the Job Retention Scheme funds (£26,611) & Legacies (£1,000) offsetting the decrease in Congregational Giving, Collections & Donations and Gift Aid.

The global pandemic caused significant reductions in income from Hire, Catering & The Book Centre. Hire decreased by £16,891 representing a 54% decrease, while Catering decreased by £49,811 representing a 86.7% decrease & The Book Centre decreased by £1,626 representing a 26.7% decrease.

£182,388 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Cotteridge Church representing a reduction of 25.3%. This decrease was due to a reduction in the running costs of both the church and its activities due to long periods of closure or reduced use due to the global pandemic.

Restricted expenditure in 2020 was £198,337.

The investments held by the JCC with CCLA increased in value by £6,205 to £231,494.

The net result for the year was an increase in total funds of £71,486 (15.2%) this being made up of a decrease in unrestricted funds of £38,409 and an increase in restricted funds of £109,896. The total fund balances at the year-end stood at £540,820 (Unrestricted: £279,913; Designated £9,225 and Restricted £249,955).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the
Joint Council of The Cotteridge Church, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3EJ
in respect of the Financial Statements of the Council
for the year ended 31st. December 2020
as set out on pages to of this Report.**

Charity Commission Registration Number 1143091.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

Joint Council members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed.

Date

Name Revd. A. A. Clements.

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:							
Voluntary income	(2a)	122,901	12,655	227,392	—	362,949	381,753
Investment income	(2b)	9,705	—	18	—	9,723	10,407
Activities for generating funds	(2c)	11,437	5,964	376	—	17,777	20,788
Church activities	(2d)	23	11,178	19,810	—	31,011	33,060
Total income		144,066	29,797	247,597	—	421,459	446,007
Expenditure on:							
Church activities	(3a)	127,735	34,915	184,593	—	347,243	373,680
Costs of generating funds	(3b)	—	5,009	281	—	5,290	7,046
Total expenditure		127,735	39,924	184,874	—	352,532	380,725
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		16,331	(10,127)	62,723	—	68,927	65,282
Transfers							
Transfers between funds - in	(6)	4,678	16,751	1,727	—	23,156	7,163
Transfers between funds - out		(16,751)	(3,978)	(700)	(1,727)	(23,156)	(7,163)
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets		33,548	—	—	—	33,548	6,205
Net movement in funds		37,806	2,646	63,750	(1,727)	102,475	71,486
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		279,913	9,225	249,955	1,727	540,820	469,334
Total funds carried forward		317,719	11,871	313,705	—	643,295	540,820

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/12/2021	At 31/12/2020
<i>Fixed assets</i>						
Tangible assets	(7)	6,421	—	10,373	16,794	25,369
Fixed assets		6,421	—	10,373	16,794	25,369
<i>Current assets</i>						
Cash at bank and in hand	(8)	48,617	8,046	275,612	332,275	252,139
Investments	(9)	255,042	—	—	255,042	231,494
Stocks and work in progress	(10)	—	3,825	—	3,825	3,300
Debtors	(11)	10,041	—	29,911	39,953	43,909
Current assets		313,700	11,871	305,524	631,095	530,841
<i>Liabilities</i>						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	(12)	2,402	—	2,192	4,594	15,391
Net current assets less current liabilities		311,298	11,871	303,332	626,501	515,450
Total assets less current liabilities		317,719	11,871	313,705	643,295	540,820
Total net assets less liabilities		317,719	11,871	313,705	643,295	540,820
<i>Represented by</i>						
<i>Unrestricted</i>						
Unrestricted - General fund	(13)	317,719	—	—	317,719	279,913

Designated Funds	(13)	—	11,871	—	11,871	
Restricted Funds	(14)	—	—	313,705	313,705	
Endowment Funds	(14)	—	—	—	—	1,727
Funds of the church		317,719	11,871	313,705	643,295	540,820

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Approved by the Trustees of The Cotteridge Church at their meeting on
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Date

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Summary of Accounting Policies

General Information and basis of preparation

The Joint Council of the Cotteridge Church is a public benefit entity with the meaning of FRS102. The financial Statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards, and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Report by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

Assets:

Consecrated and benefice property.

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded and not capitalised in the financial statements in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided as follows:

Solar Panels Straight line over 25 years.

