

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1147123

Details

Other names SACC

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-05-03

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

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Activities

Objects: (THIS IS UNCHANGED FROM THE APPROVED DOCUMENT)THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH SHALL BE:3.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL BASIS;AND3.2 THE PROMOTION OF SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE CHURCH MEMBERS IN A CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: St Andrews Community Church exists as a group of people who wish to share a common Christian faith and wish to share their knowledge and love with others who may or may not have a faith. To this end, SACC undertakes regular worship services, provides a local venue in Craven Arms (Shropshire), plus community help, community events, youth club, home groups & bible studies.

Classification

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

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£115,725	£206,126	-	-
2024-04-30	£105,973	£42,747	-	-
2023-04-30	£85,705	£22,462	-	-
2022-04-30	£45,370	£28,109	-	-
2021-04-30	£42,546	£13,186	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Wheeler		2022-01-01
James Gell		2022-01-01
John Hughes		2022-02-01
John Stringer		2022-01-01
Julia Gell		2022-01-01
Keith Arbery		2021-07-26

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Accounts

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH			
Market Street, Craven Arms, Shropshire			
Financial Statements for periods 1 May to 30 April			
	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
Receipts:			
Offertory	-	-	25,148
Offertory & Donations	46,957	21,562	500
Bequests	59,920	64,500	50,711
Food Bank Donations	3,400	4,793	9,289
Tax Reclaimed/Gift Aid	5,448	14,892	0
Main Bank Account Receipts: Sub-Total	115,725	90,855	85,648
Bank Interest (Building Bank Account)	1,464	-	-
Bank Interest (Kingdom Bank Account)	238	226	57
Total Receipts	117,427	105,973	85,705
Payments:			
Stipend & HMRC	-	-	-
Foodbank (Capital/setting up) (Note 1)		9,053	-
Foodbank Costs/Contributions (Note 1)	1,635	6,051	8,238
Mission, Donations & Outreach	4,051	7,790	5,179
St Andrews Costs	16,468	11,167	6,830
Building Costs Capitalised (Note 2)	183,546		
Building Costs Not Capitalised (Note 2)	425	5,250	2,215
Other ***		3,436	
Payments: Sub-Total	206,126	42,747	22,462
Receipts & Payments Surplus/(Deficit)	(90,400)	63,226	63,243
Food bank Receipts & Payments Deficit	(1,946)		
Equals fall in Total Liquid Funds	(93,379)		
Add back Building Costs Capitalised (Note 2)	183,546		
Depreciation Charge (Note 2)	(1,611)		
Equals Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	91,788	63,226	63,243
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
Fixed Assets (Net Book Value) - Note 3	181,935	-	-
Liabilities (Outward funds in transit)	(400)	-	-
Main Current Accounts @ 30 April	106,309	196,709	133,709
Savings Account @ (Kingdom Bank)	14,198	13,959	13,733
Main Church Liquid Funds	120,507	200,668	147,442
Subsidiary Bank Accounts			
Foodbank Account	7,846	9,392	-
Building Account	5,486	-	-
Total Liquid Funds	133,839	210,060	147,442
Total Church Assets (Net)	315,374	210,060	147,442

Note 1 Foodbank - From 1st February 2024 St Andrews Community Church has been operating a separate bank account for income and expenses relating to the food bank. As at 30th April 2024, the Foodbank bank account stood at £9,392. For 2024/25 a separate

detailed account has been produced for the foodbank though the totals figures have been brought into this accounting statement.

Note 2 - Building Costs Capitalised

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Note 2 - Capitalised Building

Costs - spending money is an exchange of resources, money for something. Some resources are immediately used up, for example when you post a letter, but other resources give value into the future. It seems sensible to spread these costs over the years when such resources give their value. The term for this process is *depreciation* (see the short note which follows).

Accountants classify every outlay in the most helpful way. The guiding principle is to show a view of the situation that is both true and fair. Many millions of words have been written on [true and fair](#), both as textbooks and academically exploring the ideas. Another overall principle is prudence or conservatism: the idea is to avoid nasty surprises by being that little bit pessimistic. You don't look for bad news but with valid alternatives you choose the one that shows the worst position.

This is an area governed not by rules but by principles which principles are open to discussion. Judgements to be exercised include what is to be carried forward as an asset, the life of each asset and the depreciation method to be used.

Having been planning this for some years, St Andrews Community Church has invested significant money in new buildings. It does not seem fair to treat all this cost as a cost of 2024/25.

I have made the following choices, all of which can be discussed and changed if we think fit:

1. Monies spent in 2022/23 and 2023/24 on preparing for this building will not be capitalised.
2. For simplicity and transparency, the assets will be assumed to have no value at the end of their assumed useful lives and the [straight-line](#) method of depreciation will be used.
3. Fixtures and fittings, for example carpets will be assumed to have a 10-year life.
4. The balance of the costs will be taken as building and assumed to have a 30-year life.
5. I assume that the Church started using the building in January 2025. Thus it makes sense to charge one quarter of a year to depreciation.

The Table below reflects these decisions.

Table to Show Asset Values and Depreciation				
Total outlay	Outlay £	Useful Life	Depreciation Charge Per annum £	2024/25 3 Months' £
Building Fabric	178,679	30 Years	5,956	1,489
Fixtures and Fittings	4,867	10 Years	487	122
Total	183,546		6,443	1,611

Note 3 – Net Book Value

"Net" is because it's A less B (Cost less Depreciation to date).

