NANT COCH CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1149126

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2012-09-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	68 Fields Park Road Newport Gwent NP20 5BH
Phone	01633259112
Email	info@nantcoch.org.uk
Website	www.nantcoch.org.uk

Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; 2) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; 3) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; AND4) ANY OTHER ACTIVITY WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SUPPORTS OR FURTHERS THE ABOVE OBJECTS AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW AND THIS DEED.

Activities: To advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good physical, emotional and spiritual health and well-being To advance education Any other activity consistent with this

Downloaded from opencharities.uk/ew/1149126

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Newport City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£79,761	£79,768	-	-
2024-01-31	£66,604	£50,202	-	-
2023-01-31	£67,010	£51,615	-	-
2022-01-31	£67,024	£38,109	-	-
2021-01-31	£174,856	£54,701	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
EDMUND PETER PLUMMER	Chair	2012-09-26
ADRIAN IVOR NORTON		2012-09-26
DAVID LLOYD		2012-09-26
GERALD ERNEST THOMAS FCA		2013-11-23
GRAHAM SIMS		2012-09-26
JACK FREEMAN B SC		2012-09-26
JOHN SCHNEIDER		2012-09-26
WESLEY HARRIS		2012-09-26

Downloaded from opencharities.uk/ew/1149126

NANT COCH CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149126

Accounts

Nant Coch Church, Newport

Registered UK charity number 1149126

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 January 2025

Background

Nant Coch was founded in 1942 and moved to its present premises in 1954. Originally it operated on the Open Brethren model, but over the years it has developed into an independent Church in the evangelical tradition. It offers a variety of regular opportunities for worship, learning, discussion and prayer, youth work, community events for senior citizens, lunches, weekly baby and toddler sessions and an annual holiday club, as well as weddings, funerals, baptisms and dedications as required. The Church has no formal membership (although it is convenient to refer to those who attend regularly as members), and all events are open to any member of the public who wishes to attend, subject only to safeguarding procedures and some limitations on numbers imposed by safety and practical considerations. Further details are given in this report.

The Church was officially registered as a charity on 27 September 2012.

Aim, purpose and objectives

The aim, purpose and objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public, and are set out in the Trust Deed. They are:-

- first, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs (which is the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- secondly, to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good physical, emotional and spiritual health and well-being by the provision of funds,

goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

- thirdly, to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; and
- finally, any other activity which directly or indirectly supports or furthers the above and is consistent with the law and the trust deed of the Church.

Activities, achievements and performance

The Church is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Nant Coch and to become part of the Church family. The Church leadership maintains an overview of the Church's activities and seeks to involve as many people as possible in the activities of the Church.

As noted above, there is no formal Church membership, and informal membership of the Church is open to all true Christians and those wanting to know more about the Christian faith.

When planning our activities for the year, we are conscious of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the guidance to charities on the advancement of religion. We seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Church family in the modern world by:-

- encouraging worship, prayer and personal study;
- providing teaching about the Christian faith;
- developing people's understanding of, and trust in, Jesus;
- giving practical help and guidance on how the Christian life can be lived in an increasingly non-Christian environment;
- providing pastoral care for those who want it;
- encouraging and financing missionary work both locally and further afield; and
- encouraging charitable social work as an expression of the love of God to the people around us and elsewhere in the world.

Our building in Newport is important to carrying out this work.

Services

The purpose of the services is to give those present an opportunity to worship God, to pray together, to encourage and develop our trust in Jesus, and to learn more about the Christian faith and how it is practised in the modern world. Anyone is welcome to come to our services and all Christians are encouraged to take a full part in them, including

communion.

The Church offers a morning service each Sunday. For those who prefer not to attend in person we continue to make the services available on YouTube in the form of an audio recording interspersed with YouTube videos of songs. This means that Church members can continue to feel part of the church family without feeling any pressure to expose themselves to any risk.

Most Sunday services start with a time of all-age singing, prayer and learning together, followed by Sunday Club for the children, and further worship, prayer, a talk and sometimes communion for the adults. We occasionally replace this with an all-age service.

Services are led in a variety of styles by various regular members. Other people take part as appropriate. Most of the services include a talk given by someone from another Church nearby, with a minority being given by one of our members. The majority of the talks follow a pre-set programme: over the year this has covered praise and prayer, Colossians, living the Christian life, what God is doing in the world today, and Elijah and Elisha. Special services are held at Christmas and Easter (including Good Friday). This year attendance was typically about 20 to 40 adults and up to ten children, although this is very variable.

We also have a monthly evening communion service, which is typically attended by about ten people. This follows a free format ("open worship").

Youth Work

The church continues to provide activities for children and young people and over the past year we have seen a number of new children attending. We would still like to offer more, but this is dependent on having enough volunteer leaders.

These are the main activities currently being offered:

Elements
This group is for teenage girls. The club is for girls of secondary school age from the community. It used to be a weekly session on a Monday night during term times, 7.30-9.30, but this spring the girls asked to change because of their other commitments. The group now meets monthly on Friday afternoons after school, 4.00-5.30. There is a Bible study and prayer, and also a game or craft activity, or both. We are planning some additional sessions, for revision, on Monday evenings next term, because we undertook these last year, and they were much appreciated. In the 'Revise, relax, chat and pray' sessions the girls came for snacks, a prayer time and then revision, either testing each other or working on their own, with the leaders available to help as needed.

There are currently 7 girls on the register. Two are in their final year at school. Attendance varies but four of the girls attend most times. The group has contributed to Sunday services for special occasions such as Christmas, and this year produced a nativity story using shadow puppets. The group made the characters and scenery themselves. The puppet show was videoed and edited by the group and shown in the carol service and the puppets and scenery were subsequently adapted for a display in the church window.

In March 2024 we had visited Grace House. This is a house for vulnerable ladies who have been through challenging situations. Two of the ladies were generous in sharing their time and their stories with the group, and the lady who runs the house showed us round the communal areas and explained the project's history and ambitions for the future. Two of the girls subsequently undertook a half-marathon walk to fund-raise for this charity.

There is a WhatsApp group for Elements, which is used by the girls and the leaders for information about group activities. One of the church safeguarding officers is also a member of the WhatsApp group.

Sunday Club

This group meets on Sundays at 10.30. The sessions involve a Bible story and teaching, games, craft, drama, prayers and songs, which are led by a team of volunteer leaders on a rota basis. The sessions last for as long as the church service, with the leaders being flexible about the activities towards the end and having games and activities available for when the service overruns. Children join the service with their parents or carers at 10.30 and stay for the first 15-20 minutes, then go upstairs for their Sunday club sessions, which last until the service finishes, which can vary between half an hour to over an hour or more. The children join their parents for refreshments after the church service ends.