Equipment & Vehicles Straight line over 4 years.

Investments

Investments are recognised at their quoted market price. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Funds:

The financial statements have been prepared using fund accounting. Whereby income, expenditure, assets & liabilities are classified by fund. The 2 types of fund classification present in these accounts are:

1. **Unrestricted Funds** (General & Designated):
 - a. General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering the aims and objectives of the charity.
 - b. Designated Funds are funds that have but have been set aside by the PCC for a particular purpose from the general fund.
2. **Restricted Funds** represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for a specific purpose.

The purpose of funds held by the charity are set out in notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
a) Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving	49,599	-	47,201	96,800	84,343
Collections At Service	3,051	-	-	3,051	2,765
Donations & Appeals	37,570	-	91,935	129,505	127,680
Gift Aid	9,393	-	10,021	19,414	20,693
Grants	-	-	35,090	35,090	57,540

Job Retention Scheme Grant	5,398	12,655	43,145	61,198	87,732
Legacies	17,892	-	-	17,892	1,000
Voluntary income total	122,901	12,655	227,392	362,949	381,753

Grants – Church

—	—	540	540	—
—	—	540	540	—

Grants – Day Centre

Roger & Douglas Turner Charitable Trust	—	—	8,000	8,000	10,000
The Eveson Trust	—	—	—	—	8,190
WO Street Charitable Trust	—	—	—	—	5,000
DMF Ellis Charitable Trust	—	—	—	—	5,000
The E. & D. Cadbury Trust	—	—	—	—	2,500
Lord Austin Trust	—	—	3,000	3,000	2,000
GJW Turner Trust	—	—	—	—	2,000
Grimmit Trust	—	—	4,000	4,000	—
Baron Davenport Trust	—	—	—	—	1,500
Lynn Foundation	—	—	—	—	1,000
Avon Trust	—	—	1,000	1,000	1,000
WG Edwards Charitable Trust	—	—	—	—	1,000
W.E.D Charitable Trust	—	—	2,000	2,000	—
We Are All Making A Difference	—	—	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cole Charitable Trust	—	—	—	—	1,000
Alfred Haines Trust	—	—	—	—	1,000
Measures Trust	—	—	1,000	1,000	1,000

Bernard Piggot Charitable Trust	—	—	750	750	—
William A Cadbury Trust	—	—	—	—	750
The Sparkhill Trust	—	—	500	500	600
Marsh Christian Trust	—	—	500	500	—
Gowling WLG Trust	—	—	500	500	—
The Cook & Wolstenholme Trust	—	—	500	500	—
The K & J Mindelsohn Trust	—	—	500	500	—
Lille C Johnson Trust	—	—	500	500	—
EH Smith Charitable Trust	—	—	500	500	—
Jarman Charitable Trust	—	—	200	200	—
M & H Cadbury Trust	—	—	100	100	—
Other Small Grants (£500 or under)	—	—	—	—	3,000
	—	—	24,550	24,550	47,540

Grants – Food Bank

Asda	—	—	10,000	10,000	10,000
	—	—	10,000	10,000	10,000

Grant income total	—	—	35,090	35,090	57,540
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	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
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b) Investment Income

Bank & Deposit Account Interest	4	-	18	22	190
Dividends	8,087	-	-	8,087	8,233
Solar Panel Income	1,614	-	-	1,614	1,984
Investment income total	9,705	-	18	9,723	10,407

c) Activities for Generating Funds

Hire	10,096	-	-	10,096	14,366
Regular Fundraising	487	-	376	863	765
Other Fundraising	-	-	-	-	1,191
Book Centre Sales	-	5,964	-	5,964	4,466
Activities for generating funds total	10,583	5,964	376	16,923	20,788

d) Church Activities

Catering Services Sales	-	11,088	-	11,088	7,619
Day Centre Attendance	-	-	17,956	17,956	23,342
Parochial Fees	23	-	-	23	44
Other Income	-	89	200	289	833
	23	11,178	18,156	29,356	31,838
Groups					
Boys' Brigade Income	-	-	763	763	371
Saplings Income	-	-	-	-	545
Pennine Way Trips Income	-	-	700	700	222
Flower Guild Income	-	-	130	130	1
Tuesday Fellowship Income	-	-	62	62	83
	-	-	1,655	1,655	1,222
Church activities total	23	11,178	19,810	31,011	33,060

