

Charity Registration Number: 1147160

FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Forest & Wye  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
ONE Church: 3 Locations

**Financial Statements**

**Year ending 31 December 2022**

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## **FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

### **Trust Information**

#### **Status**

Forest of Dean Community Church, Cinderford, is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No. 1147160) and constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 9 May 2012.

#### **Trustees**

The Charity is administered by the Trustees:

Mr S Annetts (resigned 4 April 2023)  
Mr TC Cracknell (chair)  
Mr J Jones  
Mr G Powell (resigned 27 March 2022)  
Mr R Vale (appointed 4 April 2023)  
Mrs A Swanson (appointed 27 March 2022)  
Mrs A Taylor-Roberts  
Mrs M Williams

Some of the Trustees also comprise the senior leadership team, with Mr R Angell (appointed 1 May 2023). The Trustees also comprise the Finance Committee with the addition of Mrs C Wakerley as Treasurer (appointed 1 May 2022). Previous Treasurer Mrs J Waddell resigned 30 April 2022.

Western Counties and South Wales Evangelisation Trust are the custodian trustees of the church premises at Station Street and 2 Paragate Road, Cinderford; and the church premises in Henry Street, Ross-on-Wye.

The charity operates from two physical locations - being Forest Community Church in Cinderford and Wye Community Church in Ross-on-Wye; as well as online.

#### **Church Office and Registered Office**

Station Street  
Cinderford  
Gloucestershire  
GL14 2JT

#### **Bankers**

HSBC  
The Cross  
Gloucester  
Gloucestershire  
GL1 2AP

Lloyds Bank  
Oldham (30926) branch  
PO Box 1000  
BX1 1LT



# **FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **Trustees Report**

### **For the year ending 31 December 2022**

The trustees' submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' in preparing their annual report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9, and comply with the charity's governing documentation, applicable law and the requirements of the SORP.

#### **Constitution**

The charity is an unincorporated charity and is governed by its Trust Deed.

#### **Object of the charity**

To advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Doctrines and Practices set out in the Schedule appended to the deed, mainly but not exclusively in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley area.

The purpose of the charity is to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with Biblical principles and practice and as the charity trustees see fit.

- To advance evangelical Christianity in accordance with the Scriptures in the Bible.
- To advance citizenship and community development.
- To relieve those in need as resources and opportunity allow.

This purpose may be pursued anywhere in the United Kingdom or the world at the discretion of the charity trustees.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is ultimately run by the Trustees. The Trustees have the authority to exercise their powers to further the objects of the charity. The Trustees meet at least four times a year but delegate the day to day decision making on the running of the Church to the Senior Leadership Team, who are also co-opted onto the Trustees but the aim is for SLT to not make up more than half of the Trustees. The Senior Leadership Team meet formally twice a month to consider the management and pastoral needs of the fellowship.

Every future Trustee shall be appointed by a resolution of Trustees passed at a special meeting. Training is available for Trustees as the need arises. The Trustees take responsibility for the management of risk and have set up a team of Senior Leaders to identify, assess and mitigate areas of risk.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity fulfils its objectives in accordance with the church's statement of faith as written on the church website ([fcchurch.co.uk](http://fcchurch.co.uk)). There are many activities that are organised for the benefit of the church and the community it serves. These consist of Administration, Prayer ministry, Homegroups, Parent Carer & Toddler groups, Bridge for young people, Christians against Poverty, Music, Men's events, Cave Time, GIFT Women's Ministry, Children & Youth church, Creche, Church Services with its welcome team, Technical, Online team, Pastoral care and Finance. In addition, the charity encourages the principle of "Generosity" by aiming to give 20% of our giving to outside ministries who support our values and objectives on the basis of need. There are no upper or lower limits of support. No commitments have been made for long term support.



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**Trustees Report (continued)**  
**For the year ending 31 December 2022**

**Related parties**

The Trustees received no remuneration as a result of their office during the year. No Trustee, or other person related to the charity, apart from as detailed in note 9, had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

**Review of developments**

We praise God for his spiritual, practical and financial provision throughout 2022. All the activities were well organised by people freely giving of their time and abilities. The Church team leaders co-ordinate these activities and meet regularly with the Senior Leadership to suggest and make recommendations. The Senior Leadership Team was strengthened by the addition of Richard Angell and Michelle Williams on 1 May 2023.

