

# NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1146886

## Details

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**Other names** NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH BECKENHAM

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [07990543](#)

**Registered** 2012-04-16

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND 3.2 TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

**Activities:** Neighbourhood Church is a small and growing church, rooted in orthodox Christian faith. We welcome people at whatever stage of their faith journey. We meet every Sunday and also in small groups throughout the week. With a heart for the local community, we seek ways to serve people and needs, providing a variety of community activities and ways of exploring the Christian faith.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Kent

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£165,062	£138,398	-	-
2023-12-31	£128,951	£137,585	-	-
2022-12-31	£108,967	£109,269	-	-
2021-12-31	£97,499	£96,989	-	-
2020-12-31	£93,964	£87,379	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>BRIAN ROY NUNES</b>	Chair	2012-04-13
Ben Edge		2017-11-28
James Webb		2020-09-21
Leslie Matthews		2023-04-03

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# Accounts

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Report and Accounts  
Year ended 31 December 2024

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**COMPANY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Trustees</b>	Brian Roy Nunes Leslie Matthews James Webb Ben Edge
<b>Key Staff</b>	Simon Lang Daniel Leeves
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 March 2012
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	07990543
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1146886
<b>Registered Office</b>	The Hall Cromwell Road Beckenham Kent BR3 4LW
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds TSB

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
**(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Status and Governing Document**

Neighbourhood Church, a charitable company limited by guarantee, was constituted by Memorandum & Articles of Association on 14 March 2012.

**Trustees and Directors**

The trustees, who are also directors of the company, throughout the period and at the date of approval were as indicated on the charity information page.

The powers of appointment or removal of trustees/directors rests with the trustees/directors.

**Objects**

The primary objects of Neighbourhood Church, for public benefit, are to advance the Christian faith, in accordance with our Statement of Faith, in the London Borough of Bromley and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit. The church will also fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable, according to the law of England and Wales, and are connected to the charitable work of the charity, as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

**The Church: Its Aims and Objectives**

Neighbourhood Church is a small and growing local church based in Beckenham, South East London, rooted in orthodox Christian faith. We subscribe to the ancient Apostles' Creed and to the Evangelical Alliance's Statement of Faith.

With a desire to be welcoming, informal and 'real', we provide a place for people to meet at whatever stage of their faith journey. Comprising a mix of all ages, Neighbourhood Church meets every Sunday as a large gathering and also in small groups throughout the week. Encouraging people to grow in their Christian faith, we provide a variety of learning opportunities. With a heart for the local community, Neighbourhood Church seeks ways to serve people and meet needs.

Our vision is to be a church made up of a growing number of people who are seeking, sharing and living out their Christian faith in a way that brings blessing to people and communities around them. Our members live out their faith where they live, where they work and with the people they encounter, having a positive impact on wider society.

Neighbourhood Church is organised and directed by the leadership team and the trustees. The trustees administer the church in accordance with its Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 14 March 2012 and with regard to meeting the needs for which it was set up. They are also responsible for helping Neighbourhood Church to comply with applicable law and regulations. The trustees have overall financial responsibility for the church.

The leadership team take on responsibility for the day-to-day outworking of the church's vision and mission. They are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church, its activities and teaching. The leadership team is made up of the pastor and assistant pastor, along with volunteers who are committed members of Neighbourhood Church and who share in, and own, the beliefs, vision, values and ethos of the church.

**The Year in Review**

2024 has been another year of Neighbourhood Church growing and flourishing. There is a vitality and vibrancy to our church life as new people across the age ranges are welcomed on a regular basis; there's a depth of activities that reflect the life of the church, and the building is used by a wide range of community groups.

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Teaching

Teaching in line with the church's beliefs and statement of faith continued to occur on Sundays and in mid-week groups. Teaching is varied, age-appropriate, and covers a range of Biblical themes, and is delivered by the teaching team of Neighbourhood Church. There are four mid-week small groups, three in person and one which meets online. There is also a well-attended, growing youth group.

Community Activities

The church engages with the community in a variety of ways:

Songbirds, a music group for young children and their carers, offers two sessions on a Monday morning. The group aims to meet a need in the community for low-cost activities for young children and a place for carers to meet. There's a new group aimed at seniors (Tuesdays at Neighbourhood) which offers a weekly place for older folk to meet, chat, play games, do puzzles and get to know others.

The church rents the building to outside organisations for activities which further benefit the community. Those activities currently include the NCT Breastfeeding Café, a Bumps & Babies playgroup, a children's choir, an adult choir, a chair-based exercise class for older folk, a sewing class and a ukelele group. In addition, the building gets used as a polling station, and the local MP uses the building for his constituency surgeries. The church also rents the building to local families for children's birthday parties, and allows local residents to use it for their street parties.

We also hosted a fun music quiz night for approximately 90 local people, and raised close to £1,800 for a teen mental health project.

The church is a collection centre for a local food bank which seeks to provide individuals and families in need with food and toiletries. This past December we had our biggest ever Christmas foodbank collection.

Neighbourhood Sessions, a community focused evening of live music, meets approximately four times per year, and offers high-quality music at low cost.

Outreach

The church offers Alpha, giving adults an opportunity to explore and develop their Christian faith.

In October we held a 'Light it Up' event to coincide with Halloween – offering games, activities, snacks and treats from the church garden. Lots of local adults and children stopped by and commented how great it was that we were making people feel so welcome.

And our Christmas events are always well-received by the local community - Carols around the Tree, Christmas Eve Carols, and a Pop-Up Nativity aimed at younger children.

Church Giving

The church gives more than 10% of its income away to people in need within the community and outside it, as deemed appropriate by the trustees and the leadership team. Local organisations supported include a local debt advice centre and a foodbank and advocacy service. And further afield, the church supports IcFem in Kenya and Karis Kids in Uganda.

Church Activities

The church youth group offers a fun and varied programme for 11-18 year olds. Their recent teaching has included sessions on creativity in worship, and they are currently doing the Youth Alpha course. They had a trip to a national summer youth festival, and are going again in 2025.

The church 'Eco Team' has continued to raise awareness and challenge thinking about climate and ecological issues. They have begun developing our outside space to encourage and enable wildlife. In 2024 they had an Eco-Audit conducted by an outside organisation, which has led them to now apply for funding for improvements such as double-glazing, insulation and an air-source heat pump. We have also been awarded the Arocha Eco Church Bronze Award.

In August the church redecorated the inside of the building – and so many users have commented on what a warm, welcoming and attractive space it is.

The church leadership team and trustees are encouraged by the all-round buzz that exists within the life of the church, and are keen for this to continue.

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**Financial Review**

The trustees were pleased with the financial results for the year; as a result of the church's generous giving from regular attendees, donations were higher than budgeted, and rental income, the church's second main source of income after giving, was in-line with the budgeted amount for the year. Total incoming resources for the year were £165,062 (2023 - £128,951), total resources expended for the year were £138,398 (2023 - £137,585) and total free reserves (total reserves less restricted reserves and fixed assets) were £68,298 (2023 - £43,936). Further details of the financial results can be seen in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on page 7.

The church is forecasting a deficit budget for 2025. However, the trustees were conservative in the budgeting of donations, and it is now anticipated these may exceed the budget for the 2025 financial year; actual donations for the first four months of 2025 are already above the budgeted average for the year. The trustees will continue to monitor the financial situation closely and are prepared to cut costs should this become necessary. The trustees are therefore satisfied that Neighbourhood Church is viable financially for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the church has reasonable reserves that can be relied upon in the short term for any unforeseeable events.

**Risk Management**

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. All major insurable risks are mitigated with normal church's and employer's liability insurance.

**Public Benefit**

In planning the activities of the church, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. To ensure the church remains compliant, the objectives and aims of the church are reviewed annually in light of the Commission's two key principles of public benefit:

1. there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits, and
2. that benefit must be for the public, or a section of the public.

The trustees believe the church has fulfilled their public benefit by:

- providing a place of public worship on Sunday mornings;
- teaching on Sundays and at mid-week groups on how the Bible says Christians should live, promoting responsible and moral lives;
- discipling people through one-on-one study and via 'living our lives together' to assist in character development and reduced selfish/anti-social behaviour;
- regular church activities held for the community's benefit, such as Songbirds and Neighbourhood Sessions, and one-off activities which build community spirit and awareness, such as our Christmas and Easter services and events; and
- making the church building available to the community for rent and to be used for meetings which promote community awareness.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees of Neighbourhood Church along with the leadership team have formed a reserves policy which they believe reflects wise stewardship of the generosity of the congregation and of the church's other income, and is in accordance with the charity law requirement that income received by a charity must be spent within a reasonable timeframe and that trustees should be able to justify holding income as reserves.

There are three components to the church's reserves: one being money set aside to cover ongoing church costs in the event of an unexpected loss of income or an unexpected increase in regular running costs, the second component is money set aside for a specific future project and the third is a more general amount set aside to safeguard the church against unforeseen events.

The church receives no guaranteed income. However, we have been blessed by very faithful and generous givers; at the end of 2024 we had 34 regular contributing individuals/family units (2023 - 32). However, out of that six individuals/family units contribute over 50% of our average monthly giving. Therefore, as our giving is not spread as widely as it may be in other churches and we are more reliant on specific monthly donations, the trustees and leadership team have agreed that it's reasonable to strive to keep in our general reserves three months of our average monthly expenses, approximately £34,000. We also anticipate that at sometime in the future the roof of the building will need to be repaired- with this in mind we plan to set aside £2,000-£3,000 per year as funds will allow, to help with the cost of this repair when it is needed. And finally, it was agreed that the reserves should also include a lump sum to cover any unforeseen events; this amount was agreed at £5,000. Therefore, the trustees and the leadership team have agreed that the total free reserves at the year end 31 December 2024 of £68,298 (2023 - £43,936) are reasonable.

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**Responsibilities of Trustees Under Company Law**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the church website.

**Small Company Provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

*Roy Nunes*

Roy Nunes (chair)  
Trustee

Date: 8 July 2025

Charity number: 1146886  
Company number: 7990543

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 7 to 16 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9 to 10.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

*Sarah Crispin*

Sarah Crispin ACA  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London  
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Date: 15 July 2025

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations	3	130,827	6,460	137,287	99,099
Charitable activities	4	9,136	-	9,136	13,129
Other trading activities	5	18,064	-	18,064	16,339
Investments	6	575	-	575	384
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>158,602</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>165,062</b>	<b>128,951</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities	7	132,460	5,938	138,398	137,585
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>132,460</b>	<b>5,938</b>	<b>138,398</b>	<b>137,585</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>26,142</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>26,664</b>	<b>(8,634)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	14	400	(400)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>26,542</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>26,664</b>	<b>(8,634)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		326,122	2,412	328,534	337,168
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	14	<b>352,664</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>355,198</b>	<b>328,534</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 9 - 15 form part of these accounts.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	284,366	-	284,366	282,185
		<u>284,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>284,366</u>	<u>282,185</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	13,817	498	14,315	10,539
Cash at bank and in hand	11	57,937	2,036	59,973	40,591
		71,754	2,534	74,288	51,131
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	12	(3,456)	-	(3,456)	(4,782)
		<u>68,298</u>	<u>2,534</u>	<u>70,832</u>	<u>46,349</u>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>					
		<u>68,298</u>	<u>2,534</u>	<u>70,832</u>	<u>46,349</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
		<u>352,664</u>	<u>2,534</u>	<u>355,198</u>	<u>328,534</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>352,664</u>	<u>2,534</u>	<u>355,198</u>	<u>328,534</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	14				
General funds		45,298	-	45,298	22,937
Designated funds		307,366	-	307,366	303,185
		<u>352,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>352,664</u>	<u>326,122</u>
Restricted Funds		-	2,534	2,534	2,412
		<u>352,664</u>	<u>2,534</u>	<u>355,198</u>	<u>328,534</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

*Roy Nunes*

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Roy Nunes

Date: 8 July 2025

Company number: 07990543

Charity number: 1146886

The notes on page 9 - 15 form part of these accounts.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses.

Income from other trading activities represents income receivable from activities undertaken to generate funds for the charity. It includes income from letting the charity's property.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The charity's overheads, being costs that have not been incurred directly on a charitable activity, have been disclosed separately in the notes under the heading 'Costs incurred on support and administration'. These costs have been allocated to the charity's various activities using an appropriate basis such as the relative use of space and / or personnel.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

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**2 Accounting Policies (cont.)**

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Is not depreciated
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The charity is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive).