There are currently 11 children/young people on the register, (although some of the older ones stay in the church service most Sundays, and join the Sunday Club group occasionally, mainly when we are preparing for special services such as the Nativity and the special service presented by the Sunday Club, in June). One child is often given a lift by members of the congregation so that she can come to Sunday Club. There are also a number of other children who visit families who belong to the church and come to Sunday Club at irregular intervals, and we have occasional unexpected visitors too. The majority of Sunday Club children attend most weeks. For the Sundays in the Christmas and Easter holidays, we organise activities for the children to do at the back of the church during services.

Sessions are planned to take into account the needs and abilities of each individual child or young person. Several children have additional learning needs.

In June 2024 there was a trip to the zoo, for children, young people and their families; other church members came along too.

There is a WhatsApp group for the parents/carers of members of Sunday Club and the leaders, in which they can share information about the group and relevant events, and keep in touch with those who do not attend regularly. One of the church safeguarding officers is also a member of the WhatsApp group.

Holiday Club

In the summer of 2024 we ran a 'Sunday Holiday Club', based around four 'Heroes of the Bible'. We had a series of 4 weeks in August when the children and young people came at 10.00am and chose between different craft activities, Lego building, or watching a Bible-based video, and ad hoc games were organised by the leaders, depending on which children attended.

House of Fun

'House of Fun' is the monthly games and crafts session for the children in Sunday Club and their friends. The children themselves chose the name and logo for the club, which is held on the last Friday of the month in term time The younger ones (under 7) come from 4.30 to 5.15 and the older ones (up to 13) come from 5.30 to 6.45. Attendance varies a great deal, but there are usually between 5 and 10 children taking part at any given time. The children invite their friends and the group is also advertised in a low-key way in the church newsletter, which goes to the homes around the church about 3 times a year, and on the church outside noticeboards.

Other work with children and young people

For many years, under the auspices of ICE Wales, several members of the church have been involved in teams going into local primary schools to lead assemblies and run clubs, and schools have visited the church for special events marking Christmas and Easter. Over the last year, three Church members have engaged with three local primary schools as part of an ICE team, to lead assemblies, and in one school to run a Palm Sunday workshop with Reception and Year 1. Recently two of our church members have retired, so involvement in this work has necessarily reduced.

Baby and Toddler Group

The group meets on a Tuesday morning between 10am and 11.45 am and places are booked online via the church website. The aim of the Baby and Toddler Group is to provide a warm safe environment for parents and carers with babies and toddlers up to the age of 3 years old. The group is a good opportunity for parents and carers to make new friends and also share worries in a safe environment, either with their peers, a more experienced parent or one of the volunteers.

Parents / carers are responsible for their children at all times but helpers aim to give support and encouragement as well as practical help when required. Group helpers offer to

pray for any problems that arise for parents / carers - this is very much appreciated. We also pray for them regularly.

We strive to give the best welcome, care and attention to all parents / carers and children. Refreshments are provided for both children and adults. The children's food follows the Healthy Eating Guidelines.

The majority of parents / carers are from outside the Church, although some do attend other churches. Some of the parents / carers do attend some of our special services such as Christmas, Easter and Mothers' Day.

There is no charge to join the group, but donations are very much appreciated to fund the group.

Pastoral care

The Church provides pastoral care to its congregation through smaller groups. These groups provide pastoral care from the group leader and/or from other group members. They also provide fellowship beyond Sunday services, pray for each other and encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith.

Bible studies

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path." Psalm 119 verse 105

We believe that the study of God's word is vital to our everyday lives. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible, and, whilst it was written many years ago, it still has a powerful relevancy to our lives today.

The groups meet to study and discuss God's Word, to pray and to share fellowship, either weekly or monthly. The Bible study groups are open for anyone to join and are advertised in the Church diary.

Prayer

Prayer is an essential part of the life of Nant Coch Church, and is a response to the invitation from God to communicate with Him at any time in praise and worship and to depend on Him for all our needs. For these reasons, it is part of both the wider Church meeting together on a Sunday, smaller Church groups meeting mid-week and individuals' lives as they live life in the community and in the workplace.

Opportunities for Prayer at Nant Coch Church are as follows:

- Saturday morning 9.00 until 10.00 (on-line)
- As part of the midweek Bible Studies
- Before, during and after services and some activities
- A week of prayer at the start of some school terms
- The Church operates a prayer chain via email. Anyone wishing to join the prayer chain provides their email address to the coordinator. To put a message on the prayer chain, the message can be sent to Prayer @nantcoch.org.uk. The message will then reach the coordinator and be sent out on the prayer chain to enable people to pray at home. There are about 30 people on the prayer chain.

We encourage our young people to pray during their meetings and see it as a natural part of everyday life.

Neighbourhood visiting

Over the last year, the two members of the neighbourhood visiting team have continued to visit homes in the neighbourhood that we began visiting before the pandemic. As there are only two in the team, we have not yet been able to expand the group of people that we visit. The aim is to offer some support for people who have been bereaved, are on their own, or have reduced mobility or sickness, or other particular needs. They have welcomed the chance to have a chat, sometimes for an hour or more, sometimes more briefly. Needless to say, the congregation, including the two who are now in the 'visiting team', are involved in visiting both other members of the congregation and neighbours generally, to give or receive help, support and encouragement.

Cornerstone

Cornerstone continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3pm. It has continued to evolve and now focuses on tea and chat – particularly the chat part! However, some people bring art and craft projects to do. The group is actively thinking about how to increase numbers. Anyone is free to join.

The group serves a useful purpose, particularly for those living alone.

Community Event

The Community Event takes place once a month on a Thursday. It starts at 10.30am when tea and coffee with cake and biscuits are served on arrival, with a quiz for everyone to help each other on their table. This is followed by a talk often by a charity representative about

what is happening in different parts of the world, or on a topic of general or local interest, music, singing or Bible readings. There is a celebration at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. A lunch and dessert are then served for everyone. The finishing time is about 1pm. About 25 to 30 people attend who range from 30 to 90 years of age.

The Community Event is an opportunity to welcome in people from the local area and also people from other churches. Our aim at Nant Coch Church is not to make money but to show God's love to everyone by offering a helping hand, a listening ear and fun and friendship.

Catering

This year it was possible to provide catering for a variety of occasions during the year. We serve tea, coffee and biscuits after the Sunday service each week, with celebration cakes on special occasions. At Christmas services appropriate refreshments were served. Juice and water are also provided for the youngsters.

Each week at the Baby and Toddler group we serve tea, coffee and biscuits for the mums, grandmas, dads and carers from the area and dry baby snacks and water for the toddlers.