Book Value is because it's the figure in the books, the accounts. The real value may be very different, lesser or greater.

Table to Show Net Book Values			
Total outlay	Cost £	Depreciation To date £	Net book Value £
Building Fabric	178,679	5,956	172,723
Fixtures and Fittings	4,867	487	4,380
Total	183,546	6,443	177,103

CONTINUED (Note on Depreciation)

Depreciation

This note addresses the decision as to how one might deal with SACC's outlays for new building in the accounts for the year to the 30th of April 2025. The note is designed for people to whom the concept of depreciation is new, so if you are already comfortable with the concept in the context of published accounts, feel free to ignore it.

Below, from the web, is a selection of things that you could read instead of, or as well as, this note.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Depreciation>

<https://wiki.treasurers.org/wiki/Depreciation>

<https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Depreciation> (a site that specifically references buildings).

In the past, depreciation has not been an issue for St Andrews Community Church because you have not had what, in accounting jargon are called *fixed assets*. A [fixed asset](#) is something that gives value over more than one accounting period. But in this financial year the church has spent significant money on new building work.

Because depreciation is a significant item in most sets of accounts and because in the end it comes down to matters of opinion, there is very much written about depreciation.

I think an example may be helpful.

Imagine you are a haulage company using a range of lorries. To join your fleet, you were offered for £100,000 a new lorry which might last ten years, with good maintenance. But because you can use that money in more important ways, you decided in December 2025 to go for a second-hand lorry for £10,000 to be collected on January 1st, 2026.

So on January 1st the bank balance goes down by £10,000 and you have another lorry in your fleet.

You do not know how long the lorry is going to last but your best estimate is 2 years. Of course it should last longer if you are prepared to pay possibly big maintenance bills.

Everything goes well. The lorry performs with no unexpected bills. But when you come to do the accounts at the end of 2026, that £10,000 lorry is now a year older and may be halfway towards the end of its useful life. What to do?

The General Approach Taken by Accountants

In the UK and many countries it has influenced, the overriding idea is that accounts show a *true and a fair view*. I will spare you the complete lecture but, in my opinion, if you have to choose, fairness is much more important than truth. *Fair* implies telling the whole truth: anyone can lie by telling some truths but withholding others.

Fairness also implies *as simple as possible but not simpler*. You have a duty to be understandable but must not mislead through over-simplification. As in many other walks of life, this is not always an easy judgement to make.

In the case of our second-hand lorry, it seems fair, given an estimated life of two years at a cost of £10,000, to say that for 2026 the lorry has cost us £5,000. It may collapse in a heap on the 1st of January 2027 and will have cost us £10,000 for just the one year. Or, with acceptably low maintenance costs, it might keep running until 2030. *We just don't know*. But that's not the point: our best guess, a *fair view* is to say that for each year of its 2-year life this £10,000 lorry is costing us £5,000.

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH

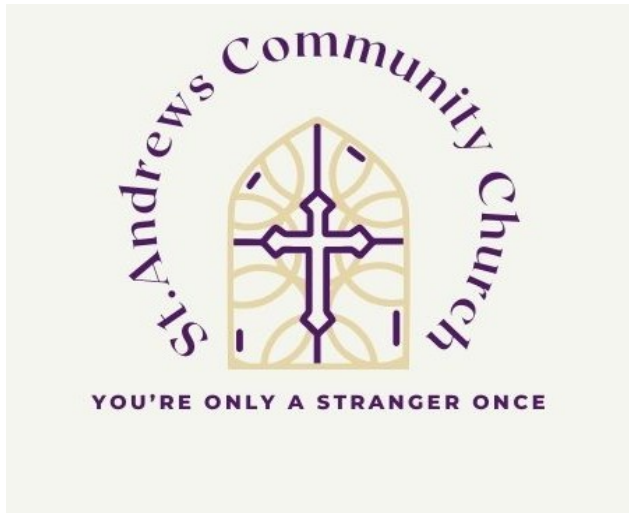
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Trustees Annual Report

1-May-2023 to 30-April 2024

St Andrews Community Church, Market Street, Craven Arms, SY7 9NW



Registered Charity: 1147123

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH & FOODBANK

Market St Craven Arms, Shropshire

Aims

St Andrews Community Church (SACC) seeks to enable ordinary people to demonstrate Christian love and care in and around Craven Arms, Shropshire, through community, pastoral care, outreach and social activities.

We promote co-operation with other charities that share the Christian values both locally in this rural area and further afield.

Objectives.

We seek to **serve** the Community in areas of need, aim to enrich lives, and provide love, care and compassion.

By welcoming people to meet together and **worship** our Lord and creator in different ways, we aim to grow personal relationships with Jesus, to share our passion with others and to seek the guidance,

strength and compassion that comes from His Holy Spirit. This includes prayer, worship, outreach, mission and pastoral care.

SACC enjoys ties to Rural Ministries, works with local denominations in Craven Arms and surrounding towns and villages and supports other charities with similar aims.

Overview.

Since the Covid restrictions, the Church has not recovered its usual attendance levels.

This has had an impact on our financial situation.

Church Activities - all open to the public.

Our main gathering on a Sunday morning continues and is usually supported by 30 people on average.