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**3 Donations**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	115,615	82,240
Income tax recoverable	21,672	16,858
	<u>137,287</u>	<u>99,099</u>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Songbirds (children's music group)	2,232	2,194
Community events	5,195	4,682
Weekend away	-	4,905
Youth trips	1,708	1,348
	<u>9,136</u>	<u>13,129</u>

**5 Income from other trading activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hall rental income	18,064	16,339
	<u>18,064</u>	<u>16,339</u>

**6 Investment income**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	575	384
	<u>575</u>	<u>384</u>

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**7 Analysis of expenditure**

**a Charitable activities**

An analysis of the charitable activities and their expenditure is as follows:

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (note 6b) £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Teaching and pastoral work	54,965	3,715	58,680	55,315
Outreach ( <i>including Alpha &amp; other courses</i> )	8,595	-	8,595	8,402
Children's work	14,041	743	14,784	14,413
Community activities and church gatherings	39,224	2,972	42,196	46,705
Church giving ( <i>to institutions and individuals see Note 7c</i> )	14,142	-	14,142	12,749
	<u>130,967</u>	<u>7,431</u>	<u>138,398</u>	<u>137,585</u>

Included in the above costs relating to activities undertaken directly is depreciation charge of £1,621 (2023 : £1,018).

**b Support costs**

The allocation of support costs has been based on the estimated time the church spends on any given activity. The overall allocation is as follows:

	Teaching £	Children £	Community activities £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Governance costs	1,137	227	909	2,273	1,845
Stationery and supplies	377	75	301	754	1,068
Insurance and memberships	1,913	383	1,530	3,826	3,732
Payroll administration fee	289	58	231	577	576
	<u>3,715</u>	<u>743</u>	<u>2,972</u>	<u>7,431</u>	<u>7,221</u>

Included in the total governance costs is the fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts, £2,100 (2023: £1,770); in addition the charity paid £577 (2023: £576) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

**c Grants payable**

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2024 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	4,460	-	4,460
Grants for the relief of poverty	5,170	2,730	7,900
Grants for support of social care	1,783	-	1,783
	<u>11,413</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>14,142</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	3,000	-	3,000
Grants for the relief of poverty	7,000	2,278	9,278
Grants for support of social care	471	-	471
	<u>10,471</u>	<u>2,278</u>	<u>12,749</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2024 £	2023 £
InterChristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission (IcFEM)	3,000	3,000
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	2,240	2,240
Christian Aid	-	2,000
Living Well Bromley	2,000	1,830
Loving Leo	1,783	-
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	2,390	1,401
	<u>11,413</u>	<u>10,471</u>

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**8 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	77,557	75,935
Social security	3,189	2,976
Pension costs	4,952	4,950
	<u>85,698</u>	<u>83,861</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 2 (2023: 2). Our staff are responsible for all our activities, and their work is supported by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the key staff named on the Company Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £85,698 (2023: £83,861).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold Building	Equipment	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Cost (or valuation)			
At 1 January 2024	280,000	3,560	283,560
Additions	-	3,802	3,802
At 31 December 2024	<u>280,000</u>	<u>7,362</u>	<u>287,362</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	-	1,375	1,375
Charge for the year	-	1,621	1,621
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>2,996</u>	<u>2,996</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>280,000</u>	<u>4,366</u>	<u>284,366</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>280,000</u>	<u>2,185</u>	<u>282,185</u>

During 2019, The Hall Evangelical Church Trust donated the Hall Evangelical Church building to Neighbourhood Church. The church has had sole use, rent free, of the land and building since 2011. The trustees of Neighbourhood Church have been unable to obtain a reasonable historic cost value of the land and building as the original purchase was in 1925 and no records can be found.

The land has little commercial value due to the schedule of restrictive covenants held on the Register of Title. Since 2011 Neighbourhood Church has made multiple applications for planning permission to extend the building which have been denied by the council. Taking this into consideration the trustees have decided that it would be inappropriate to include a value for the land in these accounts, as without any developmental potential the land is virtually worthless.

The trustees have agreed not to have the building professionally valued as they do not believe the benefit of the valuation would outweigh the cost. The SORP states that donated facilities should be measured at their value to the charity. Neighbourhood Church uses the building for meeting on Sundays, mid-week gatherings, church-run groups which benefit the community and for rental purposes which raise funds for the church. The trustees, after taking into account that the local planning authorities have not granted any of the formal planning requests made to extend the building, have made an assessment of the value of the building to be £280,000 and have insured it for this amount.

The trustees plan to keep the building in good working order and therefore anticipate a high residual value. No depreciation is provided on the building as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of the building currently exceeds 50 years, so that any annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial.

An impairment review will be carried out at each year-end by the trustees and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

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**10 Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	2,131	1,320
Tax recoverable	11,734	9,173
Prepayments and accrued income	450	47
	14,315	10,539

**11 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	59,837	40,454
Petty cash	136	137
	59,973	40,591

**12 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	2,234	3,072
Deferred income	1,222	1,710
	3,456	4,782

**13 Pension commitments**

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £4,952 (2023: £4,950) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2023: £nil).

**14 Funds**

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024	Incoming resources 2024	Outgoing resources 2024	Transfers in the year 2024	Gains and losses 2024	Closing balance 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Roof maintenance fund	16,000	-	-	2,000	-	18,000
Unforeseen events fund	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed Assets fund	282,185	-	-	2,181	-	284,366
	303,185	-	-	4,181	-	307,366
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	22,937	158,602	(132,460)	(3,781)	-	45,298
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	326,122	158,602	(132,460)	400	-	352,664
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Welfare fund	1,524	3,178	(2,730)	(400)	-	1,572
Giving fund	888	1,500	(1,426)	-	-	962
Mental Health fund	-	1,783	(1,783)	-	-	-
	2,412	6,460	(5,938)	(400)	-	2,534
<b>Aggregate of funds</b>	328,534	165,062	(138,398)	-	-	355,198

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**14 Funds (cont.)**

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- a) The transfer from the General funds to the Roof maintenance fund represents the amount set aside annually towards the cost of a new roof.
- b) The transfer from the General funds to the Fixed Assets fund represents the fixed asset additions and depreciation charged for the year.

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	284,366	-	284,366
Debtors	13,817	-	498	14,315
Cash at bank and in hand	34,937	23,000	2,036	59,973
Creditors falling due within one year	(3,456)	-	-	(3,456)
	<u>45,298</u>	<u>307,366</u>	<u>2,534</u>	<u>355,198</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Gains and losses 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Roof maintenance fund	14,000	-	-	2,000	-	16,000
Unforeseen events fund	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed Assets fund	281,992	-	-	193	-	282,185
	<u>300,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303,185</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	32,633	126,384	(133,887)	(2,193)	-	22,937
	<u>333,625</u>	<u>126,384</u>	<u>(133,887)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,122</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Welfare fund	2,802	1,000	(2,278)	-	-	1,524
Giving fund	741	1,567	(1,420)	-	-	888
	<u>3,543</u>	<u>2,567</u>	<u>(3,698)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,412</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>337,168</u>	<u>128,951</u>	<u>(137,585)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>328,534</u>

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**14 Funds (cont.)**

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	282,185	-	282,185
Debtors	10,283	-	256	10,539
Cash at bank and in hand	17,436	21,000	2,156	40,591
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,782)	-	-	(4,782)
	22,937	303,185	2,412	328,534
	22,937	303,185	2,412	328,534

*Restricted Funds*

The Welfare Fund is used to help individuals and families who are struggling financially on a short-term basis. Members of the church give specifically into this fund and money is paid out to recipients as and when it's deemed appropriate by the leadership team.

The Giving Fund represents donations received specifically for youth work.

The Mental Health Fund represents funds raised towards supporting a teen mental health project.

**15 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £23,445 (2023: £21,759) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) No expenses (2023: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 8 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

**16 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES**  
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	Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
		General 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	General 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>									
Donations	3	130,827	-	6,460	137,287	96,532	-	2,567	99,099
Charitable activities	4	9,136	-	-	9,136	13,129	-	-	13,129
Other trading activities	5	18,064	-	-	18,064	16,339	-	-	16,339
Investments	6	575	-	-	575	384	-	-	384
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>158,602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>165,062</b>	<b>126,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>128,951</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>									
Charitable activities:	7	132,460	-	5,938	138,398	133,887	-	3,698	137,585
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>132,460</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,938</b>	<b>138,398</b>	<b>133,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>137,585</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>26,142</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>26,664</b>	<b>(7,503)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,131)</b>	<b>(8,634)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	14	<b>(3,781)</b>	<b>4,181</b>	<b>(400)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,193)</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>22,361</b>	<b>4,181</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>26,664</b>	<b>(9,696)</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>(1,131)</b>	<b>(8,634)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>									
Total funds brought forward		22,937	303,185	2,412	328,534	32,633	300,992	3,543	337,168
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	14	<b>45,298</b>	<b>307,366</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>355,198</b>	<b>22,937</b>	<b>303,185</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>328,534</b>

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>Trustees</b>	Brian Roy Nunes Leslie Matthews (appointed 3 April 2023) James Webb Ben Edge
<b>Key Staff</b>	Simon Lang Daniel Leeves
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 March 2012
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	07990543
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1146886
<b>Registered Office</b>	The Hall Cromwell Road Beckenham Kent BR3 4LW
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Lourens du Plessis ACA CA(SA) Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds TSB

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The trustee, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Status and Governing Document**

Neighbourhood Church, a charitable company limited by guarantee, was constituted by Memorandum & Articles of Association on 14 March 2012.

**Trustees and Directors**

The trustees, who are also directors of the company, throughout the period and at the date of approval were as indicated on the charity information page.

The powers of appointment or removal of trustees/directors rests with the trustees/directors.

**Objects**

The primary objects of Neighbourhood Church, for public benefit, are to advance the Christian faith, in accordance with our Statement of Faith, in the London Borough of Bromley and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit. The church will also fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable, according to the law of England and Wales, and are connected to the charitable work of the charity, as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

**The Church: Its Aims and Objectives**

Neighbourhood Church is a small and growing local church based in Beckenham, South East London, rooted in orthodox Christian faith. We subscribe to the ancient Apostles' Creed and to the Evangelical Alliance's Statement of Faith.

With a desire to be welcoming, informal and 'real', we provide a place for people to meet at whatever stage of their faith journey. Comprising a mix of all ages, Neighbourhood Church meets every Sunday as a large gathering and also in small groups throughout the week. Encouraging people to grow in their Christian faith, we provide a variety of learning opportunities. With a heart for the local community, Neighbourhood Church seeks ways to serve people and meet needs.

Our vision is to be a church made up of a growing number of people who are seeking, sharing and living out their Christian faith in a way that brings blessing to people and communities around them. Our members live out their faith where they live, where they work and with the people they encounter, having a positive impact on wider society.

Neighbourhood Church is organised and directed by the leadership team and the trustees. The trustees administer the church in accordance with its Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 14 March 2012 and with regard to meeting the needs for which it was set up. They are also responsible for helping Neighbourhood Church to comply with applicable law and regulations. The trustees have overall financial responsibility for the church.

The leadership team take on responsibility for the day-to-day outworking of the church's vision and mission. They are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church, its activities and teaching. The leadership team is made up of the pastor and assistant pastor, along with volunteers who are committed members of Neighbourhood Church and who share in, and own, the beliefs, vision, values and ethos of the church.

**The Year in Review**

2023 has been another year of Neighbourhood Church growing and flourishing. There is a vitality and vibrancy to our church life as new people across the age ranges are welcomed on a regular basis; there's a depth of activities that reflect the life of the church, and the building is used by a wide range of community groups.

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Teaching

Teaching in line with the church's beliefs and statement of faith continued to occur on Sundays and in mid-week groups. Teaching is varied, age-appropriate, and covers a range of Biblical themes, and is delivered by the teaching team of Neighbourhood Church. There are four mid-week small groups, three in person and one which meets online. There is also a well-attended, growing youth group.

Community Activities

The church engages with the community in a variety of ways:

Songbirds, a music group for young children and their carers, offers two sessions on a Monday morning. The group aims to meet a need in the community for low-cost activities for young children and a place for carers to meet. There's a new group aimed at seniors (Tuesdays at Neighbourhood) which offers a weekly place for older folk to meet, chat, play games, do puzzles and get to know others.

The church rents the building to outside organisations for activities which further benefit the community. Those activities currently include the NCT Breastfeeding Café, a Bumps & Babies playgroup, a children's choir, an adult choir, a sewing class and a ukelele group. The church also rents the building to local families for children's birthday parties, and allows the local residents to use it for their street parties.

The church is a collection centre for a local food bank which seeks to provide individuals and families in need with food and toiletries. The church is also used as a local polling station.

Neighbourhood Sessions, a community focused evening of live music, meets approximately four times per year, and offers high-quality music at low cost.

Outreach

The church offered a well-received Alpha group which enabled adults to explore and develop their Christian faith. This then led to a follow-up group for people to keep exploring the Christian faith.

In October we held a 'Light it Up' event to coincide with Halloween – offering games, activities, snacks and treats from the church garden. Over a hundred adults and children stopped by.

And our Christmas events are always well-received by the local community - Carols around the Tree, Christmas Eve Carols, and a Pop-Up Nativity aimed at younger children.

Church Giving

The church gave money to people in need within the community and outside it, as deemed appropriate by the trustees and the leadership team.