Each month we have a Community Event for people in the surrounding area with a varied programme, with morning tea, coffee and cake and a cooked lunch and dessert for everyone who comes.

We have been able to have a full Church Christmas lunch and a Sunday lunch on other occasions for those wishing to stay after the morning service. These have been enjoyed by everyone especially the young families.

With a number of regular events we have provided light refreshments which have been much appreciated by those attending.

The church is inspected on a regular basis by the local authority and has continued to have a 5 star rating.

Marriages, Funerals etc.

The church continues to offer funerals to those who want a Christian commemoration of the life of their loved ones. It also supports biblical marriages and is registered to perform Christian marriages and is able to perform baptisms. We also make our baptistry available to other churches that wish to use it.

During the period covered by this report two funerals have taken place and four baptisms. No marriage ceremonies have been performed.

Inter-Church activities

The Church leadership encourages all church members to be involved with other Christian organisations in the area. Church members continue to support numerous local and national charities, including

- ICE Wales (work with primary schools)
- Health Help International (aid to Zambia and southern India)
- Heart of a Child (care for disadvantaged children in Romania, helping Ukrainian refugees and other similar work)
- Raven House (provides food and furniture for people in need)
- Cyfannol Women's Aid (Newport)
- Scripture Union, particularly children's camps
- Churches in Newport
- Tear Fund
- Open Doors (support for the persecuted church)
- Show Jesus (outreach at the Royal Welsh Show)
- Eden Gate (help for the homeless and vulnerably housed)
- Sanctuary International Friendship Group (work with Asylum seekers)

Leadership and administration

Elders:

Graham Sims
Wesley Harris
Edmund Plummer

The elders are the senior leaders of the Church and meet about every three or four weeks. Their main role is the spiritual leadership of the Church.

Leadership Team (in addition to the elders):

Mark Dixon, Michael and Rebecca Duncan ,Jack and Sheila Freeman, Janet Harris, Helen John, Adrian Norton, Jan Norton (until 25 October), John and Marilyn Schneider, Cecilia Sims and Gerald and Gill Thomas.

The other members of the leadership team are responsible for co-ordinating the pastoral care and day-to-day activities of the Church such as building maintenance and services. The elders and rest of the leadership team meet together most months.

Trustees:

Edmund Plummer (chair)
Wesley Harris (secretary)
Gerald Thomas (treasurer)
John Schneider
Graham Sims
Jack Freeman
David Lloyd
Adrian Norton

The trustees are the legal owners of the Church building and assets, and they are responsible for these and for ensuring that the Church operates in accordance with its trust deed, its basis of faith and the law. They have met twice during the year, and have held other discussions via email as appropriate.

Organist:

David Lloyd

Finance team

The members are Gerald Thomas, Jack Freeman and John Schneider. Their role is management of the Church's finances, and financial reporting.

Structure / building team

Adrian Norton took the lead role for maintenance of the building assisted by Alex Thomas and contractors before retiring after 30 years.

During the period he has overseen a major project after dry rot was identified in the Lounge area. A specialised firm was appointed to carry out a treatment and replace the suspended wooden floor. Afterwards the room was redecorated and new carpet laid. The project cost in excess of £20,000.

Also the five-yearly inspection of the electrical installation took place and as a result some modernisation work took place. It was decided by the Church Trustees that in future Portable Appliance Testing need only take place every three years.

Jan Norton supervised the maintenance of the church garden until her death on 25th October 2024.

The team has ensured that we comply with all the statutory requirements as regards to fire risk assessment, asbestos risks and both permanent and portable electrical equipment; and that (as mentioned above) the fire alarms, emergency exits and lights are tested regularly. Gas Safe inspections are carried out by qualified engineers as is the Church electrical installation in line with the Electrical Regulations.

Following Adrian Norton's retirement, Graham Sims has taken over the responsibility for overseeing maintenance matters.

Legal compliance and safeguarding

Nant Coch has written policies for compliance on issues such as discrimination, data protection and safeguarding minors and adults with care and support needs. The policies are based on model policies from thirtyone:eight (formerly The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)). In particular, everyone who works with children and adults with care and support needs on behalf of the Church, including trustees, has been checked by the DBS, where a DBS check is applicable. The trustees have reviewed the policies and are satisfied that they are satisfactory and fit for purpose.

The safeguarding officer is Wesley Harris. Wesley is also our data protection officer.

Employees

The Church employs a part-time cleaner. She is paid at the going rate, i.e. above both national minimum wage and living wage, and wages are reviewed when the national minimum wage and/or living wage are raised. All other roles in the Church are fulfilled by unpaid volunteers, apart from some gardening.

Financial details

Financial details for the year follow. In addition to the reported assets, the Church owns its own building. It has not been formally valued, and indeed is probably impossible to value accurately, but the insurance value (rebuilding cost) was £2,066,651 in May 2024. The property was registered with the Land Registry in 2018 with a nominal value of £495,000.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

..... Edmund Plummer (chair)

..... Gerald Thomas (treasurer)

..... Wesley Harris (secretary)

30 June 2025 date

Intentionally blank

NANT COCH CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

CONTENTS

Report of the Independent Examiner

Statement of Financial Activities

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NANT COCH CHURCH

On the Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in. any material respect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed..... Dated 21st July 2025

W.K. Paine
Independent Examiner
44 Pettingale Road
Croesyceiliog
Cwmbran
Torfaen
NP44 2NZ

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2a	44,952	8,848	10,780	-	64,580	51,620
Church activities	2b	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
Income tax recovered		7,786	1,542	245	-	9,573	10,865
Interest receivable	2c	4,385	-	223	-	4,608	4,119
COVID JSS Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		58,123	10,390	11,248	-	79,761	66,604
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Mission and charitable giving	3a	384	10,390	-	-	10,774	16,153
Church activities	3b	5,413	-	-	-	5,413	5,024
Property	3c	29,890	-	30,669	-	60,559	25,977
Administration	3d	2,872	-	-	-	2,872	2,793
Governance	3e	150	-	-	-	150	255
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		38,709	10,390	30,669	-	79,768	50,202
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		19,414	-	(19,421)	-	(7)	16,402
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD							
At 1 FEBRUARY		197,560	-	79,138	-	276,698	260,296
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD							
AT 31 JANUARY		216,974	-	59,717	-	276,691	276,698

NANT COCH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
						£	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors and Prepayments	4	8,325	-	245	-	8,570	8,848
Cash at bank	5	210,477	4,681	59,472	-	274,630	272,038
		218,802	4,681	59,717	-	283,200	280,886
CREDITORS: DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	6	1,828	4,681	-	-	6,509	4,188
NET CURRENT ASSETS		216,974	-	59,717	-	276,691	276,698
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		216,974	-	59,717	-	276,691	276,698
FUNDS							
Unrestricted		216,974	-	-	-	216,974	197,561
Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated		-	-	59,717	-	59,717	79,137
	7/8	216,974	-	59,717	-	276,691	276,698

Approved by the Trustees on ....7. May....2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Edmund Plummer (Chairman)	Gerald Thomas (Treasurer)	Wesley Harris (Secretary)

The following notes form part of these financial statements.