Achievements and performance

The midweek opening of St Andrew's building. Prayer and House groups

- A prayer group meets fortnightly.
- A number of the fellowship meet (either on line or in person) regularly through the week to pray.
- There has been a pop up Bible Study in January and February 2024
- There is a house group and a Bible study weekly in Aston on Clun – different venues.
- Some ladies have been prayer walking the town.
- The Leadership meet fortnightly to pray and discuss matters, generally on Zoom.
- A Textile craft group meet fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon.

Links with other charities, events, special services and links with other churches.

- We had a joint Harvest Festival service with the Methodists in St Andrews, followed by a meal. Donations were sent to Farm Africa.
- Conexus, the local housing provider, arranged for the food bank to be painted free of charge.
- We donated 25 Samaritan Purse Christmas boxes to children in need.
- St Andrews attended the joint Covenant Service at the Methodist Church.
- 24 Easter eggs were given to the SDAS locally to take to the women and children's shelter for those suffering from domestic abuse.
- The Methodists and Anglicans attended our Palm Sunday 2023 with refreshments afterwards.
- The three local Churches had a joint Good Friday service outside at the local square.
- Both a Mens' and a Ladies' breakfast were held in St Andrews.
- 2 ladies Days were held in the church by the Roots group. Women were invited from surrounding churches and both days were well attended.
- An evening prayer vigil was held in St Andrews.
- We held a choir event in St Andrews during December and 60 local people were entertained with Christian music. Donations given were divided between the Food Bank and a local charity

- As part of our **young peoples'** work, St Andrews held a Christmas Service for Stokesay Primary School's Keystage 1 and Key 2 pupils, in collaboration with the C of E and Methodist ministers.
- The younger children at Stokesay Primary School, were invited to spend part of a morning with us at St Andrews. They took part in a pop-up Nativity where they could all dress up as characters from the Christmas Bible story, which was narrated by 'Open the Book' people.
- Once a week, term time, a member of the fellowship volunteers to read with a couple of classes at the school, which is greatly appreciated by the teachers and is looked forward to by the pupils.
- We also have volunteers who had been involved with "Open the Book" – an interactive and dynamic exploration of the Bible – also in Stokesay School and Clunbury School.

Foodbank

Over this past 12 months the **Craven Arms Community Food Bank**, which is hosted and run by St Andrews, has continued to provide those in the community who need food..

- The majority of the clients are single men, but we also have several families who are collecting fairly regularly. The food bank has also delivered to others in Craven Arms and beyond who couldn't collect and opens regularly to give someone an emergency parcel.
- The Shropshire Council representative attends to host a drop-in linked to foodbank provision and budgeting and sign posting clients.
- The Food Bank is serving an average of 50 adults and 20 children a month.
- There is a limit of 6 bags per person per year, unless need is urgent.
- At Christmas, 48 adults and 24 children were supported by hampers and in the 7 weeks before Christmas over 300 bags were given out.
- 1500 bags have been given out last year.
- A grant has been given to set up internet at no. 11 Market Street to enable the Shropshire council worker to look up information and enable the church to monitor the freezer.
- Continued support comes from local churches (especially Leintwardine) and local people giving generously with money and food donations.
- The food bank has been painted and had new signage in several languages.

Clients need to be referred by local support agencies who include Doctors, CAB, Social Services, Health Visitors, the School Liaison officer and Connexus (housing)

The food Bank building, which is rented by the church, also has other uses when the food bank is open. It is used by the NHS personnel occasionally to ask people if they would like their blood pressure checked or to offer health advice where needed.

Financial Review

Regular giving has accounted for £26,355. We received donations for the building fund. The total receipts (including interest payments, tax reclaimed and a bequest) are £105,973. All SACC funds come from personal donations, with no money raising activities direct to SACC funds.

We have just changed ring fencing food bank money to the Food Bank having its own account, still with the HSBC Bank, and monitored regularly. The money still comes under the umbrella of St Andrews finances.

We have also had a bequest of £64,000 to add to last year's bequest, towards renovation of the kitchen, a new Foyer to house 2 toilets, and improve storage and decoration in the 'Nave'. There will also be a platform built for the music group, speaker etc. making total receipts for this period

£105,973.00. This included 2 years of reclaimed tax. Total expenditure was £42,747 over the period. We have just a part time cleaner, and all other 'staff' are volunteers.

Full details are at the end of this report. SACC trustees maintain a regular interest in the financial activities, and in particular any reserves, to ensure there is a balance of unrestricted funds to cover at least 3 months unrestricted expenditure. The balance in reserve has been exceeded at all points this year. SACC has no funds in deficit.

During the period, £13,957 has been held with Kingdom Bank who specialise in supporting Church Developments with money deposited, as a result, interest for the church is minimal.

SACC does not make grants.

Mission Giving

SACC aims to regularly support mission giving to charities from the annual budget. 10% of each quarter's offertory.

International Charities; British and Foreign Bible Society, World Vision, Langham Partnership and Ship to Shore, Dalit Freedom, Christian Concern, Tear Fund, Bible Society, World Vision, Langham Partnership, MAF, Water Aid

National Charities; Christian Concern, CAP and YFC

Local Charities; Empathy, Citizens Advice Bureau, Shrewsbury Street Pastors, Empathy.

Our 'project' this year has been to help Margo Billington, a young girl suffering from severe strokes. The church agreed £300, quarterly.

£300.00 was raised for the food bank.

£400.00 was given to Farm Africa from the Harvest Festival donations.