The church was maintained during Covid through an investment in the online capability of the church which ran an online service each week and daily engagement with the church and wider community through YouTube, Facebook and Instagram. This has proven so beneficial that we have continued to develop the digital ministry of the church by employing Mrs A Taylor Roberts full time to head this up and facilitate the development of other key ministries in the church. A church location in Ross has also had the benefit of being able to livestream the service into the building to ensure all members of the congregation are able to access the same content.

A key development took place when Wye Community Church, as it was formally known, in nearby Ross became a second church building location. The church as a whole (both physical locations) is known locally as Forest & Wye Community Church, although the legal name remains the same. All income and expenditure is shared as agreed and adopted by the trustees at the 11th July 2021 meeting. Receipts and payments from the Ross location have been included in the accounts from 1 January 2022. The trustees are responsible for the building, services, finance and administration of all aspects of this additional location.

These developments mean that we are now one church in 3 locations (Cinderford, Ross, online) for our Sunday worship gathering. Our Cinderford building is being used most days of the week for a wide range of events which bring spiritual life and practical help to our community and the Ross building is also increasingly being used for the same purpose too, including a community cafe each week, and mens and womens ministry meetings alternating between Cinderford and Ross.

**Public benefit statement**

*Identifiable Benefits, related to the aims of the charity*

Through the regular worship & prayer meetings, bible studies, children's clubs, social action programmes and personal visitation the Christian faith is shared and people in the community helped. Individuals have become Christians, had their faith developed and lifestyles impacted. As part of community life families have been supported.

*Beneficiaries*

In addition to Church members, families, other regular attendees and friends anyone is welcome to attend appropriate events without restriction. We seek to be available to all in the community.

The Trustees consider that they have complied with their duties under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission.



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**Reserves policy**

The Trustees have a policy to retain three months core expenditure in reserves at any one time to protect against volatility of income and retain reserves of £36,000. At any one time we aim to maintain a minimum balance of £2,000 in the HSBC current account so that any emergency or significant expenditure may be paid without embarrassment. The Trustees are aware that reserves are currently above this threshold at the year end and have set funds aside in a designated Project fund to help meet the costs of future projects.

**Risk management policy**

The operations team review and update the risk management policies of the church on an annual basis.

The principal risks currently identified, and strategies for managing those risks are as follows:

- Adequate funds to meet commitments. Addressed through the preparation of an annual budget; regular monitoring of income and expenditure by treasurer and monthly review by the Trustees.
- Employment commitments. These are addressed through having contracts and policies in place as well as line management.
- Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children. Addressed through a Safeguarding Officer; Child Protection and Safeguarding policy kept up to date through review, training and being a member of Thirtyone:eight.
- Health and safety on church premises. Addressed through a member being tasked to monitor the condition of premises; fire drills; regular maintenance; promoting the need to consider health and safety during activities.
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) This has been addressed by registering with ICO, a privacy policy has been developed and put on the Church website. Personal data has been identified as to where it resides, and it is stored in a secure location using Churchsuite.

**Results and financial review**

From January 2022 our pastor Mr T Cracknell, has been contracted to work for the church on an employed basis now that most of his work revolves around the Forest and Wye church. Mrs A Taylor-Roberts is also employed as a Development and Digital Director. As of January 2023 an assistant has also been employed for 10 hours a week to help with church administration.

The rest of the church roles are filled on a voluntary basis without remuneration other than the reimbursement of expenses necessarily incurred in fulfilling their activities.

Our general income increased slightly from £139,406 in 2021 to £143,559 for the year ending 31 December 2022. This does include a £11,382 of residual funds from Wye Community Church. We are thankful to God however for a substantial gift towards the end of 2022 which increased overall giving by over £21,000. Since the beginning of 2022 the trustees have created a designated fund for future developments as the church continues to grow. Currently this fund stands at £60,000 and we would like to grow this further to facilitate this. General fund expenditure increased from £72,028 in 2021 to £106,453 in the year ending 31 December 2022. The main reasons were increased ministry costs; and employment costs for the full year for both employees named above, including pension and HMRC requirements.