NANT COCH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (April 2008).

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on purposes stipulated by the donor

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific purposes or projects

There are no Endowment Funds at this time.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay such expenditure. All costs have been directly attributable to one of the functional catagories of resources in the SOFA. The Church is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT

Charitable giving is accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the Church. Awards unpaid at 31 January are shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

The Church has no fixed assets. Computer and sound equipment purchased are written off in the year of acquisition.

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

2a Voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Giving	29,028	3,840	1,045	-	33,913	37,563
Church collections	4,384	5,008	3,195	-	12,587	14,057
Legacies	11,540	-	6,540	-	18,080	-
	44,952	8,848	10,780	-	64,580	51,620

2b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Funeral donations and gifts	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-

2c Interest receivable	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve accounts	1,424	-	223	-	1,648	267
Kingdom bank account	2,619	-	-	-	2,619	634
Interest on gift aid repayment	342	-	-	-	342	31
	4,385	-	223	-	4,608	932

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3a Mission and charitable giving	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary	-	10,390	-	-	10,390	15,930
Special gifts	384	-	-	-	384	223
	384	10,390	-	-	10,774	16,153

3b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visiting speakers	4,840	-	-	-	4,840	4,540
Equipment costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Activities	573	-	-	-	573	484
	5,413	-	-	-	5,413	5,024

3c Property costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	6,333	-	-	-	6,333	5,728
Garden maintenance	1,460	-	-	-	1,460	990
Cleaning	3,217	-	-	-	3,217	2,942
Insurances	2,141	-	-	-	2,141	2,113
Repairs, maintenance and security	16,167	-	30,669	-	46,836	13,561
Housekeeping and communion costs	572	-	-	-	572	643
	29,890	-	30,669	-	60,559	25,976

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3d Administration	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Printing and stationery	946	-	-	-	946	837
Telephone	581	-	-	-	581	639
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music	148	-	-	-	148	142
Computer and audio equipment	104	-	-	-	104	254
Subscriptions and training costs	595	-	-	-	595	836
Leasing costs	-				-	-
Miscellaneous	498	-	-	-	498	85
	2,872	-	-	-	2,872	2,793

3e Governance	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legal and professional fees	150	-	-	-	150	255
	150	-	-	-	150	255

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

4 Debtors and prepayments	2025	2024
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	7,583	8,848
Repairs deposit paid	970	-
HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE)	17	-
	8,570	8,848

5 Cash at bank and in hand	2025	2024
	£	£
Current accounts	600	(2,295)
Reserve accounts	118,100	121,022
Stewardship deposit account	155,930	153,311
	274,630	272,038

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

6 Creditors: Payable within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors and accrued payments	6,509	4,188
HM Revenue and Customs	-	-
	6,509	4,188

7/8 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Fixed Assets	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	-	218,801	(1,828)	216,973
Restricted Funds	-	4,681	(4,681)	-
IIP Fund (Designated)	-	4,434	-	4,434
Building Fund (Designated)	-	55,283	-	55,283
	-	283,200	(6,509)	276,691

7/8 Movement in Funds

	At 1 February	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 January
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	197,560	58,123	(38,709)	216,973
Restricted Funds	-	10,390	(10,390)	-
IIP Fund (Designated	3,874	560	-	4,434
Building Fund Designated)	75,264	10,688	(30,669)	55,283
	276,698	79,761	(79,768)	276,691

NANT COCH CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149126

Accounts

Nant Coch Church, Newport

Registered UK charity number 1149126

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 January 2024

Background

Nant Coch was founded in 1942 and moved to its present premises in 1954. Originally it operated on the Open Brethren model, but over the years it has developed into an independent Church in the evangelical tradition. It offers a variety of regular opportunities for worship, learning, discussion and prayer, youth work, community events for senior citizens, lunches, weekly baby and toddler sessions and an annual holiday club, as well as weddings, funerals, baptisms and dedications as required. The Church has no formal membership (although it is convenient to refer to those who attend regularly as members), and all events are open to any member of the public who wishes to attend, subject only to safeguarding procedures and some limitations on numbers imposed by safety and practical considerations. Further details are given in this report.

The Church was officially registered as a charity on 27 September 2012.

Aim, purpose and objectives

The aim, purpose and objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public, and are set out in the Trust Deed. They are:-

- first, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs (which is the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- secondly, to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good physical, emotional and spiritual health and well-being by the provision of funds,

goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

- thirdly, to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; and
- finally, any other activity which directly or indirectly supports or furthers the above and is consistent with the law and the trust deed of the Church.

Activities, achievements and performance

The Church is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Nant Coch and to become part of the Church family. The Church leadership maintains an overview of the Church's activities and seeks to involve as many people as possible in the activities of the Church.

As noted above, there is no formal Church membership, and informal membership of the Church is open to all true Christians and those wanting to know more about the Christian faith.

When planning our activities for the year, we are conscious of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the guidance to charities on the advancement of religion. We seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Church family in the modern world by:-

- encouraging worship, prayer and personal study;
- providing teaching about the Christian faith;
- developing people's understanding of, and trust in, Jesus;
- giving practical help and guidance on how the Christian life can be lived in an increasingly non-Christian environment;
- providing pastoral care for those who want it;
- encouraging and financing missionary work both locally and further afield; and
- encouraging charitable social work as an expression of the love of God to the people around us and elsewhere in the world.

Our building in Newport is important to carrying out this work.

Services

The purpose of the services is to give those present an opportunity to worship God, to pray together, to encourage and develop our trust in Jesus, and to learn more about the Christian faith and how it is practised in the modern world. Anyone is welcome to come to our services and all Christians are encouraged to take a full part in them, including

communion.

The Church offers a morning service each Sunday. We continue to make the services available on YouTube and via CD for those who prefer not to attend in person in the form of an audio recording interspersed with YouTube videos of songs. This means that Church members can continue to feel part of the church family without feeling any pressure to expose themselves to any risk.

Sunday mornings are now back to normal. The work with the children is described below; for the rest of us, most Sunday services started with a time of all-age singing, prayer and learning together, followed by Sunday Club for the children and young people, and further worship, prayer, a talk and sometimes communion for the adults. We occasionally replace this with an all-age service.