£2000.00 was given to Marc Morris, to help toward an all 'terrain wheelchair'

Volunteers and support

SACC does not currently support a pastor through a stipend. It was considered this year, but voted against at the 2023 AGM. We may revisit this debate in the coming year. SACC relies extensively on volunteers for the generosity of their time and energy. Noteworthy volunteer support includes the following (non-unique) networks: Preaching -1 Foodbank – 8; Youth, children and schools activities – 5. Volunteers to run a morning service on various Sundays – 15

Our volunteers have worked very hard, and we are extremely grateful for their untiring support in all areas. A large amount of work and commitment has been provided both by members and non members, and it is a testimony that SACC is still adequately supported only by members' financial contributions or by a legacy left to the church.

'Employed People'

We have 3 people who work for us on a **self employed** basis.

Voirrey Baugh – an administrator.

Christina Smiley - who cleans the church on a weekly basis.

David Ruff to keep the garden tidy and lawn mowed. He is paid in Tuffin's Vouchers. (local supermarket)

Administration. We now have an administrator, Voirrey Baugh, who has taken over the administration and the finances from September 2023. Carol Morris was the previous book keeper, September 2022-2023, while Julia Gell did the day to day administration and oversaw the previous two people.

As of 30th April 2023, the elected leaders (who are also the charity trustees) remain as:

Marc Morris - Chair and Administrator but unable to work. Officially retired from Leadership in February 2024

Julia Gell - Acting Chair since September 2022. Chair from February 2024

Keith Arbery

John Hughes.

Co-opted Leaders – as of October 2023, Wendy Heighway , Philip Trewardine

As of 30th April 2023, the trustees of the charity holding the property were:

John Stringer

James Gell

Raymond Heighway

Judy Cornhill – (retired from a trustee in August 2023)

John Hughes

Andrew Wheeler

SACC does not pay any of its trustees for their duties, and is not regulated nor registered outside the Charity Commission.

Governance

St Andrews Community Church ("SACC") is an association with members, having been accepted onto the Charities register on 3rd May 2012.

Trustees are elected by members of the church following a nomination and selection process by members, as defined in Church Rules. As there were only 3 nominees, an election process was not necessary and all 3 trustees were approved as above at the AGM in July 2023.

We have co-opted 2 leaders onto the leadership team this year.

SACC is responsible for the maintenance of the church property, St Andrews, in Market Street, Craven Arms. We are hoping the planned renovations will begin July 2024

SACC has written policies covering: Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Mrs Julia Gell

Chair of Leaders Trustee

Date: February 2024

Julia Gell

Mr Keith Arbery

Leader Trustee

Keith Arbery

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Market Street, Craven Arms, Shropshire

Financial Statement for period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	2023/24	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
Receipts:			
Offertory		25,147.60	27316.35
Offertory & Donations	21,562	500.00	500.00
Bequests	64,500	50,711.25	10947.00
Food Bank Donations	4,793	9,289.00	not shown
SUB-TOTAL		£85,647.85	£38,763.35
Bank Interest (Kingdom Bank)	226	57.49	22.31
Tax Reclaimed/Gift Aid	14,892	0.00	6,584.31
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£105,973	£85,705.34	£45,369.97
Payments:			
Stipend & HMRC	0.00	0.00	57.00
Core Activities	0.00	0.00	2,500.64
Foodbank (capital/setting up - net)	9,053		
Foodbank costs	6,051	8,238.04	not shown
Mission, Donations & Outreach	7,790	5,178.65	6,234.00
St Andrews costs	11,167	6,829.80	10,404.92
Building/Architecture/Planning	5,250	2,215.88	not shown
Other ***	3,436		8,912.19
Total payments	42,747	22,462.37	£28,108.75
Surplus/Deficit	£63,086	£63,242.97	£17,261.22
Current Account @ 30 April 2024	£196,709	£133,709.10	£70,523.62
Savings Account @ 30 April 2024	£13,959	£13,733.26	£13,675.77
(Kingdom Bank)			

Foodbank - From 1st February 2024 St Andrews Community Church has been operating a separate bank account for income and expenses relating to the food bank. As at 30th April 2024, the Foodbank bank account stood at £9,392 being £9,053 of money input by the church (see above) and a Foodbank 3-month surplus of receipts over payments of £339.

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Market Street, Craven Arms, Shropshire

Financial Statement for period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024

No areas of concern

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St. Andrews Community Church, Market Street, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9NW
Registered Charity Number: 1147123

Trustee Annual Report: 1st May 2022 – 30th April 2023

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We promote cooperation with other like-minded charities that share Christian values both locally in this rural area and further afield.

Objectives and Aims

We seek to serve the community in areas of need, aim to enrich lives and provide love, care and compassion. By welcoming people to meet together and worship our Lord and creator in different ways, we aim to grow personal relationships with Jesus, to share our passion with others and to seek guidance, strength and compassion that comes from His Holy Spirit. This includes prayer worship, outreach, mission and pastoral care.

SACC enjoys ties to Rural Ministries, works with local denominations in Craven Arms and surrounding towns and villages and supports other charities with similar aims.

Overview.

St Andrews is continuing to function well as a Church and be part of the community.

Activities

A) Church Services and Events – all open to the public

We have shared two of our services this year with our sister churches in Craven Arms, hosting Palm Sunday and Harvest Festival followed by a Bring and Share meal in our church. Our Christmas Church service and Carol Service was attended by many outside our fellowship and they enjoyed the hospitality after the Carol Service.

