

Neighbourhood Church
(a company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2022

Neighbourhood Church

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 Administration	
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

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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.

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

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.

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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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022			2021		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources							
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
Resources Expended							
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)
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the Year		562	(864)	(302)	510	(579)	1,089
Funds at 1 January 2022		333,063	4,407	337,470	336,960	333,642	3,318
Funds at 31 December 2022		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.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

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

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

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.

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

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.

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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) Voluntary income				
These comprise:				
Offerings and other gifts	83,000	3,001	86,001	88,634
b) Activities for generating funds				
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 (including Alpha & other courses)	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 (to institutions and individuals see Note 5d)	7,024	-	7,024	9,950
	100,041	9,228	109,269	96,989

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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
	4,614	923	3,691	9,228	7,662

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:

	Institutions	Individuals	2022 Total	Institutions	Individuals	2021 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
	5,650	1,374	7,024	8,670	1,280	9,950

The church's principal grants to institutions comprised:

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

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.

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

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

8 Fixed Assets (continued)

	Freehold Building £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost (or valuation)			
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
Depreciation			
Opening balance 1 January 2022	-	78	78
Charge for the year	-	279	279
On disposals	-	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	-	357	357
Net book value			
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).

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12 Funds

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

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
Restricted Funds					
Welfare fund	2,988	1,188	(1,374)	-	2,802
Giving	1,419	1,813	(1,671)	(820)	741
	4,407	3,001	(3,045)	(820)	3,543
Designated Funds					
Roof maintenance	12,000	-	-	2,000	14,000
Unforeseen events	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Fixed assets	280,621	-	-	1,371	281,992
	297,621	-	-	3,371	300,992
General Funds	35,442	105,966	(105,404)	(3,371)	32,633
Total Funds	337,470	108,967	(108,449)	(820)	337,168

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

	Unrestricted General funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
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	(6,107)	-	-	(6,107)
	32,633	300,992	3,543	337,168

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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 £
Restricted Funds					
Welfare fund	3,318	750	(1,080)	-	2,988
Giving	-	1,625	(206)	-	1,419
	3,318	2,375	(1,286)	-	4,407
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
General Funds	38,642	95,124	(95,703)	(2,621)	35,442
Total Funds	336,960	97,499	(96,989)	-	337,470

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)
	35,442	297,621	4,407	337,470