**Trustees Report (continued)**  
**For the year ending 31 December 2022**

The charity maintained three separate restricted funds in the year. The Training fund was created to receive £6,671 of donations to help meet the costs of D Meeks attending Bible College. Unfortunately he was not able to complete the course and with the permission of donors the residual funds (£1,126) were transferred to the General fund. The Building fund received a £3,500 grant from Western Counties Trust. This was used together with a transfer from General funds of £2,407 to cover the cost of significant rewiring work in the church. The balance on the Building fund at the end of the year was £nil. The Mission fund receipts of £6,624 were mostly distributed as detailed in note 5 leaving a balance of £68 at the year end.

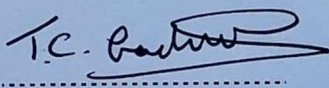
**Statement of Trustees responsibilities**

Charity law requires trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the accounts 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's Trust Deed.

Signed for and on behalf of the  
Trustees of Forest of Dean Community Church

  
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Trustee

26/10/23  
.....  
Date



## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

### Responsibilities and basis of this report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

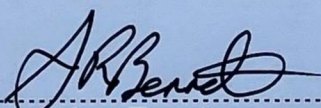
1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and

### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

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



Independent Examiner

26 October 2026

Date

Mr SR Bennett  
Chartered Accountant  
Orchard End  
Bridge Lane  
Wellington  
Herefordshire  
HR4 8AY



**FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the year ending 31 December 2022**


	Note	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Receipts					
Regular giving from members					
Planned giving		75,684	1,130	76,814	57,619
Collections		2,687	-	2,687	3,997
Income Tax recovered		12,873	215	13,088	15,739
Wye Church gift	10	11,382	-	11,382	-
Other voluntary receipts		30,150	11,950	42,100	55,517
Activities for generating funds (rent)		9,085	-	9,085	9,049
Receipts from church activities	2	1,598	-	1,598	870
Grants received		-	3,500	3,500	-
Investment income		100	-	100	6
<b>Total income</b>	3	<u>143,559</u>	<u>16,795</u>	<u>160,354</u>	<u>142,797</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	-
Church activities	4	88,033	12,013	100,046	78,311
Grants payable (mission gifts)	5	18,420	6,606	25,026	20,405
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>106,453</u>	<u>18,619</u>	<u>125,072</u>	<u>98,716</u>
<b>Excess Receipts over Payments</b>		37,106	(1,824)	35,282	44,081
Transfers between funds	6	(1,281)	1,281	-	-
<b>Net movement on funds</b>		<u>35,825</u>	<u>(543)</u>	<u>35,282</u>	<u>44,081</u>
Funds brought forward		92,796	611	93,407	49,326
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<u>128,621</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>128,689</u>	<u>93,407</u>



**FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As at 31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Premises at 2 Paragate Road, Cinderford		168,645	168,645
Portacabin		<u>12,960</u>	<u>12,960</u>
		<u>181,605</u>	<u>181,605</u>
<b>Cash funds</b>			
HSBC Current account		55,122	36,106
HSBC Money Master account		36,454	56,364
HSBC Supplies account		695	408
HSBC Projects account		644	529
Lloyds Business Instant account		26,013	-
Lloyds Treasurer account		<u>9,761</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>128,689</u>	<u>93,407</u>

Signed for and on behalf of the  
Trustees of Forest of Dean Community Church

  
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Trustee

31/10/23  
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Date



**FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the year ending 31 December 2022**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. We are using the Receipts and Payments basis.

**Fund accounting**

The church maintains various types of funds as follows:

*Restricted Funds*

Restricted Funds represent gifts received for specific purposes. Forest of Dean Community Church has three such funds.

- The Building Fund represents monies given for the acquisition and refurbishment of the buildings in which Forest of Dean Community Church can run its activities.
- The Mission Fund represents monies given to support missionary works which is reviewed on an annual basis. The church does not enter into commitments to support any given beneficiary beyond the end of its financial year.
- The Training Fund represents monies given to the church to specifically support the education and welfare of individuals in their studies, as agreed by the Trustees

*Unrestricted Funds*

The General Fund represents unrestricted income that is expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

*Designated Funds*

The Project Fund has been designated by the trustees as a means of setting aside funds for larger projects to future proof the church, which have not yet been agreed upon.

*Fixed assets*

Western Counties and South Wales Evangelisation Trust is the Custodian Trustees of the church property; their address is 1 Deerpark, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1XH. The £181,605 premises costs shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities represent the purchase and refurbishment costs of these premises and continues to be an asset of Forest of Dean Community Church under this arrangement.