We held a charity choir event at Christmas taking donations for the Craven Arms Good Neighbours Scheme, which was well attended.

Throughout the summer many tourists staying locally attended St Andrews and enjoyed our hospitality after the service.

B) Prayer and house groups

Prayer groups are held fortnightly in the church. The public are welcome to come in. We have 2 house groups, held in different homes, on different evenings.

Our Christmas Church service and Carol Service was attended by many outside our fellowship and they enjoyed the hospitality after the Carol Service.

C) Community Club

A textile Craft group is held in the Church each week between September and April. We have a group of ladies from the area who join us, two of whom were referred by the Craven Arms Medical practice as It is considered to be therapy.

D) Links with our local schools.

Stokesay School were invited to St Andrews for their Easter and Carol Service. KS1 had a service involving action songs and drama, and KS2's Carol Service was interactive. Children were told the Easter story. For the Carol service, some of the children dressed up and acted the nativity, following the Narrator – the local Anglican minister who joined us.

We have volunteers involved with 'Open the Book' - an interactive way of exploring the Bible. They visit school assemblies in our local area, in Stokesay and Clunbury Primary School.

At Harvest time this year we invited the school council KS1 and KS2 pupils to come and enact working in the food bank and it was filmed. The film was shown to the school at their Harvest festival assembly after a short talk from a Church Leader. The school collected produce for our food bank, which was gratefully received.

E) Links with other charities.

St Andrews held a charity concert at the Church for the Good Neighbours Scheme, which was attended well by the fellowship and others from the town. £350.00 was donated to them. We also have a volunteer that helps in the local 'Hospice Shop', where they help raise money for the Shrewsbury Hospice (serving Craven Arms) and meet and talk with people.

2 of our members volunteer for the 'Craven Arms Good Neighbours Scheme' This involves picking up and driving elderly, disabled people and others with no transport, to appointments, some as far away as Gebowen Hospital in North Shropshire and Wolverhampton Hospital.

SACC aims to regularly support Missions giving to charity from the annual budget.

We have given to the following charities this year; Tear Fund, British and Foreign Bible Society, World Vision, Dalit Freedom Network, Christian Concern, and Christians Against Poverty, as well as our 'project charity' -Wheels for the World.

We have donated to an appeal for Ukraine, to an appeal for Syria and Turkey, Good Neighbours Scheme, (Craven Arms branch) Mind and Release International.

Food Bank

The food bank continues to serve the community. We have been in our premises across from the church for 21 months. It runs on a voucher scheme, giving the recipients 6 times to come in before contacting the agency that referred them. Nearly every time the food bank is open a housing officer becomes part of the team. She makes appointments for people who need help claiming benefits, referring clients on to other agencies and giving them cooking and money management advice. On many occasions we also have a member of staff from the local medical centre occupying a table and offering to take the client's blood pressure.

Our Food Bank volunteers number over 12 now, from church and the community. 2 of our volunteers are Ukrainian, one of whom understands English, Polish and Russian, so can speak to some that we find hard to communicate with.

The food bank is all inclusive – Our notices are in Ukrainian, Russian and Polish, as well as English.

This Christmas we helped 48 adults and 24 children, supplying hampers to those referred by social services, schools etc. and in the 7 weeks from Christmas to the 23rd January, over 300 bags of food were given out. It is becoming increasingly busy.

1500 bags have been given out to needy people over the last year.

A freezer has been purchased by the local Medical Trusts and the Ludlow Food Centre donates bread, cakes and pastries, soups etc. A huge variety of foodstuffs catering for people with food allergies is on hand. Tuffins, our local supermarket, has a collection bin and we purchase fresh fruit and vegetables from there each week.

People from the surrounding villages donate fresh produce and eggs. They also donate non-perishable food and give monetary donations as do some members of St Andrews.

SACC Trustees maintain a regular interest in the financial activities, and in particular, reserves, to ensure there is a balance of unrestricted funds to cover at least 3 months unrestricted expenditure. The balance in reserve has been exceeded in all points this year. SACC has no funds in deficit.

During this period, funds were invested with Kingdom Bank who specialise in supporting Church developments.

SACC does not make grants.

The Leaders, on behalf of the membership, have employed an Architect to draw up plans for our kitchen to be renovated, our front entrance to be extended to include toilets and refurbishment of the Nave. Planning has been passed and the architect is making working drawings. Funding has been provided by a legacy. We hope to use the church for more activities, make more storage so the church does not look cluttered, make a more appealing

space for worship and a more attractive entrance with toilets and room for disabled people's aids and a permanent ramp into the building.

Volunteers and Support.

SACC does not currently support a pastor through a Stipend. We are currently blessed with a retired minister and external and sometimes internal speakers, who do not wish to be remunerated. SACC relies extensively on the volunteers for the generosity of their time and energy. The Food bank have 12 volunteers, school and children's activities- 5, running of the church services - 8

Administration

The leaders elected at the 2021 AGM and church meeting remain as

Mr Marc Richard Morris,

Mrs Julia Irene Gell (Temporary Chair and administration Sept 22 - April 23)

Mr Keith Christopher Arbery.

As of 30th April 2022, the trustees of the Charity holding the property were;

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Governance

St Andrews Community Church (SACC) is an association with members, having been accepted onto the Charities Register on May 3rd 2012

Trustees are elected by members of the Church following a nomination and selection process by members, as defined by the Church Rules. As there were only 3 nominees, an election process was not necessary and all 3 trustees were approved as above at the AGM in July 2021. SACC is responsible for the maintenance of the church property, St Andrews, in Market Street, Craven Arms.