3. Expended Resources

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Year Total	Last Year Total
a) Church Activities					
Common Fund	55,260	-	-	55,260	55,260
Methodist Apportionment	8,856	-	-	8,856	8,856
URC Apportionment	8,412	-	-	8,412	8,856
Vicarage Costs	864	-	-	864	618
Ministry Expenses & Costs	462	-	-	462	642
Church Service Costs	2,138	-	-	2,138	1,296
Pastoral Costs	179	-	-	179	339
Mission & Outreach Work	150	-	-	150	142
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	177
Youth & Family Work	252	-	-	252	2,149
	76,573	-	-	76,573	78,536
Staff Wages & Payments	23,585	29,406	104,667	157,658	165,935
Staff Training & Expenses	-	-	145	145	912
	23,585	29,406	104,812	157,803	166,847
Office & Admin Costs	5,113	-	1,632	6,745	5,577
Insurance	3,780	-	-	3,780	3,800
Church Utilities	7,853	-	-	7,853	8,468
Cleaning & Hygiene	4,399	-	5	4,404	3,451
Safety & Security	1,581	-	-	1,581	1,614
Maintenance & Improvements	2,828	-	17	2,846	3,445
Professional Fees	300	-	-	300	200

Depreciation	428	-	9,108	9,536	7,952
Other Expenditure	450	-	222	672	146
	26,732	-	10,984	37,717	34,653
Day Centre Direct Costs	-	-	2,127	2,127	7,240
Catering Services Direct Costs	-	5,509	-	5,509	8,279
Foodbank Direct Costs	-	-	61,294	61,294	76,681
	-	5,509	63,421	68,930	92,200
Boys' Brigade	-	-	1,035	1,035	883
Saplings	-	-	-	-	460
Pennine Way Trips	-	-	745	745	250
Tuesday Fellowship	-	-	5	5	50
	-	-	1,785	1,785	1,644
Church activities total	126,889	34,915	181,003	342,807	373,680

b) Costs of generating funds

Fundraiser Costs	-	-	281	281	1,917
Giving Costs	-	-	-	-	38
Book Centre	-	5,009	-	5,009	5,091
Costs of generating funds total	-	5,009	281	5,290	7,046

4. Unrestricted Fund Movements

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	279,913	144,066	127,735	(12,073)	33,548	317,719
Sub-totals	279,913	144,066	127,735	(12,073)	33,548	317,719

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Designated						

Book Centre	5,258	5,964	5,009	(900)	—	5,313
Catering Services	3,312	23,833	34,915	13,673	—	5,903
Diocesan Decorating Fund	655	—	—	—	—	655
Sub-totals	9,225	29,797	39,924	12,773	—	11,871

Unrestricted Fund Purposes:

General Fund:

- Available for use at the discretion of the PCC in delivering its aims and objectives.

Designated Funds:

- **Book Centre Fund** is used for the income & expenditure associated with the book centre selling books & Fairtrade products.
- **Catering Services** is for used for the running of the coffee bar & kitchen at the church and any income & expenditure associated with those services.
- **Diocesan Decorating Fund** is for any internal decorating to the vicarage.

5. Restricted Fund Movements

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Restricted						
Trip to Iona	235	—	—	—	—	235
Cotteridge Christmas Tree	200	4,152	2,912	—	—	1,440