Church Activities

In July, the church held another weekend away - the 2022 one had been so successful that we decided to do another. This was a wonderful time away giving opportunity for new members to integrate into the church and for relationships to be strengthened.

The church youth group offers a fun and varied programme for 11-18 year olds. Their recent teaching has included sessions on prayer and on relationships. They had a overnight trip away to a local residential activity centre and also attended a summer youth festival. They are planning to attend this event again in 2024.

The church 'Eco Team' has continued to raise awareness and challenge thinking about climate and ecological issues. They have begun developing our outside space to encourage and enable wildlife. We did a "No-Mow May" which attracted positive comments from local residents. They have also recently successfully applied for an Eco-Audit - to explore ways of making our building and organisation more environmentally friendly.

The church Leadership Team and Trustees regularly comment on the growth in numbers and church life that we see across the board - there is a buzz and energy amongst the people.

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**Financial Review**

The trustees were pleased with the financial results for the year; as a result of the church's generous giving from regular attendees, donations were higher than budgeted, and rental income, the church's second main source of income after giving, was in-line with the budgeted amount for the year. Total incoming resources for the year were £128,951 (2022 - £108,967), total resources expended for the year were £137,585 (2022 - £109,269) and total free reserves (total reserves less restricted reserves and fixed assets) were £43,936 (2022 - £51,633). Further details of the financial results can be seen in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on page 7.

The church is forecasting a deficit budget for 2024. However, the trustees were conservative in the budgeting of donations, and it is now anticipated these may exceed the budget for the 2024 financial year; actual donations for the first four months of 2024 are already above the budgeted average for the year. The trustees will continue to monitor the financial situation closely and are prepared to cut costs should this become necessary. The trustees are therefore satisfied that Neighbourhood Church is viable financially for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the church has reasonable reserves that can be relied upon in the short term for any unforeseeable events.

**Risk Management**

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. All major insurable risks are mitigated with normal church's and employer's liability insurance.

**Public Benefit**

In planning the activities of the church, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. To ensure the church remains compliant, the objectives and aims of the church are reviewed annually in light of the Commission's two key principles of public benefit:

1. there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits, and
2. that benefit must be for the public, or a section of the public.

The trustees believe the church has fulfilled their public benefit by:

- providing a place of public worship on Sunday mornings;
- teaching on Sundays and at mid-week groups on how the Bible says Christians should live, promoting responsible and moral lives;
- discipling people through one-on-one study and via 'living our lives together' to assist in character development and reduced selfish/anti-social behaviour;
- regular church activities held for the community's benefit, such as Songbirds and Neighbourhood Sessions, and one-off activities which build community spirit and awareness, such as our Christmas and Easter services and events; and
- making the church building available to the community for rent and to be used for meetings which promote community awareness.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees of Neighbourhood Church along with the leadership team have formed a reserves policy which they believe reflects wise stewardship of the generosity of the congregation and of the church's other income, and is in accordance with the charity law requirement that income received by a charity must be spent within a reasonable timeframe and that trustees should be able to justify holding income as reserves.

There are three components to the church's reserves: one being money set aside to cover ongoing church costs in the event of an unexpected loss of income or an unexpected increase in regular running costs, the second component is money set aside for a specific future project and the third is a more general amount set aside to safeguard the church against unforeseen events.

The church receives no guaranteed income. However, we have been blessed by very faithful and generous givers; at the end of 2023 we had 32 regular contributing individuals/family units (2022 - 27). However, out of that seven individuals/family units contribute approximately 50% of our average monthly giving. Therefore, as our giving is not spread as widely as it may be in other churches and we are more reliant on specific monthly donations, the trustees and leadership team have agreed that it's reasonable to strive to keep in our general reserves three months of our average monthly expenses, approximately £34,000. We also anticipate that at sometime in the future the roof of the building will need to be repaired- with this in mind we plan to set aside £2,000-£3,000 per year as funds will allow, to help with the cost of this repair when it is needed. And finally, it was agreed that the reserves should also include a lump sum to cover any unforeseen events; this amount was agreed at £5,000. Therefore, the trustees and the leadership team have agreed that the total free reserves at the year end 31 December 2023 of £43,936 (2022 - £51,633) are reasonable.

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**Responsibilities of Trustees Under Company Law**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the church website.

**Small Company Provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

*Roy Nunes*

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Roy Nunes (chair)  
Trustee

Date: Aug 26, 2024

Charity number: 1146886  
Company number: 7990543

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 7 to 16 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9 to 10.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

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Date: Aug 29, 2024

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations	3	96,532	2,567	99,099	86,001
Charitable activities	4	13,129	-	13,129	6,612
Other trading activities	5	16,339	-	16,339	16,328
Investments	6	384	-	384	26
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>126,384</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>128,951</b>	<b>108,967</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities	7	133,887	3,698	137,585	109,269
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>133,887</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>137,585</b>	<b>109,269</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(7,503)</b>	<b>(1,131)</b>	<b>(8,634)</b>	<b>(302)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	13	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(7,503)</b>	<b>(1,131)</b>	<b>(8,634)</b>	<b>(302)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		333,625	3,543	337,168	337,470
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	13	<b>326,122</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>328,534</b>	<b>337,168</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 9 - 15 form part of these accounts.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	282,185	-	282,185	281,992
		<u>282,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,185</u>	<u>281,992</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	10,283	256	10,539	9,128
Cash at bank and in hand	10	38,436	2,156	40,591	52,155
		48,719	2,412	51,131	61,283
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(4,782)	-	(4,782)	(6,107)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>43,937</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>46,349</u>	<u>55,176</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>326,122</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>328,534</u>	<u>337,168</u>
<b>Net assets / (liabilities) excluding pension asset / (liability)</b>		<u>326,122</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>328,534</u>	<u>337,168</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>326,122</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>328,534</u>	<u>337,168</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	13				
General funds		22,937	-	22,937	32,633
Designated funds		303,185	-	303,185	300,992
		<u>326,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,122</u>	<u>333,625</u>
Restricted Funds		-	2,412	2,412	3,543
		<u>326,122</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>328,534</u>	<u>337,168</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Roy Nunes  
Roy Nunes (Aug 26, 2024 19:42 GMT+1) ...  
 Roy Nunes  
 Date: Aug 26, 2024

Company number: 07990543

Charity number: 1146886

The notes on page 9 - 15 form part of these accounts.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from letting the charity's property and bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
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e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**3 Donations**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	82,240	70,106
Income tax recoverable	16,858	15,895
	<u>99,099</u>	<u>86,001</u>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Songbirds (children's music group)	2,194	2,125
Community events	4,682	2,227
Weekend away	4,905	2,260
Youth trips	1,348	-
	<u>13,129</u>	<u>6,612</u>

**5 Income from other trading activities**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Hall rental income	16,339	16,328
	<u>16,339</u>	<u>16,328</u>

**6 Investment income**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest	384	26
	<u>384</u>	<u>26</u>

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
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**7 Analysis of expenditure**

**a Charitable activities**

An analysis of the charitable activities and their expenditure is as follows:

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (note 6b) £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Teaching and pastoral work	51,705	3,610	55,315	46,743
Outreach (including Alpha & other courses)	8,402	-	8,402	7,075
Children's work	13,691	722	14,413	11,288
Community activities and church gatherings	43,817	2,888	46,705	37,139
Church giving (to institutions and individuals see Note 6c)	12,749	-	12,749	7,024
	<u>130,364</u>	<u>7,221</u>	<u>137,585</u>	<u>109,269</u>

**b Support costs**

The allocation of support costs has been based on the estimated time the church spends on any given activity. The overall allocation is as follows:

	Teaching £	Children £	Community activities £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Governance costs	923	185	738	1,845	1,033
Stationery and supplies	534	107	427	1,068	1,650
Insurance and memberships	1,866	373	1,493	3,732	5,994
Payroll administration fee	288	58	230	576	551
	<u>3,610</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>2,888</u>	<u>7,221</u>	<u>9,228</u>

Included in the total governance costs is the fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts, £1,770 (2022: £990); in addition the charity paid £576 (2022: £551) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

**c Grants payable**

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	3,000	-	3,000
Grants for the relief of poverty	7,000	2,278	9,278
Grants for support of social care	471	-	471
	<u>10,471</u>	<u>2,278</u>	<u>12,749</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	3,000	-	3,000
Grants for the relief of poverty	2,650	1,374	4,024
Grants for support of social care	-	-	-
	<u>5,650</u>	<u>1,374</u>	<u>7,024</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2023 £	2022 £
InterChristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission (IcFEM)	3,000	3,000
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	2,240	-
Christian Aid	2,000	-
Living Well Bromley	1,830	-
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	1,401	2,650
	<u>10,471</u>	<u>5,650</u>

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**8 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	75,935	63,950
Social security	2,976	1,523
Pension costs	4,950	4,320
Other employment benefits	-	-
	<u>83,861</u>	<u>69,793</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 2 (2022: 2). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the key staff named on the Company Information page.

The charity's key management comprise the key staff named on the Company Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £83,861 (2022: £69,793).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

**8 Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold Building	Equipment	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Cost (or valuation)			
At 1 January 2023	280,000	2,349	282,349
Additions	-	1,211	1,211
Gains / (losses) on revaluation	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>280,000</u>	<u>3,560</u>	<u>283,560</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	-	357	357
Charge for the year	-	1,018	1,018
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,375</u>	<u>1,375</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>280,000</u>	<u>2,185</u>	<u>282,185</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>280,000</u>	<u>1,992</u>	<u>281,992</u>

During 2019, The Hall Evangelical Church Trust donated the Hall Evangelical Church building to Neighbourhood Church. The church has had sole use, rent free, of the land and building since 2011. The trustees of Neighbourhood Church have been unable to obtain a reasonable historic cost value of the land and building as the original purchase was in 1925 and no records can be found.

The land has little commercial value due to the schedule of restrictive covenants held on the Register of Title. Since 2011 Neighbourhood Church has made multiple applications for planning permission to extend the building which have been denied by the council. Taking this into consideration the trustees have decided that it would be inappropriate to include a value for the land in these accounts, as without any developmental potential the land is virtually worthless.

The trustees have agreed not to have the building professionally valued as they do not believe the benefit of the valuation would outweigh the cost. The SORP states that donated facilities should be measured at their value to the charity. Neighbourhood Church uses the building for meeting on Sundays, mid-week gatherings, church-run groups which benefit the community and for rental purposes which raise funds for the church. The trustees, after taking into account that the local planning authorities have not granted any of the formal planning requests made to extend the building, have made an assessment of the value of the building to be £280,000 and have insured it for this amount.

The trustees plan to keep the building in good working order and therefore anticipate a high residual value. No depreciation is provided on the building as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of the building currently exceeds 50 years, so that any annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial.

An impairment review will be carried out at each year-end by the trustees and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**9 Debtors**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	1,320	719
Tax recoverable	9,173	7,959
Prepayments and accrued income	47	450
	10,539	9,128

**10 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	40,454	52,019
Petty cash	137	136
	40,591	52,155

**11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	3,072	4,907
Deferred income	1,710	1,200
	4,782	6,107

**12 Pension commitments**

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £4,950 (2022: £4,320) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2022: £566).

**13 Funds**

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Gains and losses 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Roof maintenance fund	14,000	-	-	2,000	-	16,000
Unforeseen events fund	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed Assets fund	281,992	-	-	193	-	282,185
	300,992	-	-	2,193	-	303,185
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	32,633	126,384	(133,887)	(2,193)	-	22,937
	333,625	126,384	(133,887)	-	-	326,122
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Welfare fund	2,802	1,000	(2,278)	-	-	1,524
Giving fund	741	1,567	(1,420)	-	-	888
	3,543	2,567	(3,698)	-	-	2,412
Aggregate of funds	337,168	128,951	(137,585)	-	-	328,534

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
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The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- a) The transfer from the General funds to the Roof maintenance fund represents the amount set aside annually towards the cost of a new roof.
- b) The transfer from the General funds to the Fixed Assets fund represents the fixed asset additions and depreciation charged for the year.

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	282,185	-	282,185
Debtors	10,283	-	256	10,539
Cash at bank and in hand	17,436	21,000	2,156	40,591
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,782)	-	-	(4,782)
	22,937	303,185	2,412	328,534

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Gains and losses 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Roof maintenance fund	12,000	-	-	2,000	-	14,000
Unforeseen events fund	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed Assets fund	280,621	-	-	1,371	-	281,992
	297,621	-	-	3,371	-	300,992
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	35,442	105,966	(106,224)	(2,551)	-	32,633
	333,063	105,966	(106,224)	820	-	333,625
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Welfare fund	2,988	1,188	(1,374)	-	-	2,802
Giving fund	1,419	1,813	(1,671)	(820)	-	741
	4,407	3,001	(3,045)	(820)	-	3,543
Aggregate of funds	337,470	108,967	(109,269)	-	-	337,168

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	281,992	-	281,992
Debtors	9,128	-	-	9,128
Cash at bank and in hand	29,612	19,000	3,543	52,155
Creditors falling due within one year	(6,107)	-	-	(6,107)
	32,633	300,992	3,543	337,168

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*Restricted Funds*

The Welfare Fund is used to help individuals and families who are struggling financially on a short-term basis. Members of the church give specifically into this fund and money is paid out to recipients as and when it's deemed appropriate by the leadership team.