SACC has written policies covering: Safeguarding Children and vulnerable People and a Church Constitution.

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH
Market Street, Craven Arms, Shropshire
Financial Statement for period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
Receipts:		
Offertory	25,147.60	27316.35
Donations-General	500.00	500.00
Bequests	50,711.25	10947.00
Food Bank	9,289.00	not shown
	£85,647.85	£38,763.35
Bank Interest (Kingdom Bank)	57.49	22.31
Tax Reclaimed **	0.00	6584.31
Total Receipts	£85,705.34	£45,369.97
Payments:		
Stipend & HMRC	0.00	57.00
Core Activities	0.00	2,500.64
Mission & Outreach	5,178.65	6,234.00
St Andrews costs	6,829.80	10,404.92
F/Bank costs	8,238.04	not shown
Other ***	2,215.88	8,912.19
Total payments	£22,462.37	£28,108.75
Surplus/Deficit	£63,242.97	£17,261.22

**In process of claiming gift aid back

***Includes payments to Dickinson (1949.65) and Planning Application (266.20)

AMOUNT IN CURRENT ACCOUNT @ 30 APRIL 2023 £133,709.10 {1/5/22
= £70,523.62}

AMOUNT IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT @ 30 APRIL 2023 (Kingdom Bank) £13,733.26 {1/5/22
= £13,675.77}

From 1st February 2023 we have been operating a separate bank account for income and expenses relating to the food bank.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Mrs Julia Irene Gell

Trustee Temporary Chair

From Sept. '22 – April 23



Mr Marc Richard Morris

Trustee Chair

April '22 - Sept '23

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1147123

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Mr Marc Richard Morris

Trustee (Chair)

Date:



Mrs Julia Gell

Trustee

Date:

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment funds £	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Cash Funds					
Current Account	61,597.91	8,925.71	-	70,523.62	53,284.71
Interest Account	13,675.77	-	-	13,675.77	13,653.46
Sundry Debtors					
Petty Cash		-	-	-	-
	75,273.68	8,925.71	-	84,199.39	66,938.17

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment funds £	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Notes

1. Discretionary payments only made to non-trustee members or non-members.
2. Necessary expenses were paid to trustees and members, but not all eligible expenses were claimed:

Discretionary Payments	£	-	
Expenses	£	-	Travel & expenses
	£	-	

3. Mission and Outreach giving was:

Visiting speakers	£	400.00
Mission and Charities	£	5,116.00
	£	5,516.00

4. Costs associated with the service and maintenance of the property known as St Andrews:

Services/Telecoms	£	1,611.83	
Cleaning (inc materials)	£	639.09	
Other	£	8,154.00	Includes Garden improvement, Servicing
	£	10,404.92	

Accountant's Report

I am someone fully independent of St Andrews Community Church and its managers. I have prepared the accounts for the year to 30th April 2022. The accounts are correct in terms of all the records I have seen. I have had access to all appropriate records, including the bank statements but these accounts should not be understood as having formally been audited. I've seen a good proportion, by value, of the payments supported by receipts but, for example have not traced these receipts back to authorization.

Having qualified ACA in 1975 with Coopers and Lybrand, now PWC, I'm able accurately to judge what is and is not an audit.

Simon Horsman

SJL Horsman

8, Belgrave Gardens Walter Rd, Uplands, Swansea. SA1 4QF
Sunday 12th February 2023

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CHURCH

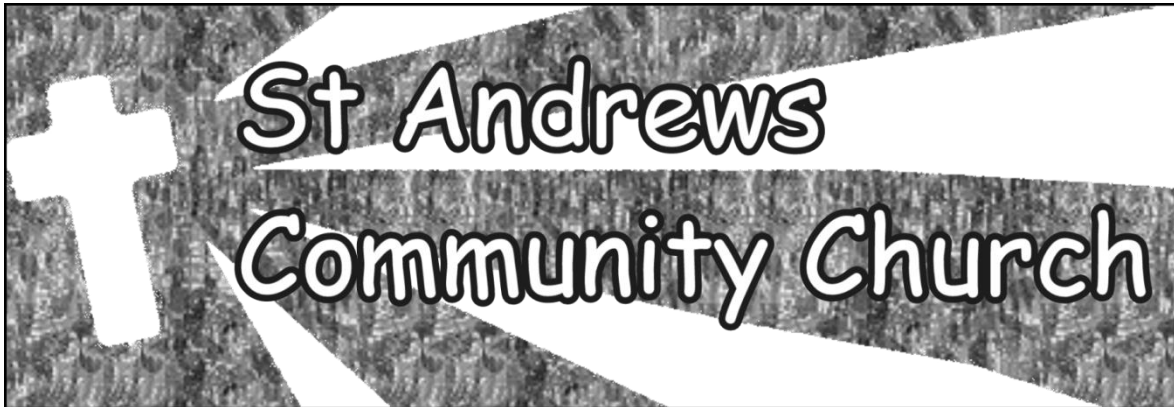
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Trustees Annual Report

St Andrews Community Church

1-May-2020 to 30-April 2021



St Andrews, Market Street, Craven Arms, SY7 9NW
Registered Charity: 1147123

Aims

St Andrews Community Church (SACC) seeks to enable ordinary people to demonstrate Christian love and care in and around Craven Arms, Shropshire, through community, pastoral care, outreach and social activities.