Summer Holiday Club	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Children & Youth Work	83	—	—	—	—	83
Children's Party		540	307	—	—	233
Food Ministry	522	—	—	—	—	522
Sub-totals	2,040	4,692	3,219	—	—	3,514
Church Group's Restricted						
Boys' Brigade	5,055	763	1,035	1,727	—	6,510
Saplings	129	—	—	—	—	129
Flower Guild	538	130	371	—	—	298
Tuesday Fellowship	459	62	5	(250)	—	265
Pennine Way Trips	132	700	745	—	—	87
Sub-totals	6,313	1,655	2,156	1,477	—	7,288
Food Bank Restricted						
Food Bank – General	162,201	144,605	58,616	(450)	—	247,741
Food Bank – Summer Holiday Club	578	—	—	—	—	578
Food Bank – Advice Worker	554	10,000	10,000	—	—	554
Food Bank – Equipment Grants	1,788	—	1,788	—	—	—
Sub-totals	165,121	154,605	70,403	(450)	—	248,873
Day Centre Restricted						
DC – General	62,641	85,145	103,765	—	—	44,021
DC – Apprentice	2,603	—	—	—	—	2,603
DC – Entertainment & Therapy	5,587	500	3,226	—	—	2,821
DC – Door	3,030	—	—	—	—	3,030
DC – Computer Equipment	50	—	50	—	—	—
DC – Making a Difference 2020	1,000	—	1,000	—	—	—
DC – Making a Difference 2021	—	1,000	566	—	—	434
DC – Nostalgia Posters	600	—	—	—	—	600
DC – Rempod	81	—	—	—	—	81
DC – Christmas & Trips	889	—	449	—	—	440
Sub-totals	76,481	86,645	109,096	—	—	54,030

Restricted Total	249,955	247,597	184,874	1,027	—	313,705
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Church Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Trip to Iona**—Donations towards individuals going on a pilgrimage to Iona (Scotland).
- **Cotteridge Christmas Tree** – Donations towards the costs associated with installing a Christmas tree outside the church.
- **Summer Holiday Club** – From a grant towards the running of a club for children over the summer holidays.
- **Children's Party** –From a grant towards running a children's party..
- **Children & Youth Work** – Proceeds from one third of the total fundraising of the bookstore to be used towards youth & children work.
- **Food Ministry** – Fundraising & Donations towards catering's food ministry initiative which aims to engage with the community through the use of food.

Church Group Fund Purposes:

- **Boy's Brigade** – Donations & Subscriptions towards the running of the Boy's Brigade.
- **Saplings** – Donations & Attendance Fees towards the running of the weekly term-time saplings groups for children.
- **Flower Guild** – Donations & Contributions towards the flowers at services & special events.
- **Tuesday Fellowship** – Donations & Contributions towards the costs & activities of the Tuesday Fellowship group.
- **Pennine Way Trips** – Contributions towards the regular organised coach trips covering both coach hire & attendance.

Food Bank Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Food Bank – General Fund** - Available for use at the discretion of the B30 Foodbank in delivering its aims and objectives.
- **Food Bank – Advice Worker** – From grant income towards the services of an advice worker to help foodbank users with advice on finance management, etc.
- **Food Bank – Equipment Grants**—From grant income towards the purchasing of an additional vehicle for the foodbank.

- **Food Bank - Summer Holiday Club** – From a grant towards the running of a club for children over the summer holidays.

Day Centre Restricted Fund Purposes:

- **Day Centre – General Fund** - Available for use at the discretion of the Day Centre in delivering its aims and objectives.
- **Apprentice** is the result of grants towards the employment of an apprentice.
- **Entertainment & Therapy** was of grants and an ongoing appeal towards the program of activities the Day Centre runs for members. This includes costs associated with the hiring activity facilitators and material costs of some activities.
- **Door** is the result of a number of grants into replacing the entrance fire door that is currently a full wood door with the aim of making the entrance way more welcoming.
- **Computer Equipment** was the result of a grant towards replacement of the office computers and a new computer / media system in the main care rooms
- **We Are All Making A Difference 2020 & 2021** is a donation to be used towards an expenditure that directly impacts the members are the Day Centre not to be used for general day to day expenditure.
- **Nostalgia Posters** is the Result of a grant towards nostalgia and familiarity posters / canvases to be hung around the centre.
- **Rempod Immersive** is the result of a grant from Birmingham City Council towards the buying of a Rempod System.
- **Christmas & Trips** is the result of grants towards the yearly Christmas festivities as well as Day Trips usually in the summer months.

6. Transfers Between Funds

	Note	General	Designated	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total
Book Centre Designated Fund to Church General Fund	1	900	(900)	—	—	—
Food Bank Restricted Fund to Church General Fund	2	450	—	(450)	—	—
Church General Fund to Catering Designated Fund	3	(14,301)	14,301	—	—	—
Catering Designated to Church General Fund	4	3,078	(3,078)	—	—	—
Tuesday Fellowship Restricted to Church General Fund	5	250		(250)	—	—
Boy's Brigade Endowment Fund to Boy's Brigade Restricted Fund	6	—	—	1,727	(1,727)	—
		(12,073)	12,773	1,027	(1,727)	—

1 £900 transferred from Book Centre Designated fund to Church General Fund as a contribution from the profits of the Book Centre.