The Giving Fund represents donations received specifically for youth work.

**14 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £21,759 (2022: £19,810) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) No expenses (2022: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees.

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

**15 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Note	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				
	General 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	General 2022 £	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>									
Donations	3	96,532	2,567	99,099	83,000		3,001	86,001	
Charitable activities	4	13,129		13,129	6,612			6,612	
Other trading activities	5	16,339		16,339	16,328			16,328	
Investments	6	384		384	26			26	
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		126,384	2,567	128,951	105,966	-	3,001	108,967	
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>									
Charitable activities:	7	133,887	3,698	137,585	106,224		3,045	109,269	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		133,887	3,698	137,585	106,224	-	3,045	109,269	
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(7,503)	(1,131)	(8,634)	(258)	-	(44)	(302)	
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	13	(2,193)	2,193	-	(2,551)	3,371	(820)	-	
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(9,696)	2,193	(1,131)	(2,809)	3,371	(864)	(302)	
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>									
Total funds brought forward		32,633	300,992	3,543	337,168	35,442	297,621	4,407	337,470
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	13	22,937	303,185	2,412	328,534	32,633	300,992	3,543	337,168

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1146886

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# Accounts

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**Neighbourhood Church**  
*(a company limited by guarantee)*

**Report and Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2022**

# Neighbourhood Church

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Registered office	The Hall Cromwell Road Beckenham Kent BR3 4LW
Charity registration number	1146886
Company registration number	7990543
Governing document	Memorandum and Articles of Association Dated 14 March 2012
Trustees and directors	Ben Edge Brian R Nunes James Webb Miranda Thomas ( <i>resigned 21 April 2022</i> ) Leslie Matthews ( <i>appointed 3 April 2023</i> )
Key management	Simon Lang Daniel Leeves
Bankers	Lloyds TSB
Independent examiners	Lourens du Plessis Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Status and Governing Document**

Neighbourhood Church, a charitable company limited by guarantee, was constituted by Memorandum & Articles of Association on 14 March 2012.

### **Trustees and Directors**

The trustees, who are also directors of the company, throughout the period and at the date of approval were:

Ben Edge

Brian R Nunes

James Webb

Miranda Thomas (*resigned 21 April 2022*)

Leslie Matthews (*appointed 3 April 2023*)

The powers of appointment or removal of trustees/directors rests with the trustees/directors.

### **Objects**

The primary objects of Neighbourhood Church, for public benefit, are to advance the Christian faith, in accordance with our Statement of Faith, in the London Borough of Bromley and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit. The church will also fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable, according to the law of England and Wales, and are connected to the charitable work of the charity, as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

### **The Church: Its Aims and Objectives**

Neighbourhood Church is a small and growing local church based in Beckenham, South East London, rooted in orthodox Christian faith. We subscribe to the ancient Apostles' Creed and to the Evangelical Alliance's Statement of Faith.

With a desire to be welcoming, informal and 'real', we provide a place for people to meet at whatever stage of their faith journey. Comprising a mix of all ages, Neighbourhood Church meets every Sunday as a large gathering and also in small groups throughout the week. Encouraging people to grow in their Christian faith, we provide a variety of learning opportunities. With a heart for the local community, Neighbourhood Church seeks ways to serve people and meet needs.

Our vision is to be a church made up of a growing number of people who are seeking, sharing and living out their Christian faith in a way that brings blessing to people and communities around them. Our members live out their faith where they live, where they work and with the people they encounter, having a positive impact on wider society.

Neighbourhood Church is organised and directed by the leadership team and the trustees. The trustees administer the church in accordance with its Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 14 March 2012 and with regard to meeting the needs for which it was set up. They are also responsible for helping Neighbourhood Church to comply with applicable law and regulations. The trustees have overall financial responsibility for the church.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

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### **The Church: Its Aims and Objectives (*continued*)**

The leadership team take on responsibility for the day-to-day outworking of the church's vision and mission. They are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church, its activities and teaching. The leadership team is made up of the pastor and assistant pastor, along with volunteers who are committed members of Neighbourhood Church and who share in, and own, the beliefs, vision, values and ethos of the church.

### **The Year in Review**

In 2022, due to the lifting of all covid pandemic restrictions, the church fully return to a 'normal' (pre-pandemic) level of operation and activity. The church has welcomed new members and continues to grow. There is a health and vibrancy seen in a growing spread of ages.

### Teaching

Teaching in line with the church's beliefs and statement of faith continued to occur on Sundays and in mid-week groups. Teaching is varied, age-appropriate, and covers a range of Biblical themes, and is delivered by the teaching team of Neighbourhood Church. There are four mid-week small groups, three in person and one which meets online. There is also a well-attended, growing youth group.

### Community Activities

The church engages with the community in a variety of ways:

Songbirds, a music group for young children and their carers, offers two sessions on a Monday morning. The group aims to meet a need in the community for low-cost activities for young children and a place for carers to meet.

The church rents the building to outside organisations for activities which further benefit the community. Those activities currently include the NCT Breastfeeding Café, a Bumps & Babies playgroup, a children's choir, an adult choir, a sewing class and a ukelele group. The church also rents the building to local families for children's birthday parties, and allows the local residents to use it for their street parties.

The church is a collection centre for a local food bank which seeks to provide individuals and families in need with food and toiletries. The church is also used as a local polling station.

Neighbourhood Sessions, a community focused evening of live music, meets approximately four times per year, and offers high-quality music at low cost.

### Outreach

The church offered a well-received 'post-Alpha' group which enabled adults to further explore and develop their Christian faith.

In October we held a 'Light it Up' event to coincide with Halloween – offering games, activities, snacks and treats from the church garden. Over a hundred adults and children stopped by.

And for the first time since covid, the church held their annual Christmas events, including the popular 'Carols Around the Tree' and Christmas Eve Carols; both were well-attended by the local community. There was also a Nativity Trail around the neighbourhood that local families took part in.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

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### **The Year in Review (continued)**

#### Church Giving

The church gave money to people in need within the community and outside it, as deemed appropriate by the trustees and the leadership team.

#### Church Activities

In February 2022, the leadership team and a small group of church members began the Grow Course - a year-long course put on by The Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication (CCX) to 'support leaders, church teams and diocese across London, England and beyond as they multiply disciples, churches and networks'. This course was hugely helpful in encouraging the church to think about continued growth and impact in the community. As a result, the church leadership are re-structuring the church to facilitate growth. Linked to this, the leadership team continues to explore options for increased meeting space.

In July, the church held their first weekend away since before the pandemic. This was a wonderful time away giving opportunity for new members to integrate into the church and for relationships to be strengthened. Due to its success another weekend away is planned for 2023.

The church youth group offers a fun and varied programme to 11-18 year olds. Their recent teaching has included sessions on prayer and on relationships. They had a overnight trip away to a local residential activity centre and in 2023 they are planning to attend the Satellites youth event put on by Youthscape.

The church 'Eco Team' has continued to raise awareness and challenge thinking about climate and ecological issues. They have begun developing our outside space to encourage and enable wildlife. And they continue to encourage the church leadership team to bring our love of God's creation and our commitment to being better climate stewards into the teaching and worship life of the church.

### **Financial Review**

The trustees were pleased with the financial results for the year. Whilst donations were lower than budgeted, the church was blessed with generous giving from regular attendees, and rental income, the church's second main source of income after giving, was slightly higher than the budgeted amount for the year. Total incoming resources for the year were £108,967 (2021 - £97,499), total resources expended for the year were £109,269 (2021 - £96,989) and total free reserves (total reserves less restricted reserves and fixed assets) were £51,633 (2021 - £52,442). Further details of the financial results can be seen in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on page 9.

Due to an increase in employment costs in September 2022, the church is forecasting a deficit budget for 2023. However, regular church attendance has been growing since the end of the pandemic, and as the trustees were conservative in the budgeting of donations, it is anticipated these may exceed the budget for the 2023 financial year; actual donations for the first three months of 2023 are already above the budgeted average for the year. However, the trustees will continue to monitor the financial situation closely and are prepared to cut costs should this become necessary. The trustees are therefore satisfied that Neighbourhood Church is viable financially for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the church has reasonable reserves that can be relied upon in the short term for any unforeseeable events.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

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### **Risk Management**

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. All major insurable risks are mitigated with normal church's and employer's liability insurance.

### **Public Benefit**

In planning the activities of the church, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. To ensure the church remains compliant, the objectives and aims of the church are reviewed annually in light of the Commission's two key principles of public benefit:

1. there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits, and
2. that benefit must be for the public, or a section of the public.

The trustees believe the church has fulfilled their public benefit by:

- providing a place of public worship on Sunday mornings;
- teaching on Sundays and at mid-week groups on how the Bible says Christians should live, promoting responsible and moral lives;
- discipling people through one-on-one study and via 'living our lives together' to assist in character development and reduced selfish/anti-social behaviour;
- regular church activities held for the community's benefit, such as Songbirds and Neighbourhood Sessions, and one-off activities which build community spirit and awareness, such as our Christmas and Easter services and events; and
- making the church building available to the community for rent and to be used for meetings which promote community awareness.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees of Neighbourhood Church along with the leadership team have formed a reserves policy which they believe reflects wise stewardship of the generosity of the congregation and of the church's other income, and is in accordance with the charity law requirement that income received by a charity must be spent within a reasonable timeframe and that trustees should be able to justify holding income as reserves.

There are three components to the church's reserves: one being money set aside to cover ongoing church costs in the event of an unexpected loss of income or an unexpected increase in regular running costs, the second component is money set aside for a specific future project and the third is a more general amount set aside to safeguard the church against unforeseen events.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

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### **Reserves Policy (continued)**

The church receives no guaranteed income. However, we have been blessed by very faithful and generous givers; at the end of 2022 we had 27 regular contributing individuals/family units (2021 - 28). However, out of that seven individuals/family units contribute over 50% of our average monthly giving. Therefore, as our giving is not spread as widely as it may be in other churches and we are more reliant on specific monthly donations, the trustees and leadership team have agreed that it's reasonable to strive to keep in our general reserves three months of our average monthly expenses, approximately £32,000. We also anticipate that at sometime in the future the roof of the building will need to be repaired- with this in mind we plan to set aside £2,000-£3,000 per year as funds will allow, to help with the cost of this repair when it is needed. And finally, it was agreed that the reserves should also include a lump sum to cover any unforeseen events; this amount was agreed at £5,000. Therefore, the trustees and the leadership team have agreed that the total free reserves at the year end 31 December 2022 of £51,633 (2021 - £52,442) are reasonable.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees Under Company Law**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

# Neighbourhood Church

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

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## **Responsibilities of Trustees Under Company Law (continued)**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the church website.

## **Small Company Provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

*Brian Nunes*

B Nunes (chair)  
Trustee

Date: 02 August 2023

Charity number: 1146886  
Company number: 7990543

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH  
( 'the Company' )**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 9 to 17 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

*Lourens du Plessis*

Lourens du Plessis ACA CA(SA)

08 August 2023

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London, EC1Y 8AB

# Neighbourhood Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022			2021		
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>							
Incoming resources from generated funds:							
Voluntary income	3a	83,000	3,001	86,001	88,634	86,259	2,375
Activities for generating funds	3b	16,328	-	16,328	6,798	6,798	-
Investment income		26	-	26	5	5	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	6,612	-	6,612	2,062	2,062	-
Total incoming resources		105,966	3,001	108,967	97,499	95,124	2,375
<b>Resources Expended</b>							
Charitable activities	5a	(105,404)	(3,865)	(109,269)	(96,989)	(95,703)	(1,286)
Total resources expended		(105,404)	(3,865)	(109,269)	(96,989)	(95,703)	(1,286)
<b>Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the Year</b>		562	(864)	(302)	510	(579)	1,089
Funds at 1 January 2022		333,063	4,407	337,470	336,960	333,642	3,318
<b>Funds at 31 December 2022</b>		333,625	3,543	337,168	337,470	333,063	4,407

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	281,992	280,621
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	9,128	7,028
Cash at bank and in hand		52,155	53,724
		343,275	341,373
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Sundry creditors	10	(6,107)	(3,903)
		337,168	337,470
<b>Net Assets</b>			
		337,168	337,470
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General funds	12	32,633	35,442
Designated funds	12	300,992	297,621
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
	12	3,543	4,407
<b>Total Funds</b>			
		337,168	337,470

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

For the year ending 31 December 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 02 August 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

*Brain Nunes*

B Nunes (chair)  
Trustee

Charity number: 1146886  
Company number: 7990543

*The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.*

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

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## 1 **Statutory Information**

The church is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom; the registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

## 2 **Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historic cost convention (unless otherwise stated in the notes to the accounts), and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The church meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:

### a) **Going concern**

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the church to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. Based on the adequacy of the church's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the church's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the church's ability to continue.