We promote cooperation with other like minded charities that share the Christian values both locally in this rural area and further afield.

Objectives and Activities

We seek to **serve** the Community in areas of need, aim to enrich lives, and provide love, care and compassion.

By welcoming people to meet together and **worship** our Lord and creator in different ways, we aim to grow personal relationships with Jesus, to share our passion with others and to seek the guidance, strength and compassion that comes from His Holy Spirit. This includes prayer, worship, outreach, mission and pastoral care – even if this has been mostly remotely this past 12 months

SACC enjoys ties to Rural Ministries, works with local denominations in Craven Arms and surrounding towns and villages and supports other charities with similar aims.

Overview and disruptive impacts

Over the past 12 months we have seen unprecedented constraints on our ability to be able to meet together, although we hope and pray these will be removed in the near future. We have continued to meet online or in very limited groups, and outreach has been through the support and different methods than before. We have maintained a Covid secure foodbank throughout this entire period.

It has been a hard decision to keep St Andrews building predominantly closed, but with limited access and space, we felt it was important to keep people as safe as possible.

These events have had a significant impact on our financial situation, and on our ability to support people in our community.

Achievements and performance

This year Government Covid-19 Restrictions and also by decision of our church leadership have prevented us meeting with the **young people** in the area in the same way we have before

The Traveller Site in Craven Arms was hit by an outbreak of Covid-19 and the whole site had to isolate. We reached out as a church, via one of our town councillor's and the council officials attending the site. They enabled us, to send gift bags to each home with craft activities for children and outreach materials; chocolates for the adults and assurance we were thinking and praying for them all. The outbreak was contained with no deaths as far as we are aware.

In the October half term, we found a resource by Scripture Union called "In the Search of Hope" an on-line activity trail using QR codes from mobile phones, to access clues, as an alternative to Halloween activities, for children and families to follow around the Discovery Centre grounds, (by their kind permission.) They also allowed us to leave gift bags containing sweets, outreach material, craft activities and toys for families to collect on completing the trail, inside the centre. This had been very popular with more participants than the Light Party the year before.

At Christmas; as we had a family with young children attending Zoom Church, members of the fellowship donned Nativity Outfits and we did a pop up Nativity on line, including the family in the fun. It attracted the interest of a lady outside of the fellowship, who asked for a link to join in.

At Easter 'Fair Trade' chocolate eggs were sent to the Sunday Club children and Play & Chat families.

During this time and always following Government guidance those interested in the youth and children's work have met up as allowed outside to prayer walk and pray for schools, the members of the toddler group and children and young people in general. Play & Chat leaders have phoned parents of the toddler group regularly to keep in touch.

Over this past 12 months the **Craven Arms Community Food Bank**, which is hosted at St Andrews, has continuing to provide to those in the community who need food. Lockdowns overlapping through this period caused an increase in people using the food bank as they lost employment or were furloughed. The period in between lockdowns didn't see less usage as the 'clients' problems hadn't gone away.

The majority of the clients are single men, but we also have several families who are collecting fairly regularly. The food bank has also delivered to a couple in Leintwardine for most of the year and to several single mothers with young children in Craven Arms who couldn't collect.

We have been enabling people to get help to receive benefits from the council and to apply for a grant if they need it.

We have attended monthly Zoom meetings held for the food banks in the Hereford diocese. These have been run by the Shropshire local government and have been a forum where we could share problems, ideas etc. Visitors from various organisations were invited too, e.g. Healthwatch involved us in a food poverty survey, those working with homeless people and someone from Food Share. It was a forum to exchange information.

The food bank joined the Fare Share Go scheme, but has not been productive as we didn't receive much food. We collected for 3 months or so but have now withdrawn from the scheme.

During the period, we gave out over 1000 bags of food. At Christmas we gave out 20 bespoke hampers, ordered by the social services for their clients and we gave Christmas fayre to everyone that came into the food bank over the festive period as well as the usual staples.

We are so grateful for the help people from St Andrews, Leintwardine Church and the general public who have given in the manner of monetary or food donations. There has been a great response during the pandemic.

We are hoping to move premises to just opposite St Andrews, which will make it much easier to manage stock and clients plus it will clear the church kitchen.

Unlike normally, we have not been **opening St Andrew's** building mid week. Our main gathering has continued, albeit more restricted, as a 'Zoom' interactive services on a Sunday.

With restrictions looking set to be lifted in June, we hope to restore some of the connections lost into the local community allowing us to meet others and helping them to grow and develop their connection with our loving generous God.

Financial Review

Regular giving has accounted for £25,811 (down 9%). While there have been no unrestricted donations, we have seen an increase in donations towards the Foodbank (£8,227). The total receipts (including interest payments and tax reclaimed) are £42,546.51. All SACC funds come from personal donations, with no money raising activities direct to SACC funds.

Expenditure was £13,186 (down 45%) over the period. The main reduction is the absence of stipend payments. We have just a part time cleaner, and all other staff are volunteers. Expenditure is detailed in the report and includes £4,298 mission and outreach giving.