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**2 Receipts from church activities**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Catering	173	-
Humbugs/Koffee & Kidz	359	157
Women's retreat	600	-
Soft play	-	185
Commonground Café	466	528
	<u>1,598</u>	<u>870</u>

**3 Analysis of Restricted Fund Receipts**

	<b>Building</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Receipts from donors					
Planned giving	-	-	1,130	1,130	1,850
Income Tax recoverd	-	-	215	215	-
Other voluntary receipts	-	6,671	5,279	11,950	1,540
Grants received	3,500	-	-	3,500	-
Investment income	-	-	-	-	1
<b>Total income</b>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>6,671</u>	<u>6,624</u>	<u>16,795</u>	<u>3,391</u>

**Analysis of grants received**

Western Counties	3,500	-	-	3,500	-
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>-</u>



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**4 Analysis of payments - Church Activities**

	General Fund £	Training Fund £	Building Fund £	2022 £	2021 £
Pastoral support	-	5,545	-	5,545	12,600
Wages, expenses and fees	49,775	-	-	49,775	22,462
Professional fees	324	-	-	324	-
Speaker expenses	843	-	-	843	200
Ministry expenditure	13,713	-	-	13,713	8,979
Running costs	7,635	-	-	7,635	4,724
Repairs and maintenance	7,607	-	6,468	14,075	6,398
New equipment	554	-	-	554	18,795
Utilities	7,582	-	-	7,582	4,153
	<u>88,033</u>	<u>5,545</u>	<u>6,468</u>	<u>100,046</u>	<u>78,311</u>

**5 Grants paid**

	General Fund £	Mission Fund £	2022 £	2021 £
General mission giving	18,420	-	18,420	18,360
Restricted mission gifts	-	806	806	600
Mission other	-	5,320	5,320	365
Philippines Pastor fund	-	480	480	1,080
	<u>18,420</u>	<u>6,606</u>	<u>25,026</u>	<u>20,405</u>

**6 Transfers between funds**

£1,126 was transferred from the Training Fund to the General Fund following the end of Mr D Meek's course (see note 8).

£2,407 was transferred from the General Fund to the Building Fund to cover the final cost of the rewiring project.

The trustees created a designated fund for larger projects to future proof the church, which have not yet been agreed upon. During the year £60,000 has been transferred from the General Fund into a Project Fund.



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**7 Analysis of General and Designated Funds**

	<b>General Fund £</b>	<b>Project Fund £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Balance brought forward	92,796	-	92,796
Incoming resources	143,559	-	143,559
Resources expended	(106,453)	-	(106,453)
Transfers in/out	(61,281)	60,000	(1,281)
Balance carried forward	<u>68,621</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>128,621</u>

**8 Analysis of restricted funds**

	<b>Training Fund £</b>	<b>Building Fund £</b>	<b>Mission Fund £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Balance brought forward	-	561	50	611
Incoming resources	6,671	3,500	6,624	16,795
Resources expended	(5,545)	(6,468)	(6,606)	(18,619)
Transfers in/out	(1,126)	2,407	-	1,281
Balance carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>

**9 Related party transactions**

Mr TC Cracknell is a Trustee of Forest of Dean Community Church and was the pastor for the year. He is employed part time by the church and his remuneration and benefits for the year are £17,964.

Mrs A Taylor-Roberts is a Trustee of Forest of Dean Community Church and was employed full time as a Development and Digital Director. Her remuneration and benefits for the year are £22,925.

During the year a member of the fellowship, Mr D Meek, was offered a place at Tilsley Bible College. A collection from church members raised a total of £6,671 which covered College fees and all personal expenses. At the beginning of December 2022 Mr Meek left the course with £5,545 of the donations having been spent. All individually identified donors confirmed any further funds left could be used generally for the church. Consequently, £1,126 was transferred back to the General Fund.

Trustees, senior leaders and their spouses have claimed reimbursement, from time to time, for sundry expenditure incurred in relation to church activities.



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**9 Related party transactions (continued)**

TC Cracknell is a trustee of The Cracknell Trust CIO which from time to time makes donations to this charity.

**10 Wye Community Church**

On 1 January 2022, Wye Community Church, Ross-on-Wye became part of the Forest of Dean Community Church charity, becoming known locally as Forest & Wye Community Church. The funds of that church, being 2 bank accounts, was passed to the Trustees of the charity and this has been shown as an additional receipt of £11,382.