### b) **Cash flow statement**

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 (section 1A Small Entities) and in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small (by the definition stated in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

### c) **Company status**

Neighbourhood Church is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

### d) **Fund accounting**

Restricted funds are those received for use on specified purposes. Expenditure which meets those criteria is allocated to that fund.

Unrestricted funds are those received or generated that can be used for the general purposes of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been designated for specific purposes by the trustees, for necessary work in connection with the on-going provision of services.

### e) **Incoming resources**

Donated (voluntary) income without conditions attached is taken into account when received by the church.

Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to the HM Revenue & Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax not yet reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs is shown within the church's debtors.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

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## 2 Accounting Policies (continued)

### e) **Incoming resources (continued)**

Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when they are receivable provided conditions for receipt have been complied with.

All other income is included in the SOFA when the church is legally entitled to the income.

Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity. Donated fixed assets are capitalised.

The charity has relied significantly upon volunteers in carrying out its activities during the year. In accordance with paragraph 6.18 of the SORP, the role of volunteers has not been recognised as income from donated services in the accounts.

### f) **Resources expended**

Expenditure directly related to the charitable activities shown in note 5a is recognised on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred.

Church giving is recognised as expenditure at the earlier of when it is paid or when it is committed to the recipient in a manner which is intended to be acted upon.

### g) **Governance costs**

The governance costs are those costs which related to the general running of the church as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds. These activities provide the governance infrastructure which allows the church to operate and to generate the information required for public accountability.

### h) **Support costs**

Support costs are costs which whilst necessary to deliver an activity, do not themselves produce or constitute the output of the charitable activity.

### i) **Fixed assets**

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value, unless both the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

### j) **Pension costs**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. Pension premiums are charged to the SOFA as they become payable. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the church in an independently administered fund.

### k) **Taxation**

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

## 3 Incoming Resources from Generated Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
a) <b>Voluntary income</b>				
These comprise:				
Offerings and other gifts	83,000	3,001	86,001	88,634
b) <b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Hall rental income	16,328	-	16,328	6,798

## 4 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Songbirds (children's music group)	2,125	-	2,125	897
Coffee shop	-	-	-	85
Community events	2,227	-	2,227	970
Weekend away	2,260	-	2,260	110
	6,612	-	6,612	2,062

## 5 Resources Expended

### a) **Charitable activities**

An analysis of the charitable activities and their expenditure is as follows:

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (note 5b) £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Teaching and pastoral work	42,129	4,614	46,743	41,964
Outreach ( <i>including Alpha &amp; other courses</i> )	7,075	-	7,075	6,457
Children's work	10,365	923	11,288	8,225
Community activities and church gatherings	33,448	3,691	37,139	30,393
Church giving ( <i>to institutions and individuals see Note 5d</i> )	7,024	-	7,024	9,950
	100,041	9,228	109,269	96,989

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

## 5 Resources Expended (continued)

### b) Support costs

The allocation of support costs has been based on the estimated time the church spends on any given activity. The overall allocation is as follows:

	Teaching	Children	Community activities	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Governance costs	517	103	413	1,033	1,063
Stationery and supplies	825	165	660	1,650	1,675
Insurance and memberships	2,997	599	2,398	5,994	4,384
Payroll administration fee	276	55	220	551	540
	<u>4,614</u>	<u>923</u>	<u>3,691</u>	<u>9,228</u>	<u>7,662</u>

### c) Governance costs

Included in the total governance costs of £1,033 (2021 - £1,063) is the payment of £990 (2021 - £960) to Stewardship for the independent accounts examination.

### d) Church giving

The church gave money throughout the year in the following way, as deemed appropriate by the leadership team or when gifts were given for specific people/charities:

	2022			2021		
	Institutions	Individuals	Total	Institutions	Individuals	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary Support	3,000	-	3,000	5,500	-	5,500
Relief of Poverty	2,650	1,374	4,024	2,170	1,280	3,450
Support of Social Care	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>5,650</u>	<u>1,374</u>	<u>7,024</u>	<u>8,670</u>	<u>1,280</u>	<u>9,950</u>

The church's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2022	2021
	£	£
InterChristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission (IcFEM)	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,500</u>

### e) Staff costs

There were two employees during the year and their gross remuneration amounted to £63,950 (2021 - £58,192). Employers' national insurance costs amounted to £1,523 (2021 - £1,186) and contributions to the employees' pension plans were £4,320 (2021 - £3,924). Neither employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000; both employees were considered to be key management personnel of the charity.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

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## 6 Acting as Agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities or individuals, which it banks and then pays out to these charities or individuals. This income is received as agent for these other charities or individuals and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for an individual and, in that capacity, received and paid out £nil (2021 - £232).

## 7 Trustee Expenses

No remuneration or expenses was paid to any trustee, nor to any person connected to them, either during the year or the preceding year.

## 8 Fixed Assets

During 2019, *The Hall Evangelical Church Trust* donated the *Hall Evangelical Church* building to Neighbourhood Church. The church has had sole use, rent free, of the land and building since 2011. The trustees of Neighbourhood Church have been unable to obtain a reasonable historic cost value of the land and building as the original purchase was in 1925 and no records can be found.

The land has little commercial value due to the schedule of restrictive covenants held on the Register of Title. Since 2011 Neighbourhood Church has made multiple applications for planning permission to extend the building which have been denied by the council. Taking this into consideration the trustees have decided that it would be inappropriate to include a value for the land in these accounts, as without any developmental potential the land is virtually worthless.

The trustees have agreed not to have the building professionally valued as they do not believe the benefit of the valuation would outweigh the cost. The SORP states that donated facilities should be measured at their value to the charity.

Neighbourhood Church uses the building for meeting on Sundays, mid-week gatherings, church-run groups which benefit the community and for rental purposes which raise funds for the church. The trustees, after taking into account that the local planning authorities have not granted any of the formal planning requests made to extend the building, have made an assessment of the value of the building to be £280,000 and have insured it for this amount.

The trustees plan to keep the building in good working order and therefore anticipate a high residual value. No depreciation is provided on the building as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of the building currently exceeds 50 years, so that any annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial.

An impairment review will be carried out at each year-end by the trustees and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

## 8 Fixed Assets (continued)

	Freehold Building £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost (or valuation)</b>			
Opening balance 1 January 2022	280,000	699	280,699
Additions	-	1,650	1,650
Disposals	-	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	280,000	2,349	280,621
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Opening balance 1 January 2022	-	78	78
Charge for the year	-	279	279
On disposals	-	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	-	357	357
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2021	280,000	621	280,621
At 31 December 2022	280,000	1,992	281,992

## 9 Debtors

Debtors comprise the following amounts receivable:

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift aid recoverable	7,959	5,967
Trade debtors	719	1,015
Prepayments	450	46
	9,128	7,028

## 10 Creditors

Short term creditors comprise the following amounts payable:

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	4,907	2,198
Deferred income	1,200	1,705
	6,107	3,903

## 11 Related Parties

In total, the trustees, their related parties and the church's key management personnel contributed £19,810 (2021 - £19,355) to the church during the year. Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the independent examination, were for payroll bureau services and totalled £551 (2021 - £540).



## Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

### 12 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the church's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Welfare fund	3,318	750	(1,080)	-	2,988
Giving	-	1,625	(206)	-	1,419
	<u>3,318</u>	<u>2,375</u>	<u>(1,286)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,407</u>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Roof maintenance	10,000	-	-	2,000	12,000
Unforeseen events	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed assets	280,000	-	-	621	280,621
	<u>295,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,621</u>	<u>297,621</u>
<b>General Funds</b>	<u>38,642</u>	<u>95,124</u>	<u>(95,703)</u>	<u>(2,621)</u>	<u>35,442</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>336,960</u>	<u>97,499</u>	<u>(96,989)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337,470</u>

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted General funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Fixed assets	-	280,621	-	280,621
Debtors	7,028	-	-	7,028
Cash at bank and in hand	32,317	17,000	4,407	53,724
Creditors	(3,903)	-	-	(3,903)
	<u>35,442</u>	<u>297,621</u>	<u>4,407</u>	<u>337,470</u>

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1146886

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# Accounts

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**Neighbourhood Church**  
*(a company limited by guarantee)*

**Report and Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2021**

# Neighbourhood Church

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Registered office	The Hall Cromwell Road Beckenham Kent BR3 4LW
Charity registration number	1146886
Company registration number	7990543
Governing document	Memorandum and Articles of Association Dated 14 March 2012
Trustees and directors	Ben Edge Brian R Nunes James Webb Miranda Thomas ( <i>resigned 21 April 2022</i> )
Key management	Simon Lang Daniel Leeves
Bankers	Lloyds TSB
Independent examiners	Lourens du Plessis Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021

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The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Status and Governing Document**

Neighbourhood Church, a charitable company limited by guarantee, was constituted by Memorandum & Articles of Association on 14 March 2012.

### **Trustees and Directors**

The trustees, who are also directors of the company, throughout the period and at the date of approval were:

Ben Edge

Brian R Nunes

Miranda Thomas (*resigned 21 April 2022*)

James Webb

The powers of appointment or removal of trustees/directors rests with the trustees/directors.

### **Objects**

The primary objects of Neighbourhood Church, for public benefit, are to advance the Christian faith, in accordance with our Statement of Faith, in the London Borough of Bromley and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit. The church will also fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable, according to the law of England and Wales, and are connected to the charitable work of the charity, as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

### **The Church: Its Aims and Objectives**

Neighbourhood Church is a small and growing local church based in Beckenham, South East London, rooted in orthodox Christian faith. We subscribe to the ancient Apostles' Creed and to the Evangelical Alliance's Statement of Faith.

With a desire to be welcoming, informal and 'real', we provide a place for people to meet at whatever stage of their faith journey. Comprising a mix of all ages, Neighbourhood Church meets every Sunday as a large gathering and also in small groups throughout the week. Encouraging people to grow in their Christian faith, we provide a variety of learning opportunities. With a heart for the local community, Neighbourhood Church seeks ways to serve people and meet needs.

Our vision is to be a church made up of a growing number of people who are seeking, sharing and living out their Christian faith in a way that brings blessing to people and communities around them. Our members live out their faith where they live, where they work and with the people they encounter, having a positive impact on wider society.

Neighbourhood Church is organised and directed by the leadership team and the trustees. The trustees administer the church in accordance with its Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 14 March 2012 and with regard to meeting the needs for which it was set up. They are also responsible for helping Neighbourhood Church to comply with applicable law and regulations. The trustees have overall financial responsibility for the church.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

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### **The Church: Its Aims and Objectives (continued)**

The leadership team take on responsibility for the day-to-day outworking of the church's vision and mission. They are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church, its activities and teaching. The leadership team is made up of the pastor and assistant pastor, along with volunteers who are committed members of Neighbourhood Church and who share in, and own, the beliefs, vision, values and ethos of the church.

### **The Year in Review**

Due to the continuation of the coronavirus pandemic, Sunday services, mid-week small groups and prayer meetings continued to meet online exclusively until June 2021, after which time the church began a phased reopening of in-person activities. From September 2021, those who felt able were encouraged to return to meeting in person on Sundays, across two morning gatherings.

### Teaching

Teaching in line with the church's beliefs and statement of faith continued to occur on Sundays and in mid-week groups, all remaining online for the first half of the year. In June, as restrictions permitted, in-person meetings began to slowly reopen. Having realised the benefit of sometimes meeting online, the church continues to stream their Sunday gatherings and one mid-week small group continues to meet online for those who find this format beneficial.

### Community Activities

From September 2021, Neighbourhood Church resumed their in-person presence in the local community in the following ways:

Songbirds, a music group for young children and their carers, was re-introduced with two sessions on a Monday morning. The group aims to meet a need in the community for low-cost activities for young children and a place for carers to meet.

The church rents the building to outside organisations for activities which further benefit the community. Those activities currently include the NCT Breastfeeding Café, a Bumps & Babies playgroup, a children's choir and an adult choir. The church is a collection centre for a local food bank which seeks to provide individuals and families in need with food and toiletries.

Neighbourhood Sessions, a community focused evening of live music, meets approximately four times per year.

### Outreach

The church ran adult and youth 'Alpha' during the autumn term. Alpha is a specific way of introducing non-Christians to the Christian faith and giving them an opportunity to ask questions in a friendly and relaxed setting. The course was attended by church members, their friends and people from the community.

The church did not hold any other specific outreach activities/courses during the year, however all church run activities have the intention of building relationships in the community and potentially have the benefit of introducing people to the Christian faith.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

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### **The Year in Review (continued)**

#### Church Giving

The church gave money to people in need within the community and outside it, as deemed appropriate by the trustees and the leadership team.

#### **Plans for the New Year**

The key aims and objectives for the church will remain the same for the coming year.