Services are led in a variety of styles by various regular members. Other people take part as appropriate. Most of the services include a talk given by someone from another Church nearby, with a minority being given by one of our members. The majority of the talks follow a pre-set programme: over the year this has covered Luke, what we believe, what God is doing around the world, the life of Samuel and praise and prayer. Special services are held at Christmas and Easter (including Good Friday). Attendance was typically about 30 adults and a dozen children, although this is very variable.

Youth Work

The church continues to provide activities for children and young people and over the past year we have seen a number of new children attending. We would still like to offer more, but this is dependent on having enough volunteer leaders.

These are the main activities currently being offered:

1. Elements

This group is for teenage girls. The club is for girls of secondary school age from the community. It takes place on a Monday night during term times. The session begins at 7.30 and lasts for an hour and a half to two hours, depending on the activities being undertaken. There is a Bible study and prayer, and also a game or craft activity, or both.

There are currently 6 girls on the register but 2 do not attend much; they are concentrating on schoolwork; 3 come almost every week; we have occasional visitors, one of whom is planning to join the group. The group has contributed to Sunday services for special occasions such as Christmas, and this year produced a nativity story using small toy figures, writing the script and making the scenery and setting themselves. This was also videoed and edited by the group and shown in the carol service. In the spring term we began a series of studies based on Mark's gospel, which will continue into the summer, and

have based a number of craft activities on the studies. A new venture for this year is that in the summer term we will use the Monday evening group time to have 'Revise, relax, chat and pray' sessions; this will be after half term when the girls need to be doing a lot of revision.

In January 2023, the group visited a local charity for those on the streets or vulnerably housed, which had a big impact on the girls, and they went on to donate to a collection for packs of clothes and toiletries for those on the streets. This year (March 2024) we visited Grace House in March. This is a house for vulnerable ladies who have been through challenging situations. Two of the ladies were generous in sharing their time and their stories with the group, and the lady who runs the house showed us round the communal areas and explained the project's history and ambitions for the future. The girls would now like to organize a fund-raising event to contribute towards the cost of improvements.

There is a WhatsApp group for Elements, which is used by the girls and the leaders for information about group activities. One of the church safeguarding officers is also a member of the WhatsApp group.

2. Sunday Club

This group meets on Sundays at 10.30. The sessions involve a Bible Story and teaching, games, craft, drama, prayers and songs, which are led by a team of volunteer leaders on a rota basis. The sessions last for as long as the church service, with the leaders being flexible about the activities towards the end and having games and activities available for when the service overruns. Children join the service with their parents or carers at 10.30 and stay for the first 10-20 minutes, then go upstairs for their Sunday club sessions, which last until the service finishes, which can vary between half an hour to over an hour more. The children join their parents for refreshments after the church service ends.

The children or young people are currently in two groups: those aged 6 and under and those aged 7 or older; the youngest children have a separate room. A number of the children have additional learning needs. The activities for the children aged 7 and over are designed as far as possible to be differentiated according to the needs and abilities of each individual, but undertaken in the same room. One child is now often given a lift by members of the congregation so that she can come to Sunday Club.

During the last year, some of the children in the older group have decided to stay in the services with their parents.

There are currently 11 children/ young people on the register, (not counting the ones who stay in the service). The majority of them attend most weeks, six in the older group and five in the younger group. There are also a number of other children who visit families who belong to the church and come to Sunday Club at irregular intervals, and we have occasional unexpected visitors too.

In September 2023 there was a trip to an outdoor farm/activity centre for the children and their families, and other church members came along too.

The Sunday Club group (including the children who now stay in the services) again took part in a Nativity presentation which was recorded to be shown in the service at Christmas time, and in a special family service in June, both also available to be seen on line by the families and friends of the children if they were not able to attend the service or wanted to see it again and enjoy the children's contributions.

There is a WhatsApp group for the parents/carers of members of Sunday Club and the leaders, in which we can share information about the group and relevant events, and keep in touch with those who do not attend regularly.

Holiday Club

We were unable to run a holiday Club in the summer of 2023, due to not enough leaders being available, and it is still uncertain whether or not we can run one in 2024. In 2023, for the Sundays in the summer holidays, we organised activities for the children to do at the back of the church during services; this was very successful, and we have done the same in the Christmas and Easter holidays since then.

Monthly 'Fun Night'

The monthly 'Fun Night' which started in January 2023 for the children in Sunday Club and their friends, has now become an established part of church activities. The children chose a name and made a logo for the club, which is now called 'House of Fun'. The club is held on the last Friday of the month in term time, and the children take part in craft activities and games. The younger ones (under 7) come from 4.30 to 5.15 and the older ones (up to 13) come from 5.30 to 6.45. The children have been inviting their friends and we have had up to seven children new to the church, as well as the core group of the dozen or so children who attend church on Sundays. The group has now been advertised in a low-key way in the most recent church newsletter, which goes to the homes around the church about 3 times a year.

Other work with children and young people

Under the auspices of ICE Wales, a local Christian educational charity, members of the church are involved in running clubs and assemblies in primary schools. Over the last year, it has been difficult to arrange visits to the church by the children, as in the past when members of the congregation have presented an interactive drama explaining the meaning of the main Christian festivals; attempts have been thwarted by the weather and by the children's busy schedules but members of Nant Coch have been invited instead to present something similar in assemblies.

Baby and Toddler Group

The group meets on a Tuesday morning between 10am and 11.45 am and places are booked online via the church website. The aim of the Baby and Toddler Group is to provide a warm safe environment for parents and carers with babies and toddlers up to the age of 3 years old. The group is a good opportunity for parents and carers to make new friends and also share worries in a safe environment, either with their peers, a more experienced parent or one of the volunteers.

Parents / carers are responsible for their children at all times but helpers aim to give support and encouragement as well as practical help when required. Group helpers offer to pray for any problems that arise for parents / carers - this is very much appreciated. We also pray for them regularly.

We strive to give the best welcome, care and attention to all parents / carers and children. Refreshments are provided for both children and adults. The children's food follows the Healthy Eating Guidelines.

The majority of parents / carers are from outside the Church, although some do attend other churches. Some of the parents / carers do attend some of our special services such as Christmas, Easter and Mothers' Day.

There is no charge to join the group, but donations are very much appreciated to fund the group.

Pastoral care

The Church provides pastoral care to its congregation through smaller groups. These groups provide pastoral care, either from the group leader and/or from other group members. They also provide fellowship beyond Sunday services, pray for each other and encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith.

Bible studies

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path." Psalm 119 verse 105

We believe that the study of God's word is vital to our everyday lives. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible, and, whilst it was written many years ago, it still has a powerful relevancy to our lives today.