SACC aims to regularly support mission giving to charities from the annual budget. Over the year this has included:

International Charities; Compassion, Through the Roof, Tearfund, Bible Society, Langham Partnership, World Vision

National Charities; Christian Concern, CAP, YFC, DFN

Local Charities; CAB, Empathy, Shrewsbury Street Pastors

SACC trustees maintain a regular interest in the financial activities, and in particular any reserves, to ensure there is a balance of unrestricted funds to cover at least 3 months unrestricted expenditure. The balance in reserve has been exceeded at all points this year. SACC has no funds in deficit.

During the period, funds were invested with Kingdom Bank who specialise in supporting church developments.

SACC does not make grants.

Volunteers and support

SACC does not currently support a pastor through a stipend. SACC relies extensively on the volunteers for the generosity of their time and energy. Noteworthy volunteer support includes the following (non-unique) networks: Foodbank – 8; Youth, children and schools activities – 5.

A particular thank you to the 4 teams that have worked very hard in the Craven Arms Community Foodbank, who have had to work in same household teams to comply with government rules. A big thank you too for the background support of shopping for over a 1000 bags and hampers.

Our volunteers have worked very hard, and we are extremely grateful for their untiring support in all areas. A large amount of work and commitment has been provided both by members and non-members, and it is a testimony that SACC is still adequately supported only by members' financial contributions.

Administrative

As of 30th April 2021, the elected leaders (who are also the charity trustees) were:

Marc Morris (Chair and Administrator)
David Duncalf
John Hughes
John Stringer
Julia Gell

As of 30th April 2021, the trustees of the charity holding the property were:

John Stringer
Jim Gell
Raymond Heighway
Judy Cornhill
John Hughes
Andrew Wheeler

SACC does not pay any of its trustees for their duties, and is not regulated nor registered outside the Charity Commission.

Governance

St Andrews Community Church ("SACC") is an association with members, having been accepted onto the Charities register on 3rd May 2012.

Trustees are elected by members of the church following a nomination and selection process by members, as defined in Church Rules. All trustees were elected as above at the AGM in June 2017. Ordinarily, they would have been up for re-election by the planned AGM in June 2020, but Covid-19 restrictions had prevented us so far from following the required process for nomination and election of Trustees. All trustees agreed to remain in post, with no membership objections. In April (into May) 2021 we have recommenced the nomination process for a proposed dual AGM in June 2021, restrictions permitting.

SACC is responsible for the maintenance of the church property, St Andrews, in Market Street, Craven Arms.

SACC has written policies covering: Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People

St Andrews Community Church

Market Street, Craven Arms, Shropshire

Financial Statements for period 1-May-2020 to 30-April-2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Receipts					
Offertory	25,811.10	-	-	25,811.10	28,427.55
Donations- general	500.00	-	-	500.00	1,541.10
Donations -special	-	8,638.64	-	8,636.64	5,631.70
	26,311.10	8,638.64	-	34,947.74	35,600.35
Bank Interest	28.62	-	-	28.62	54.28
Tax reclaimed	7,452.52	-	-	7,452.52	7,125.81
Repayment	125.81	-	-	125.81	-
Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	240.00
Total Receipts	33,918.05	8,638.64	-	42,554.69	43,020.44
Payments					
Stipend and HMRC	156.80	-	-	156.80	9,626.17
Expenses&Discretion (notes 1&2)	250.00	-	-	250.00	646.43
Core Activities	1,448.23	-	-	1,448.23	3,817.63
Mission and Outreach (note 3)	3,875.29	423.00	-	4,298.29	4,181.10
Youth work & Music	144.94	-	-	144.94	717.15
Sundries/Misc	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrews costs (note 4)	2,846.89	-	-	2,846.89	3,200.26
Gifts	-	-	-	-	500.00
Other	-	4,041.08	-	4,041.08	1,504.08
Total Payments	8,722.15	4,464.08	-	13,186.23	24,192.82

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment funds £	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Cash Funds					
Current Account	45,675.81	7,608.90	-	53,284.71	23,944.87
Interest Account	13,653.46	-	-	13,653.46	13,624.84
Sundry Debtors					
Petty Cash		-	-	-	-
	<u>59,329.27</u>	<u>7,608.90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,938.17</u>	<u>37,569.71</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment funds £	2020/21 £	2018/19 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes

- Discretionary payments only made to non-trustee members or non-members.
- Necessary expenses were paid to trustees and members, but not all eligible expenses were claimed:

Discretionary Payments	£	250.00	
Expenses	£	-	Travel & expenses
	£	<u>250.00</u>	

- Mission and Outreach giving was:

Visiting speakers	£	-
Mission and Charities	£	4,298.29
	£	<u>4,298.29</u>

- Costs associated with the service and maintenance of the property known as St Andrews:

Services/Telecoms	£	1,598.57	
Cleaning (inc materials)	£	769.37	
Other	£	478.95	Includes Servicing
	£	<u>2,846.89</u>	

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Mr Marc Richard Morris

Trustee (Chair)

Date:

.....

Mr John Stringer

Trustee

Date:

Simon Horsman

8, Belgrave Gardens (Off Walter Rd), Uplands, Swansea. SA1 4QF

To Whom It May Concern
Re St Andrews Community Church
(formerly Craven Arms Evangelical Church)

Accounts for the Year to and as at 30th April 2021

The accounts, which reflect a net asset balance of £66,938.17, receipts of £42,554.69 and payments of £13,186.23, completely and accurately reflect the documents and information provided to me including bank statements, receipts and invoices. Though no complete audit has been conducted, in my opinion these accounts show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation.

S J L Horsman

Simon Horsman

Accountant

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