In January 2021, the church hired Daniel Leeves as a part-time assistant pastor. Dan's key areas of responsibility include overseeing youth and family ministry, teaching, leading worship and being fully involved in the wider life of the church. The leadership team will continue to assess his role and other potential employment needs of the church during the coming year.

Whilst online teaching was a good substitute for meeting during covid-restrictions, the church enjoyed a return to in-person activities as the year progressed. In March of 2022 the church returned to one Sunday morning gathering which has been an encouraging time of re-connection; we hope this year of meeting together in person will deepen and strengthen relationships.

In February 2022, the leadership team and a small group of church members who want to explore their calling as leaders within a church context, began the Grow Course - a year long course put on by The Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication (CCX) to 'support leaders, church teams and diocese across London, England and beyond as they multiply disciples, churches and networks. The leadership team hopes the course will enable thinking about the future of Neighbourhood Church, its numerical growth and its continued impact in the community.

During 2021 an 'Eco Team' developed within the church, a small group of people who wish to raise awareness and challenge thinking about climate and ecological issues. Their main focus for 2022 will be assessing the carbon footprint of the church, developing the church's outside space to encourage and enable wildlife and to encourage the church leadership team to continue bringing our love of God's creation and our commitment to being better climate stewards into the teaching and worship life of the church.

A further priority for 2022 is to develop plans for accommodating our continued growing numbers. We are near the capacity of our building and the leadership team are exploring other options.

# Neighbourhood Church

## 1 Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

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### Financial Review

Despite the continued impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the trustees were pleased with the charity's financial results for the year. Rental income, the church's second main source of income after giving, was slightly lower than the budgeted amount for the year. However, the impact of this loss was mitigated by generous giving, over and above what was anticipated, and by a reduction in general expenses, as many church activities were suspended until September. Total incoming resources for the year were £97,499 (2020 - £93,964); total resources expended for the year were £96,989 (2020 - £87,379); and, total free reserves (total reserves less restricted reserves and fixed assets) were £52,442 (2020 - £53,642). Further details of the financial results can be seen in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on page 9.

As of March 2022, the church has resumed to almost pre-covid levels of activity and the budget for the year is forecasting a small surplus. The trustees will continue to monitor the financial situation closely and as a precaution, the trustees and the leadership team have reviewed different budget scenarios and are satisfied that Neighbourhood Church is still viable financially for the foreseeable future. At the present time, member giving has remained consistent and as a whole the trustees see no reason for this to change drastically within the coming year. Regular rental income has returned and the church has reasonable reserves that can be relied upon in the short term for any unforeseeable events.

### Risk Management

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. All major insurable risks are mitigated with normal churches' and employers' liability insurance.

### Public Benefit

In planning the activities of the church, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. To ensure the church remains compliant, the objectives and aims of the church are reviewed annually in light of the Commission's two key principles of public benefit:

1. there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits, and
2. that benefit must be for the public, or a section of the public.

The trustees believe the church has fulfilled their public benefit by:

- providing a place of public worship on Sunday mornings;
- teaching on Sundays and at mid-week groups on how the Bible says Christians should live, promoting responsible and moral lives;
- discipling people through one-on-one study and via 'living our lives together' to assist in character development and reduced selfish/anti-social behaviour;
- regular church activities held for the community's benefit, such as Songbirds and Neighbourhood Sessions, and one-off activities which build community spirit and awareness, such as our Christmas services and ice cream Sundaes; and
- making the church building available to the community for rent and to be used for meetings which promote community awareness (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch, school meetings, charity coffee morning).

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

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### Reserve Policy

The trustees of Neighbourhood Church along with the leadership team have formed a reserve policy which they believe reflects wise stewardship of the generosity of the congregation and of the church's other income, and is in accordance with the charity law requirement that income received by a charity must be spent within a reasonable timeframe and that trustees should be able to justify holding income as reserves.

There are three components to the church's reserves: one being money set aside to cover ongoing church costs in the event of an unexpected loss of income or an unexpected increase in regular running costs, the second component is money set aside for a specific future project and the third is a more general amount set aside to safeguard the church against unforeseen events.

The church receives no guaranteed income. However, we have been blessed by very faithful and generous givers; at the end of 2021 we had 28 regular contributing individuals/family units (2020 - 29). However, out of that 7 individuals/family units contribute over 50% of our average monthly giving. Therefore, as our giving is not spread as widely as it may be in other churches and we are more reliant on specific monthly donations, the trustees and leadership team have agreed that it's reasonable to strive to keep in our general reserves three months of our average monthly expenses, approximately £24,000. We also anticipate that at sometime in the future the roof of the building will need to be repaired- with this in mind we plan to set aside £2,000-£3,000 per year as funds will allow, to help with the cost of this repair when it is needed. And finally, it was agreed that the reserves should also include a lump sum to cover any unforeseen events; this amount was agreed at £5,000. Therefore, the trustees and the leadership team have agreed that the total free reserves (total reserves less restricted funds and fixed assets) at the year end 31 December 2021 of £52,442 (2020 - £53,642) are reasonable. This policy will be reviewed annually.

### Responsibilities of Trustees Under Company Law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

# Neighbourhood Church

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

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## **Responsibilities of Trustees Under Company Law (*continued*)**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the church website.

## **Small Company Provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

*B Nunes*

B Nunes (chair)  
Trustee

Date: 30.08.22

Charity number: 1146886  
Company number: 7990543

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH  
(‘the Company’)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 9 to 17 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity’s trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (‘the 2006 Act’).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity’s accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the 2011 Act’). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner’s statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

*Lourens du Plessis*

Lourens du Plessis ACA CA(SA)

12 September

2022

Stewardship  
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# Neighbourhood Church

Statement of Financial Activities including an Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021			2020		
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>							
Incoming resources from generated funds:							
Voluntary income	3a	86,259	2,375	88,634	84,849	77,616	7,233
Activities for generating funds	3b	6,798	-	6,798	6,948	6,948	-
Investment income		5	-	5	13	13	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	2,062	-	2,062	2,154	2,154	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>95,124</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>97,499</b>	<b>93,964</b>	<b>86,731</b>	<b>7,233</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>							
Charitable activities	5a	(95,703)	(1,286)	(96,989)	(87,379)	(83,464)	(3,915)
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>(95,703)</b>	<b>(1,286)</b>	<b>(96,989)</b>	<b>(87,379)</b>	<b>(83,464)</b>	<b>(3,915)</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year</b>		<b>(579)</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>6,585</b>	<b>3,267</b>	<b>3,318</b>
Funds at 1 January 2021		333,642	3,318	336,960	330,375	330,375	-
<b>Funds at 31 December 2021</b>		<b>333,063</b>	<b>4,407</b>	<b>337,470</b>	<b>336,960</b>	<b>333,642</b>	<b>3,318</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

*The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.*

# Neighbourhood Church

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	280,621	280,000
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	7,028	5,373
Cash at bank and in hand		53,724	53,446
		341,373	338,819
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Sundry creditors	10	(3,903)	(1,859)
<b>Net Assets</b>		337,470	336,960
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General funds	12	35,442	38,642
Designated funds	12	297,621	295,000
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	12	4,407	3,318
<b>Total Funds</b>		337,470	336,960

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

For the year ending 31 December 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 30.08.22 and signed on their behalf by:

*B Nunes*

B Nunes (chair)  
Trustee

Charity number: 1146886  
Company number: 7990543

*The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.*

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

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## 1 **Statutory Information**

The church is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

## 2 **Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historic cost convention (unless otherwise stated in the notes to the accounts), and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The church meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:

### a) **Going concern**

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the church to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment, taking into account the impact of Covid-19, for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. Based on the adequacy of the church's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the church's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the church's ability to continue.

### b) **Cash flow statement**

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 (section 1A Small Entities) and in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small (by the definition stated in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

### c) **Company status**

Neighbourhood Church is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

### d) **Fund accounting**

Restricted funds are those received for use on specified purposes. Expenditure which meets those criteria is allocated to that fund.

Unrestricted funds are those received or generated that can be used for the general purposes of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been designated for specific purposes by the trustees, for necessary work in connection with on-going provision of services.

### e) **Incoming resources**

Donated (voluntary) income without conditions attached is taken into account when received by the church.

Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to the HM Revenue & Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax not yet reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs is shown within the church's debtors.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

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## 2 Accounting Policies (continued)

### e) **Incoming resources (continued)**

Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when they are receivable provided conditions for receipt have been complied with.

All other income is included in the SOFA when the church is legally entitled to the income.

Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity. Donated fixed assets are capitalised.

The charity has relied significantly upon volunteers in carrying out its activities during the year. In accordance with paragraph 6.18 of the SORP, the role of volunteers has not been recognised as income from donated services in the accounts.

### f) **Resources expended**

Expenditure directly related to the charitable activities shown in note 5a is recognised on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred.

Church giving is recognised as expenditure at the earlier of when it is paid or when it is committed to the recipient in a manner which is intended to be acted upon.

### g) **Governance costs**

The governance costs are those costs which related to the general running of the church as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds. These activities provide the governance infrastructure which allows the church to operate and to generate the information required for public accountability.

### h) **Support costs**

Support costs are costs which whilst necessary to deliver an activity, do not themselves produce or constitute the output of the charitable activity.

### i) **Fixed assets**

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value, unless both the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

### j) **Pension costs**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. Pension premiums are charged as they are paid. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the church in an independently administered fund.

### k) **Taxation**

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

## 3 Incoming Resources from Generated Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
a) <b>Voluntary income</b>				
These comprise:				
Offerings and other gifts	86,259	2,375	88,634	84,849
b) <b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Hall rental income	6,798	-	6,798	6,948

## 4 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Songbirds (children's music group)	897	-	897	582
Coffee shop	85	-	85	1,000
Community events	970	-	970	573
Weekend away	110	-	110	-
	2,062	-	2,062	2,154

## 5 Resources Expended

### a) Charitable activities

An analysis of the charitable activities and their expenditure is as follows:

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (note 5b) £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Teaching and pastoral work	38,133	3,831	41,964	37,390
Evangelism (including Alpha & other courses)	6,457	-	6,457	1,020
Children's work	7,459	766	8,225	7,037
Community activities and church gatherings	27,328	3,065	30,393	30,299
Church giving (to institutions and individuals see Note 5d)	9,950	-	9,950	11,633
	89,327	7,662	96,989	87,379

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

## 5 Resources Expended (continued)

### b) Support costs

The allocation of support costs has been based on the estimated time the church spends on any given activity. The overall allocation is as follows:

	Teaching	Children	Community activities	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Governance costs	532	106	425	1,063	1,971
Stationery and supplies	838	168	670	1,675	1,467
Insurance and memberships	2,192	438	1,754	4,384	3,805
Payroll administration fee	270	54	216	540	511
	<u>3,831</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>3,065</u>	<u>7,662</u>	<u>7,754</u>

### c) Governance costs

Included in the total governance costs of £1,063 (2020 - £1,971) is the payment of £960 (2020 - £900) to Stewardship for the independent accounts examination and a payment to The Church Growth Trust for a building feasibility study of £nil (2020 - £1,008).

### d) Church giving

The church gave money throughout the year in the following way, as deemed appropriate by the leadership team or when gifts were given for specific people/charities:

	2021			2020		
	Institutions	Individuals	Total	Institutions	Individuals	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary Support	5,500	-	5,500	6,000	-	6,000
Relief of Poverty	2,170	1,280	3,450	1,195	4,438	5,633
Support of Social Care	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
	<u>8,670</u>	<u>1,280</u>	<u>9,950</u>	<u>7,195</u>	<u>4,438</u>	<u>11,633</u>

The church's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2021	2020
	£	£
InterChristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission (IcFEM)	<u>5,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>

### e) Staff costs

There were two employees during the year, one full-time and one part-time, and the gross remuneration amounted to £58,192 (2020 - £49,984). Employers' national insurance costs amounted to £1,186 (2020 - £1,301) and contributions to the employees' pension plans were £3,924 (2020 - £3,850). Neither employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000; both employees were considered to be key management personnel of the charity.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

## 6 Acting as Agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities or individuals, which it banks and then pays out to these charities or individuals. This income is received as agent for these other charities or individuals and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for an individual and, in that capacity, received and paid out £232 (2020 - £410).

## 7 Trustee Expenses

No remuneration or expenses was paid to any trustee, nor to any person connected to them, either during the year or the preceding year.

## 8 Fixed Assets

During 2019, *The Hall Evangelical Church Trust* donated the *Hall Evangelical Church* building to Neighbourhood Church. The church has had sole use, rent free, of the land and building since 2011. The trustees of Neighbourhood Church have been unable to obtain a reasonable historic cost value of the land and building as the original purchase was in 1925 and no records can be found.

The land has little commercial value due to the schedule of restrictive covenants held on the Register of Title. Since 2011 Neighbourhood Church has made multiple applications for planning permission to extend the building which have been denied by the council. Taking this into consideration the trustees have decided that it would be inappropriate to include a value for the land in these accounts, as without any developmental potential the land is virtually worthless.