The groups meet to study and discuss God's Word, to pray and to share fellowship, either weekly or monthly. The Bible study groups are open for anyone to join and are advertised in the Church diary.

Prayer

Prayer is an essential part of the life of Nant Coch Church, and is a response to the invitation from God to communicate with Him at any time in praise and worship and to depend on Him for all our needs. For these reasons, it is part of both the wider Church meeting together on a Sunday, smaller Church groups meeting mid-week and individuals' lives as they live life in the community and in the workplace. The Church is also represented at prayer meetings for all the Churches in Newport.

Opportunities for Prayer at Nant Coch Church are as follows :

- Saturday morning 9.00 until 10.00 (on-line)
- As part of the midweek Bible Studies
- During services and before and / or after some activities
- A week of prayer at the start of some school terms
- There is a Prayer Ministry team available after Services
- The Church operates a prayer chain via email. Anyone wishing to join the prayer chain provides their email address to the coordinator. To put a message on the prayer chain, the message can be sent to prayer@nantcoch.org.uk. The message will then reach the coordinator and be sent out on the prayer chain to enable people to pray at home. There are about 30 people on the prayer chain.

We encourage our young people to pray during their meetings and see it as a natural part of everyday life.

Neighbourhood visiting

Over the last year, there have been changes in the way we have undertaken visiting in the neighbourhood. From the autumn of 2018 to June 2023, Nant Coch church was involved in the Neighbourhood Chaplains scheme under the auspices of 'Counties'. For most of that time, we had two 'Chaplains'. However, in June 2023 one of the chaplains moved away and we were not able to continue with this scheme, so the connection with Counties had to be discontinued. The remaining chaplain continued to maintain contact with the dozen or so people we had been visiting most frequently; mostly these are people on their own or with reduced mobility or sickness, but some have been bereaved and all have welcomed the chance to have a chat, sometimes for an hour or more, sometimes more briefly.
We now have another volunteer to join the visiting team of two, and continue to visit those with whom we are in contact, although we are not able to undertake visiting every week.

Needless to say, the congregation, including the two who are now in the 'visiting team', are involved in visiting both other members of the congregation and neighbours generally, to give or receive help, support and encouragement.

Cornerstone

Cornerstone (formerly Warm Up Winter) continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3pm. It has evolved since last year: it is still a small group but we now do crafts most weeks. It is usually Ann who sets up the topics and there have been wire work, Easter trees, diamond painting, painting and stone painting to name a few. Refreshments are still offered with cakes.

Whilst doing craft, many times we find ourselves talking about the Lord helping us through our lives and this has produced deepening of our friendships.

We are now looking to slowly increase the numbers and brainstorming ways to do it. Anyone is free to join.

Community Event

The Community Event happens once a month on a Thursday. It starts at 10.30 am when tea and coffee are served on arrival, followed by a quiz. This is followed by a talk by a charity about what is happening in different parts of the world, a talk about a topic of general interest such as flower arranging, Bible readings and music, or a church-style service at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Finally a light lunch is provided. The finishing time is about 1.00. About 25 people attend; ages range from 30 to 80.

The Community Event is an opportunity to welcome in people from the local area and also people from other churches. Our aim at Nant Coch Church is not to make money but to show God's love to everyone by offering a helping hand a listening ear and fun and friendship.

Catering

This year it was possible to provide catering for a variety of occasions during the year. We serve tea, coffee and biscuits after the Sunday service each week, with celebration cakes on special occasions. At Christmas services appropriate refreshments were served. Juice and water are also provided for the youngsters.
Each week at the Baby and Toddler group we serve tea, coffee and biscuits for the mums, grandmas, dads and carers from the area and dry baby snacks and water for the toddlers.

Each month we have a Community Event for people in the surrounding area with a varied programme, with morning tea, coffee and cake and a cooked lunch and dessert for everyone who comes.

We have been able to have a full Church Christmas lunch and a Sunday lunch on other occasions for those wishing to stay after the morning service. These have been enjoyed by everyone especially the young families.

With a number of regular events we have provided light refreshments which have been much appreciated by those attending.

The church is inspected on a regular basis by the local authority and have continued to have a 5 star rating.

Marriages, Funerals etc.

The church continues to offer funerals to those who want a Christian commemoration of the life of their loved ones. It also supports biblical marriages and is registered to perform Christian marriages and is able to perform baptisms. We also make our baptistry available to other churches that wish to use it. During the period covered by this report no funerals took place.

The new marriage regulations have now been in place for two years but no marriage ceremonies have taken place. Also no baptisms have taken place.

Inter-Church activities

The Church leadership encourages all church members to be involved with other Christian organisations in the area. While Covid-19 has limited or stopped many activities, church members continue to support numerous local and national charities, including

- ICE Wales (lunch-time Bible clubs in primary schools)
- Health Help International (aid to Zambia and southern India)
- Heart of a Child (care for HIV-positive children in Romania and other similar work)
- Raven House (provides food and furniture for people in need)
- Newport women's refuge
- Scripture Union, particularly children's camps
- Churches in Newport
- Interserve, particularly provision of eye-care in Mongolia
- Tear Fund
- Open Doors (support for the persecuted church)
- Show Jesus

- Eden Gate (help for the homeless and vulnerably housed)
- Sanctuary International Friendship Group (work with Asylum seekers)
- Echoes International (mission support agency)
- Counties' outreach at the Royal Welsh show

Leadership and administration

Elders:

Graham Sims
Richard Young (until June)
Wesley Harris
Edmund Plummer (from May)
Michael Duncan (from May to December)

The elders are the senior leaders of the Church and meet about every three weeks. Their main role is the spiritual leadership of the Church.

Leadership Team (in addition to the elders):

Mark Dixon, Jack Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Janet Harris, Helen John, Adrian Norton, Jan Norton, Marilyn Schneider, Cecilia Sims, Gerald Thomas, Gill Thomas, John Schneider, Steph Young and Rebecca Duncan.

The other members of the leadership team are responsible for co-ordinating the pastoral care and day-to-day activities of the Church such as building maintenance and services. The elders and rest of the leadership team meet together most months.

Trustees:

Edmund Plummer (chair)
Wesley Harris (secretary)
Gerald Thomas (treasurer)
John Schneider
Graham Sims
Jack Freeman
David Lloyd
Adrian Norton

The trustees are the legal owners of the Church building and assets, and they are responsible for these and for ensuring that the Church operates in accordance with its trust deed, its basis of faith and the law. They have met twice during the year, and have held other discussions via email as appropriate.

Organist:

David Lloyd

Finance team

The members are Gerald Thomas, Jack Freeman and John Schneider. Their role is management of the Church's finances, and financial reporting.