2 £450 transferred from Food Bank Restricted Fund to Church General Fund as a contribution towards the overheads of the building.

- 3 £14,301 transferred from Church General Fund to Catering Designated to help fund the catering salaries due to significant reductions in catering income.
- 4 £3,078 transferred from Catering Designated Fund to General Fund as a contribution back to the church from sales.
- 5 £250 transferred from Tuesday Fellowship Restricted Fund to General Fund as a contribution to church overheads.
- 6 £1,727 transferred from Boy's Brigade Endowment Fund to Boy's Brigade Restricted Fund as it was found to not be an endowment.

7. Staff Costs & Payments

	Church	Catering	Day Centre	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Administration	13,045	—	—	13,045	15,119
Cleaner Wages	6,529	—	2,580	9,109	9,278
Catering Wages	2,451	26,956	—	29,406	29,147
Day Care Wages	—	—	94,509	94,509	100,942
Treasurer Payments	—	—	2,295	2,295	2,295
Security Payments	—	—	—	—	259
	22,025	26,956	99,384	148,364	157,040
Social Security Costs	3,307	—	3,306	6,614	6,112

Pension Costs	704	—	1,977	2,680	2,783
	26,036	26,956	104,667	157,658	165,935
The average number of employees	1	2	6	9	10

During the year, no employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

There are no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

8. Fixed Assets

	Food Bank Vehicle	Food Bank Fixture & Fittings	Food Bank Handling Equipment	Solar Panels	Total
Cost					
As at 1 January 2021	17,316	12,887	5,960	10,701	57,270
Additions	—	960	—	—	960
Disposals	—	—	—	—	—
As at 31 December 2021	17,316	13,847	5,960	10,701	58,230
Depreciation					
As at 1 January 2021	10,679	4,646	2,318	3,852	31,901
Charge for year	2,950	4,171	1,987	428	9,536
As at 31 December 2021	13,629	8,817	4,305	4,280	41,437
Net Book Value 31 December 2021	3,688	5,030	1,656	6,421	16,794

9. Investments

	Share Fund	Property Fund	Total
Market Value – 1 st January	156,537	74,856	231,494
Additions	—	—	—
Disposals (Sales)	(10,000)		(10,000)
Revaluation gain / (loss)	21,527	12,021	33,548
	168,165	86,877	255,042

10. Cash At Bank & In Hand

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
<u>Church:</u>		
Current Account	39,019	17,033
Church Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	42	—
CCLA Deposit Account	13,178	5,087
Diocesan Decorating Fund	655	655
	52,893	22,775

Day Centre:

Current Account	20,970	41,629
Reserve Account	30,000	35,039
Day Centre Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	500	—
Petty Cash	195	195
	51,665	76,863

Food Bank:

Current Accounts	212,496	138,522
Cash in Hand	—	—
	212,496	138,522

Other Groups:

Catering	4,993	3,259
Catering Soldo Account (Petty Cash)	185	—
Food Ministry	522	522
Book Centre	2,213	2,158
Flower Guild	298	538
Boy's Brigade	4,781	5,054

Boy's Brigade Reserve	1,728	1,728
Saplings	129	129
Pennine Way Trips	87	132
Tuesday Fellowship	265	459
	15,202	13,979

Total Cash At Bank & In Hand		
	332,275	252,139

11. Stock

	Book Centre	Catering	Total
Cost:			
Brought forward 1 st December 2020	3,100	200	3,300
Additions	—	525	525
Disposals	—	—	—
Book Value 31 st December 2020	3,100	725	3,825

12. Debtors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
Trade Debtors	8,666	6,098
Other Debtors	11,143	20,486
Total Prepayments	20,144	17,325
Total Debtors & Prepayments	39,953	43,909

13. Creditors

	This Year Total	Last Year Total
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Church Liabilities:

Other Creditors	581	15,018
Accruals	4,013	226
Agency Collections	—	147
Total Creditors	4,594	15,391
Deferred Income	—	—
Total Creditors& Deferred Income	4,594	15,391