The trustees have agreed not to have the building professionally valued as they do not believe the benefit of the valuation would outweigh the cost. The SORP states that donated facilities should be measured at their value to the charity.

Neighbourhood Church uses the building for meeting on Sundays, mid-week gatherings, church-run groups which benefit the community and for rental purposes which raise funds for the church. The trustees, after taking into account that the local planning authorities have not granted any of the formal planning requests made to extend the building, have made an assessment of the value of the building to be £280,000 and have insured it for this amount.

The trustees plan to keep the building in good working order and therefore anticipate a high residual value. No depreciation is provided on the building as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of the building currently exceeds 50 years, so that any annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial.

An impairment review will be carried out at each year-end by the trustees and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

	Freehold Building £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost (or valuation)			
At 1 January 2021	280,000	-	280,000
Additions	-	699	699
Gains / (losses) on revaluation	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	-	(78)	(78)
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	280,000	621	280,621

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

9 <b>Debtors</b>	2021	2020
Debtors comprise the following amounts receivable:	£	£
Gift aid recoverable	5,967	5,373
Trade debtors	1,015	-
Prepayments	46	-
	7,028	5,373
	7,028	5,373

  

10 <b>Creditors</b>	2021	2020
Short term creditors comprise the following amounts payable:	£	£
Accruals	2,198	1,859
Deferred income	1,705	-
	3,903	1,859
	3,903	1,859

## 11 **Related Parties**

In total, the trustees, their related parties and the church's key management personnel contributed £19,355 (2020 - £14,845) to the church during the year. Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the independent examination, were for payroll bureau services and totalled £540 (2020 - £511).

## 12 **Funds**

During the year the movements in the church's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Welfare fund	3,318	750	(1,080)	-	2,988
Giving	-	1,625	(206)	-	1,419
	3,318	2,375	(1,286)	-	4,407

The Welfare fund is used to help individuals and families who are struggling financially on a short-term basis. Members of the church give specifically into this fund and money is paid out to recipients as and when it's deemed appropriate by the leadership team. The restricted giving received during the year related to donations received specifically for youth work.

### Designated Funds

Roof maintenance	10,000	-	-	2,000	12,000
Unforeseen events	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed assets	280,000	-	-	621	280,621
	295,000	-	-	2,621	297,621
<b>General Funds</b>	38,642	95,124	(95,703)	(2,621)	35,442
<b>Total Funds</b>	336,960	97,499	(96,989)	-	337,470

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

## 12 Funds (continued)

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Unrestricted General funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Fixed assets	-	280,621	-	280,621
Debtors	7,028	-	-	7,028
Cash at bank and in hand	32,317	17,000	4,407	53,724
Creditors	(3,903)	-	-	(3,903)
	35,442	297,621	4,407	337,470

In the previous year the movements in the church's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2020 £	Incoming resources 2020 £	Outgoing resources 2020 £	Transfers in the year 2020 £	Closing balance 2020 £
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Welfare fund	-	5,456	(2,138)	-	3,318
Giving	-	1,777	(1,777)	-	-
	-	7,233	(3,915)	-	3,318
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Roof maintenance	8,000	-	-	2,000	10,000
Unforeseen events	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed assets	280,000	-	-	-	280,000
	293,000	-	-	2,000	295,000
<b>General Funds</b>	37,375	86,731	(83,464)	(2,000)	38,642
<b>Total Funds</b>	330,375	93,964	(87,379)	-	336,960

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted General funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Fixed assets	-	280,000	-	280,000
Debtors	5,373	-	-	5,373
Cash at bank and in hand	35,128	15,000	3,318	53,446
Creditors	(1,859)	-	-	(1,859)
	38,642	295,000	3,318	336,960

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1146886

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# Accounts

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**Neighbourhood Church**  
*(a company limited by guarantee)*

**Report and Financial Statements**

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# Neighbourhood Church

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Registered office	The Hall Cromwell Road Beckenham Kent BR3 4LW
Charity registration number	1146886
Company registration number	7990543
Governing document	Memorandum and Articles of Association Dated 14 March 2012
Trustees and directors	Ben Edge Brian R Nunes Miranda Thomas James Webb ( <i>appointed 20 September 2020</i> )
Key management	Simon Lang
Bankers	Lloyds TSB
Independent examiners	Lourens du Plessis ACA CA(SA) Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020

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The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### **Status and Governing Document**

Neighbourhood Church, a charitable company limited by guarantee, was constituted by Memorandum & Articles of Association on 14 March 2012.

### **Trustees and Directors**

The trustees, who are also directors of the company, throughout the period and at the date of approval were:

Ben Edge

Brian R Nunes

Miranda Thomas

James Webb (*appointed 20 September 2020*)

The powers of appointment or removal of trustees/directors rests with the trustees/directors.

### **Objects**

The primary objects of Neighbourhood Church, for public benefit, are to advance the Christian faith, in accordance with our Statement of Faith, in the London Borough of Bromley and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit. The church will also fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable, according to the law of England and Wales, and are connected to the charitable work of the charity, as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

### **The Church: Its Aims and Objectives**

Neighbourhood Church is a small and growing local church based in Beckenham, South East London, rooted in orthodox Christian faith. We subscribe to the ancient Apostles' Creed and to the Evangelical Alliance's Statement of Faith.

With a desire to be welcoming, informal and 'real', we provide a place for people to meet at whatever stage of their faith journey. Comprising a mix of all ages, Neighbourhood Church meets every Sunday as a large gathering and also in small groups throughout the week. Encouraging people to grow in their Christian faith, we provide a variety of learning opportunities. With a heart for the local community, Neighbourhood Church seeks ways to serve people and meet needs.

Our vision is to be a church made up of a growing number of people who are seeking, sharing and living out their Christian faith in a way that brings blessing to people and communities around them. Our members live out their faith where they live, where they work and with the people they encounter, having a positive impact on wider society.

Neighbourhood Church is organised and directed by the leadership team and the trustees. The trustees administer the church in accordance with its Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 14 March 2012 and with regard to meeting the needs for which it was set up. They are also responsible for helping Neighbourhood Church to comply with applicable law and regulations. The trustees have overall financial responsibility for the church.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

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### **The Church: Its Aims and Objectives (*continued*)**

The leadership team take on responsibility for the day-to-day outworking of the vision and mission of the church. They are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church, its activities and teaching. The leadership team is made up of the pastor of Neighbourhood Church and volunteers who are committed members of Neighbourhood Church who share in, and own, the beliefs, vision, values and ethos of the church.

### **The Year in Review**

The church continued to run its usual weekly activities up until mid-March 2020, when due to the coronavirus pandemic and the introduction of social distancing measures, all face to face activities were suspended and the church building was closed. Sunday services, mid week small groups and prayer meetings have continued to meet online.

### Teaching

Teaching in line with the church's beliefs and statement of faith continued to occur on Sundays and in mid-week groups. From the end of March, the leadership team quickly adapted their usual style of teaching; making the most of the available technology, all Sunday gatherings and mid-week groups were led over Zoom.

### Community Activities

Neighbourhood Church continued serving the local community in the following different ways, up until the closure of the building in March:

Songbirds, a music group for young children and their carers, met twice per week. The group aims to meet a need in the community for low-cost activities for young children and a place for carers to meet.

The church also runs a 'Coffee Shop' one morning per week which is a place for local people to meet and socialise.

The church rents the building to outside organisations for activities which further benefit the community. Those activities included the NCT Breastfeeding Café, NHS Baby Clinics, a Bumps & Babies playgroup, a children's choir, an adult choir, first aid classes, sewing classes and the building was used as a polling station for government elections.

The church is a collection centre for a local food bank which seeks to provide individuals and families in need with food and toiletries. In the run up to Christmas we advertised a special 'Christmas Bag Appeal' to church members and the local community; the food bank was greatly encouraged by our large contribution.

In March, three members of the church ran a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) course in conjunction with another local church. The CAP course teaches a money management system that enables people to take control of their finances, by learning to budget, save and spend well.

### Outreach

The church ran one 'Alpha' course starting in January 2020. Alpha is a specific way of introducing non-Christians to the Christian faith and giving them an opportunity to ask questions in a friendly and relaxed setting. The course was attended by church members, their friends and people from the community.

The church did not hold any other specific outreach activities/courses during the year, however all church run activities have the intention of building relationships in the community and potentially have the benefit of introducing people to the Christian faith.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

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### **The Year in Review (*continued*)**

#### Church Giving

The church gave money to people in need within the community and outside it, as deemed appropriate by the trustees and the leadership team.

#### **Plans for the New Year**

The key aims and objectives for the church will remain the same for the coming year.

In January 2020, the church hired a second member of staff, a part-time youth and families worker, Ike Ekwueme. Ike worked hard in his short time with us to build relationships and develop a youth group amongst our young people; he then left Neighbourhood Church in August, moving on to pursue other interests.

After prayerful consideration, the church then sought to hire an assistant pastor. Daniel Leeves was appointed in January 2021, taking on specific responsibility for overseeing youth and family ministry within the church, and also being fully involved in the wider life of the church.

Whist online teaching has been a good substitute for meeting in person, a key priority for 2021 will be to resume all of the face to face activities which are regularly held in the building and we look forward to once again meeting in person for our Sunday gatherings.

A further priority for 2021 is to develop plans for accommodating our continued growing numbers. We've reached the capacity of our building and the leadership team are exploring other options.

#### **Financial Review**

Despite the inevitable impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the trustees were pleased with the charity's financial results for the year. Rental income, the church's second main source of income after giving, was less than one third of its budgeted amount for the year. However the impact of this loss of income was mitigated by generous giving over and above what was anticipated in the 2020 budget, and a reduction in general expenses as many church activities ceased running from April and the church building was no longer used. Total incoming resources for the year were £93,964 (2019- £377,648 of which £280,000 related to the donated building); total resources expended for the year were £87,379 (2019- £84,928); and, total free reserves (total reserves less restricted reserves and fixed assets) were £ 53,642 (2019- £50,375). Further details of the financial results can be seen in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on page 9.

As of March 2021, the current coronavirus pandemic situation is still affecting the economic climate in the UK. The trustees are aware of the impact this may have on Neighbourhood Church and its ability to continue in the foreseeable future. As a precaution, the trustees and the leadership team have reviewed different budget scenarios and are satisfied that Neighbourhood Church is still viable financially for the foreseeable future. At the present time, member giving has remained consistent and as a whole the trustees see no reason for this to change drastically. There is no rental income at the moment, however we anticipate that as social distancing measures are eased some of this will return, and the church's reserves can be relied upon until this time if necessary.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

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### **Risk Management**

The church is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the church's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. All major insurable risks are mitigated with normal churches' and employers' liability insurance.

### **Public Benefit**

In planning the activities of the church, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. To ensure the church remains compliant, the objectives and aims of the church are reviewed annually in light of the Commission's two key principles of public benefit:

1. there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits, and
2. that benefit must be for the public, or a section of the public.

The trustees believe the church has fulfilled their public benefit by:

- providing a place of public worship on Sunday mornings;
- teaching on Sundays and at mid-week groups on how the Bible says Christians should live, promoting responsible and moral lives;
- discipling people through one-on-one study and via 'living our lives together' to assist in character development and reduced selfish/anti-social behaviour;
- regular church activities held for the community's benefit such as Songbirds and one-off activities which build community spirit and awareness (e.g. Christmas carol service and a community Christmas tree); and
- making the church building available to the community for rent and to be used for meetings which promote community awareness (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch, school meetings, charity coffee morning).

### **Reserve Policy**

The trustees of Neighbourhood Church along with the leadership team have formed a reserve policy which they believe reflects wise stewardship of the generosity of the congregation and of the church's other income, and is in accordance with the charity law requirement that income received by a charity must be spent within a reasonable timeframe and that trustees should be able to justify holding income as reserves.

There are three components to the church's reserves: one being money set aside to cover ongoing church costs in the event of an unexpected loss of income or an unexpected increase in regular running costs, the second component is money set aside for a specific future project and the third is a more general amount set aside to safeguard the church against unforeseen events.

# Neighbourhood Church

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

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### **Reserve Policy (continued)**

The church receives no guaranteed income. However, we have been blessed by very faithful and generous givers; at the end of 2020 we had 29 regular contributing individuals/family units (2019- 25). However, out of that 7 individuals/family units contribute approximately 50% of our average monthly giving. Therefore, as our giving is not spread as widely as it may be in other churches and we are more reliant on specific monthly donations, the trustees and leadership team have agreed that it's reasonable to strive to keep in our general reserves three months of our average monthly expenses, approximately £24,000. We also anticipate that at sometime in the future the roof of the building will need to be repaired- with this in mind we plan to set aside £2,000-£3,000 per year as funds will allow, to help with the cost of this repair when it is needed. And finally, it was agreed that the reserves should also include a lump sum to cover any unforeseen events; this amount was agreed at £5,000. Therefore, the trustees and the leadership team have agreed that the total free reserves (total reserves less restricted funds and fixed assets) at the year end 31 December 2020 of £53,642 (2019- £50,375) are reasonable. This policy will be reviewed annually.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees Under Company Law**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the church website.