Structure / building team

Adrian Norton takes the lead role for maintenance of the building assisted by Alex Thomas and specialist contractors.

Edmund Plummer has assumed responsibility for Fire Precautions also with the backing of a specialist firm.

Jan Norton oversees the maintenance of the church garden.

The team has ensured that we comply with all the statutory requirements as regards to fire risk assessment, asbestos risks and both permanent and portable electrical equipment; and that (as mentioned above) the fire alarms, emergency exits and lights are tested regularly. Gas Safe inspections are carried out by qualified engineers as is the Church electrical installation in line with the Electrical Regulations.

Legal compliance and safeguarding

Nant Coch has written policies for compliance on issues such as discrimination, data protection and safeguarding minors and adults with care and support needs. The policies are based on model policies from thirtyone:eight (formerly The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)). In particular, everyone who works with children and adults with care and support needs on behalf of the Church, including trustees, has been checked by the DBS, where a DBS check is applicable. The trustees have reviewed the policies and are satisfied that they are satisfactory and fit for purpose.

The safeguarding team comprises Steph Young (until June) and Wesley Harris. Wesley is also our data protection officer.

Employees

The Church employs a part-time cleaner. She is paid at the going rate, i.e. above both national minimum wage and living wage, and wages are reviewed when the national minimum wage and/or living wage are raised. All other roles in the Church are fulfilled by unpaid volunteers, apart from some gardening.

Financial details

Financial details for the year follow. In addition to the reported assets, the Church owns its own building. It has not been formally valued, and indeed is probably impossible to value accurately, but the insurance value (rebuilding cost) is currently (May 2023) £2,066,651. The property was registered with the Land Registry in 2018 with a nominal value of £495,000.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

..... Edmund Plummer (chair)

..... Gerald Thomas (treasurer)

..... Wesley Harris (secretary)

27 July 2024 date

Intentionally blank

NANT COCH CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

CONTENTS

Report of the Independent Examiner

Statement of Financial Activities

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NANT COCH CHURCH

On the Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in. any material respect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed..... W K Paine ..... Dated ..31/07/2024

W.K. Paine
Independent Examiner
44 Pettingale Road
Croesyceiliog
Cwmbran
Torfaen
NP44 2NZ

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2a	35,102	13,886	2,632	-	51,620	55,464
Church activities	2b	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income tax recovered		8,615	2,044	206	-	10,865	10,614
Interest receivable	2c	4,119	-	-	-	4,119	932
COVID JSS Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		47,836	15,930	2,838	-	66,604	67,010
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Mission and charitable giving	3a	223	15,930	-	-	16,153	21,862
Church activities	3b	5,024	-	-	-	5,024	3,792
Property	3c	21,267	-	4,710	-	25,977	21,545
Administration	3d	2,793	-	-	-	2,793	3,854
Governance	3e	255	-	-	-	255	562
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		29,562	15,930	4,710	-	50,202	51,615
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		18,274	-	(1,872)	-	16,402	15,395
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD							
At 1 FEBRUARY		179,287	-	81,009	-	260,296	244,901
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD							
AT 31 JANUARY		197,561	-	79,137	-	276,698	260,296

NANT COCH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
						£	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors and Prepayments	4	8,642	-	206	-	8,848	8,363
Cash at bank	5	190,642	2,465	78,931	-	272,038	258,692
		199,284	2,465	79,137	-	280,886	267,055
CREDITORS: DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	6	1,723	2,465	-	-	4,188	6,759
NET CURRENT ASSETS		197,561	-	79,137	-	276,698	260,296
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		197,561	-	79,137	-	276,698	260,296
FUNDS							
Unrestricted		197,561	-	-	-	197,561	179,287
Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated		-	-	79,137	-	79,137	81,009
	7/8	197,561	-	79,137	-	276,698	260,296

Approved by the Trustees on 27 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Edmund Plummer (Chairman)	Gerald Thomas (Treasurer)	Wesley Harris (Secretary)

The following notes form part of these financial statements.

NANT COCH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (April 2008).

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on purposes stipulated by the donor

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific purposes or projects

There are no Endowment Funds at this time.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay such expenditure. All costs have been directly attributable to one of the functional catagories of resources in the SOFA. The Church is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT

Charitable giving is accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the Church. Awards unpaid at 31 January are shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

The Church has no fixed assets. Computer and sound equipment purchased are written off in the year of acquisition.

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

2a Voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Giving	31,395	4,697	1,472	-	37,563	37,963
Church collections	3,707	9,189	1,160	-	14,057	14,501
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
	35,102	13,886	2,632	-	51,620	55,464

2b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Funeral donations and gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

2c Interest receivable	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve accounts	1,233	-	-	-	1,233	267
Kingdom bank account	2,654	-	-	-	2,654	634
Interest on gift aid repayment	232	-	-	-	232	31
	4,119	-	-	-	4,119	932

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3a Mission and charitable giving	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary	-	15,930	-	-	15,930	21,862
Special gifts	223	-	-	-	223	-
	223	15,930	-	-	16,153	21,862

3b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visiting speakers	4,540	-	-	-	4,540	3,190
Equipment costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Activities	484	-	-	-	484	602
	5,024	-	-	-	5,024	3,792

3c Property costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	5,728	-	-	-	5,728	4,963
Garden maintenance	990	-	-	-	990	5,100
Cleaning	2,942	-	-	-	2,942	3,619
Insurances	2,113	-	-	-	2,113	1,953
Repairs, maintenance and security	8,851	-	4,710	-	13,561	5,369
Housekeeping and communion costs	643	-	-	-	643	541
	21,267	-	4,710	-	25,977	21,545

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3d Administration	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Printing and stationery	837	-	-	-	837	1,486
Telephone	639	-	-	-	639	566
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music	142	-	-	-	142	348
Computer and audio equipment	254	-	-	-	254	239
Subscriptions and training costs	836	-	-	-	836	1,215
Leasing costs	-				-	-
Miscellaneous	85	-	-	-	85	-
	2,793	-	-	-	2,793	3,854

3e Governance	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legal and professional fees	255	-	-	-	255	562
	255	-	-	-	255	562

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

4 Debtors and prepayments	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	8,848	8,363
Utilities paid in advance	-	-
HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE)	-	-
	8,848	8,363

5 Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Current accounts	(2,295)	(555)
Reserve accounts	121,022	108,422
Stewardship deposit account	153,311	150,825
	272,038	258,692

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

6 Creditors: Payable within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors and accrued payments	4,188	6,759
HM Revenue and Customs	-	-
	4,188	6,759