# Neighbourhood Church

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

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## Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

B Nunes (chair)  
Trustee

Date: 29 August 2021

Charity number: 1146886  
Company number: 7990543

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH  
(‘the Company’)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 9 to 17 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity’s trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (‘the 2006 Act’).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity’s accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the 2011 Act’). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner’s statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

Lourens du Plessis ACA CA(SA)

7 September 2021

For and on behalf of:  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London, EC1Y 8AB

# Neighbourhood Church

Statement of Financial Activities including an Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020			2019		
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>							
Incoming resources from generated funds:							
Voluntary income	3a	77,615	7,233	84,848	349,429	346,775	2,654
Activities for generating funds	3b	6,948	-	6,948	21,490	21,490	-
Investment income		13	-	13	13	13	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	2,154	-	2,154	6,716	6,106	610
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>86,731</b>	<b>7,233</b>	<b>93,964</b>	<b>377,648</b>	<b>374,384</b>	<b>3,264</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>							
Charitable activities	5a	(83,464)	(3,915)	(87,379)	(84,928)	(81,294)	(3,634)
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>(83,464)</b>	<b>(3,915)</b>	<b>(87,379)</b>	<b>(84,928)</b>	<b>(81,294)</b>	<b>(3,634)</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year</b>		<b>3,266</b>	<b>3,318</b>	<b>6,585</b>	<b>292,720</b>	<b>293,090</b>	<b>(370)</b>
Funds at 1 January 2020		330,375	-	330,375	37,655	37,285	370
<b>Funds at 31 December 2020</b>		<b>333,641</b>	<b>3,318</b>	<b>336,960</b>	<b>330,375</b>	<b>330,375</b>	<b>-</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

*The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.*

# Neighbourhood Church

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	280,000	280,000
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Sundry debtors	9	5,373	4,115
Cash at bank and in hand		53,446	48,464
		<u>338,819</u>	<u>332,579</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Sundry creditors	10	(1,859)	(2,204)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>336,960</u>	<u>330,375</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General funds	12	38,641	37,375
Designated funds	12	295,000	293,000
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
	12	3,318	-
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>336,960</u>	<u>330,375</u>

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

For the year ending 31 December 2020, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29 August 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

B Nunes (chair)  
Trustee

Charity number: 1146886  
Company number: 7990543

*The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.*

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

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## 1 Statutory Information

The church is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

## 2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historic cost convention (unless otherwise stated in the notes to the accounts), and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The church meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:

### a) **Going concern**

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the church to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment, taking into account the impact of Covid-19, for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. Based on the adequacy of the church's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the church's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the church's ability to continue.

### b) **Cash flow statement**

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 (section 1A Small Entities) and in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small (by the definition stated in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

### c) **Company status**

Neighbourhood Church is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

### d) **Fund accounting**

Restricted funds are those received for use on specified purposes. Expenditure which meets those criteria is allocated to that fund.

Unrestricted funds are those received or generated that can be used for the general purposes of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been designated for specific purposes by the trustees, for necessary work in connection with on-going provision of services.

### e) **Incoming resources**

Donated (voluntary) income without conditions attached is taken into account when received by the church.

Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to the HM Revenue & Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax not yet reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs is shown within the church's debtors.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

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## 2 Accounting Policies (continued)

### e) **Incoming resources (continued)**

Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when they are receivable provided conditions for receipt have been complied with.

All other income is included in the SOFA when the church is legally entitled to the income.

Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity. Donated fixed assets are capitalised.

The charity has relied significantly upon volunteers in carrying out its activities during the year. In accordance with paragraph 6.18 of the SORP, the role of volunteers has not been recognised as income from donated services in the accounts.

### f) **Resources expended**

Expenditure directly related to the charitable activities shown in note 5a is recognised on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred.

Church giving is recognised as expenditure at the earlier of when it is paid or when it is committed to the recipient in a manner which is intended to be acted upon.

### g) **Governance costs**

The governance costs are those costs which related to the general running of the church as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds. These activities provide the governance infrastructure which allows the church to operate and to generate the information required for public accountability.

### h) **Support costs**

Support costs are costs which whilst necessary to deliver an activity, do not themselves produce or constitute the output of the charitable activity.

### i) **Fixed assets**

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value, unless both the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

### j) **Pension costs**

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. Pension premiums are charged as they are paid. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the church in an independently administered fund.

### k) **Taxation**

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

## 3 Incoming Resources from Generated Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
a) <b>Voluntary income</b>				
These comprise:				
Offerings and other gifts	77,615	7,233	84,848	69,429
Donations in kind- donated facilities	-	-	-	280,000
	<u>77,615</u>	<u>7,233</u>	<u>84,848</u>	<u>349,429</u>

The donated facilities comprise the Neighbourhood Church building which was given to the charity during 2019, for its own use.

## b) Activities for generating funds

Hall rental income	6,948	-	6,948	21,490
	<u>6,948</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,948</u>	<u>21,490</u>

## 4 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Songbirds (children's music group)	582	-	582	1,945
Coffee shop	1,000	-	1,000	3,131
Community events	573	-	573	1,640
	<u>2,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,154</u>	<u>6,716</u>

## 5 Resources Expended

### a) Charitable activities

An analysis of the charitable activities and their expenditure is as follows:

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (note 5b) £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Teaching and pastoral work	33,513	3,877	37,390	34,821
Evangelism (including Alpha)	1,020	-	1,020	556
Children's work	6,262	775	7,037	7,466
Community activities and church gatherings	27,197	3,102	30,299	30,283
Church giving (to institutions and individuals see Note 5d)	11,633	-	11,633	11,803
	<u>79,625</u>	<u>7,754</u>	<u>87,379</u>	<u>84,928</u>

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

## 5 Resources Expended (continued)

### b) Support costs

The allocation of support costs has been based on the estimated time the church spends on any given activity. The overall allocation is as follows:

	Teaching	Children	Community activities	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Governance costs	986	197	788	1,971	1,783
Stationery and supplies	734	147	587	1,467	1,799
Insurance and memberships	1,903	381	1,522	3,805	4,063
Payroll administration fee	256	51	204	511	490
	<u>3,877</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>3,102</u>	<u>7,754</u>	<u>5,209</u>

### c) Governance costs

Included in the total governance costs of £1,971 (2019- £1,783) is the payment of £900 (2019- £798) to Stewardship for the independent accounts examination, solicitor's fees for the transfer of *The Hall Evangelical Trust* building to Neighbourhood Church (2019 only) and the payment to The Church Growth Trust for a building feasibility study (2019 only).

### d) Church Giving

The church gave money throughout the year in the following way, as deemed appropriate by the leadership team or when gifts were given for specific people/charities:

	2020			2019		
	Institutions	Individuals	Total	Institutions	Individuals	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary Support	6,000	-	6,000	4,125	-	4,125
Relief of Poverty	1,195	4,438	5,633	2,360	3,959	6,319
Support of Social Care	-	-	-	1,359	-	1,359
	<u>7,195</u>	<u>4,438</u>	<u>11,633</u>	<u>7,844</u>	<u>3,959</u>	<u>11,803</u>

The church's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2020	2019
	£	£
InterChristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission (IcFEM)	6,000	4,125
Tearfund	-	1,100
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>5,225</u>

### e) Staff costs

There were two employees during the period, one full time and one part-time (2019- one full-time employee). The full-time employee was a member of the key management team and their gross remuneration amounted to £40,000 (2019- £40,000), employers' national insurance costs were £1,082 (2019- £1,336) and a contribution of £3,600 (2019- £3,600) was made to the employee's pension plan.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

## 6 Acting as Agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities or individuals, which it banks and then pays out to these charities or individuals. This income is received as agent for these other charities or individuals and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for an individual and, in that capacity, received and paid out £410 (2019: £1,000).

## 7 Trustee Expenses

No remuneration or expenses was paid to any trustee, nor to any person connected to them, either during the year or the preceding year.

## 8 Fixed Assets

During the prior year, *The Hall Evangelical Church Trust* donated the *Hall Evangelical Church* building to Neighbourhood Church. The church has had sole use, rent free, of the land and building since 2011. The trustees of Neighbourhood Church have been unable to obtain a reasonable historic cost value of the land and building as the original purchase was in 1925 and no records can be found.

The land has little commercial value due to the schedule of restrictive covenants held on the Register of Title. Since 2011 Neighbourhood Church has made multiple applications for planning permission to extend the building which have been denied by the council. Taking this into consideration the trustees have decided that it would be inappropriate to include a value for the land in these accounts, as without any developmental potential the land is virtually worthless.

The trustees have agreed not to have the building professionally valued as they do not believe the benefit of the valuation would outweigh the cost. The SORP states that donated facilities should be measured at their value to the charity.

Neighbourhood Church uses the building for meeting on Sundays, mid-week gatherings, church-run groups which benefit the community and for rental purposes which raise funds for the church. The trustees, after taking into account that the local planning authorities have not granted any of the formal planning requests made to extend the building, have made an assessment of the value of the building to be £280,000 and have insured it for this amount.

The trustees plan to keep the building in good working order and therefore anticipate a high residual value. No depreciation is provided on the building as the currently estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of the building currently exceeds 50 years, so that any annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial.

An impairment review will be carried out at each year-end by the trustees and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

The church did not acquire any other fixed assets during the year.

	<b>Freehold Building £</b>
Cost (or valuation)	
At 1 January 2020	280,000
Additions	-
Gains / (losses) on revaluation	-
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2020	<u><u>280,000</u></u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

9 <b>Sundry Debtors</b>	2020	2019
Debtors comprise the following amounts receivable:	£	£
Gift aid recoverable	5,373	3,335
Sundry debtors	-	780
	5,373	4,115
	5,373	4,115

10 <b>Sundry Creditors</b>	2020	2019
The sundry creditors are short term creditors comprising the following amounts payable:	£	£
Ordinary suppliers	-	1,354
Accruals	1,859	850
	1,859	2,204
	1,859	2,204

## 11 **Related Parties**

In total, the trustees, their related parties and the church's key management personnel contributed £14,845 (2019- £16,065) to the church during the year. Fees payable to Stewardship, other than for the independent examination, were for the payroll bureau services and totalled £511 (2019- £490).

## 12 **Funds**

During the year the movements in the church's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2020 £	Incoming resources 2020 £	Outgoing resources 2020 £	Transfers in the year 2020 £	Closing balance 2020 £
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Welfare fund	-	5,456	(2,138)	-	3,318
Giving	-	1,777	(1,777)	-	-
	-	7,233	(3,915)	-	3,318
	-	7,233	(3,915)	-	3,318

During the year the church set up a specific fund which is used to help individuals and families who are struggling financially on a short-term basis. Members of the church give specifically into this fund and money is paid out to recipients as and when it's deemed appropriate by the leadership team. The restricted giving received during the year related to donations received specifically for an ICFEM Covid relief project.

### Designated Funds

Roof maintenance	8,000	-	-	2,000	10,000
Unforeseen events	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed assets- building	280,000	-	-	-	280,000
	293,000	-	-	2,000	295,000
	293,000	-	-	2,000	295,000
<b>General Funds</b>	37,375	86,731	(83,464)	(2,000)	38,641
	37,375	86,731	(83,464)	(2,000)	38,641
<b>Total Funds</b>	330,375	93,964	(87,379)	-	336,960
	330,375	93,964	(87,379)	-	336,960

# Neighbourhood Church

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

## 12 Funds (continued)

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2020 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
	Fixed assets	-	280,000	
Debtors	5,373	-	-	5,373
Cash at bank and in hand	35,128	15,000	3,318	53,446
Creditors	(1,859)	-	-	(1,859)
	<u>38,642</u>	<u>295,000</u>	<u>3,318</u>	<u>336,960</u>

In the previous year the movements in the church's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2019 £	Incoming resources 2019 £	Outgoing resources 2019 £	Transfers in the year 2019 £	Closing balance 2019 £	
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
	Events	370	610	(980)	-	-
Giving	-	2,654	(2,654)	-	-	
	<u>370</u>	<u>3,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,634</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Designated Funds</b>						
Roof maintenance	6,000	-	-	2,000	8,000	
Unforeseen events	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	
Fixed assets- building	-	280,000	-	-	280,000	
	<u>11,000</u>	<u>280,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>293,000</u>	
<b>General Funds</b>						
	<u>26,285</u>	<u>94,384</u>	<u>(81,294)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>37,375</u>	
<b>Total Funds</b>						
	<u>37,655</u>	<u>377,648</u>	<u>(84,928)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330,375</u>	

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted General funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £	
	Fixed assets	-	280,000	-	280,000
	Debtors	4,115	-	-	4,115
Cash at bank and in hand	35,464	13,000	-	48,464	
Creditors	(2,204)	-	-	(2,204)	
	<u>37,375</u>	<u>293,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330,375</u>	