7/8 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Fixed Assets	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	-	199,284	(1,723)	197,561
Restricted Funds	-	2,465	(2,465)	-
IIP Fund (Designated)	-	3,874	-	3,874
Building Fund (Designated)	-	75,263	-	75,263
	-	280,886	(4,188)	276,698

7/8 Movement in Funds

	At 1 February	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 January
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	179,287	47,836	(29,562)	197,561
Restricted Funds	-	15,930	(15,930)	-
IIP Fund (Designated	2,822	1,052	-	3,874
Building Fund Designated)	78,187	1,786	(4,710)	75,263
	260,296	66,604	(50,202)	276,698

NANT COCH CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149126

Accounts

Nant Coch Church, Newport

Registered UK charity number 1149126

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 January 2023

Background

Nant Coch was founded in 1942 and moved to its present premises in 1954. Originally it operated on the Open Brethren model, but over the years it has developed into an independent Church in the evangelical tradition. It offers a variety of regular opportunities for worship, learning, discussion and prayer, youth work, community events for senior citizens, lunches, weekly baby and toddler sessions and an annual holiday club, as well as weddings, funerals, baptisms and dedications as required. The Church has no formal membership (although it is convenient to refer to those who attend regularly as members), and all events are open to any member of the public who wishes to attend, subject only to safeguarding procedures and some limitations on numbers imposed by safety and practical considerations. Further details are given in this report.

The Church was officially registered as a charity on 27 September 2012.

Aim, purpose and objectives

The aim, purpose and objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public, and are set out in the Trust Deed. They are:-

- first, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs (which is the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- secondly, to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve

good physical, emotional and spiritual health and well-being by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

- thirdly, to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; and
- finally, any other activity which directly or indirectly supports or furthers the above and is consistent with the law and the trust deed of the Church.

Activities, achievements and performance

The Church is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Nant Coch and to become part of the Church family. The Church leadership maintains an overview of the Church's activities and seeks to involve as many people as possible in the activities of the Church.

As noted above, there is no formal Church membership, and informal membership of the Church is open to all true Christians and those wanting to know more about the Christian faith.

When planning our activities for the year, we are conscious of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the guidance to charities on the advancement of religion. We seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Church family in the modern world by:-

- encouraging worship, prayer and personal study;
- providing teaching about the Christian faith;
- developing people's understanding of, and trust in, Jesus;
- giving practical help and guidance on how the Christian life can be lived in an increasingly non-Christian environment;
- providing pastoral care for those who want it;
- encouraging and financing missionary work both locally and further afield; and
- encouraging charitable social work as an expression of the love of God to the people around us and elsewhere in the world.

Our building in Newport is important to carrying out this work.

Services

The purpose of the services is to give those present an opportunity to worship God, to pray together, to encourage and develop our trust in Jesus, and to learn more about the Christian faith and how it is practised in the modern world. Anyone is welcome to come to

our services and all Christians are encouraged to take a full part in them, including communion.

The Church offers a morning service each Sunday. Initially we continued to make the services available on YouTube and via CD for those who preferred not to attend in person. As the risk of Covid receded this was replaced by an audio recording interspersed with YouTube videos of songs. This meant that Church members can continue to feel part of the church family without feeling any pressure to expose themselves to any risk.

Sunday mornings are now near normal, except that the chairs are still a little more spaced than before Covid. The work with the children is described below; for the rest of us, most Sunday services started with a time of all-age singing, prayer and learning together, followed by Sunday Club for the children and young people, and further worship, prayer, a talk and sometimes communion for the adults. We have occasionally replaced this with an all-age service.

Services are led in a variety of styles by various regular members. Other people take part as appropriate. Most of the services include a talk given by someone from another Church nearby, with a minority being given by one of our members. The majority of the talks follow a pre-set programme: over the year this has covered prophecy of the end times, Psalms, Luke, Desert Island Hymns, Kings of Judah and practical applications of the Christian life. Special services are held at Christmas and Easter (including Good Friday). Attendance was typically about 30 adults and a dozen children.

Youth Work

Since lockdown we have gradually increased the number of activities we run for children and young people, although we have not been able to go back to pre-pandemic levels of activity, as not enough volunteer leaders are currently available. These are the main activities currently being offered:

Elements

This group is for teenage girls. The club is for Church and non-Church girls of secondary school age from the community. It now takes place on a Monday night during term times. The session begins at 7.30 and lasts for an hour and a half to two hours, depending on the activities being undertaken. There is a Bible study for about forty minutes, and also a game, or craft activity, or both.

There are currently 6 girls on the register and 4 come almost every week; we have had several other girls joining us from time to time. The group has contributed to Sunday services for special occasions such as Christmas, and this year embarked on a long term project of designing and making a large banner based on a verse from the Bible. This was the main craft activity for the autumn and spring terms this academic year, although there

were other craft activities also. The banner is now completed and was first used in the church service for Father's Day 2022. In the autumn of 2022 we had a Bible Study series on 'Women of Faith' and in January 2023 we put together an exhibition of the paintings done as a result of these studies.

There is a WhatsApp group for Elements, which is used by the girls and the leaders for information about group activities. One of the church safeguarding officers is also a member of the WhatsApp group.

Group activities such as trips and days out were postponed during lockdown. We were able to begin again in January 2023, when the group visited a local charity for those on the streets or vulnerably housed, Eden Gate. The girls found the trip very interesting and asked some good questions of the manager, who kindly showed us around and explained how and why they help their clients. One of the girls wrote an excellent article about the visit for the church diary.

The regular members of the group and some of their siblings volunteered to undertake safe-guarding training in order to be able to help with activities involving the younger children, and this took place in June 2021, with an update in the autumn of 2022. One of the group now regularly helps with the Sunday Club and with preparations for the children's monthly 'fun night'. (See below)

Sunday Club

This group meets on Sundays at 10.30. Children attend the first part of the church service, for 10-20 minutes, and then go to age-appropriate groups for the rest of the time that the service lasts, which can be anything from 45 minutes to over an hour.
The children or young people are currently in two groups: those aged 6 and under and those aged 7 or older; the youngest children have a separate room. Sometimes the three young people of secondary age (11-13 year olds) are taken to another different room, but usually the activities for the children aged 7 and over are designed as far as possible to be differentiated according to the needs and abilities of each individual, but undertaken in the same room. One child is now often given a lift by members of the congregation so that she can come to Sunday Club.

Sunday sessions involve a Bible Story and teaching, games, craft, drama, prayers and songs, which are led by a team of volunteer leaders on a rota basis. The sessions last for as long as the church service, with the leaders being flexible about the activities towards the end and having games and activities available for when the service overruns. Children join the service with their parents or carers at 10.30 and stay for the first 10-20 minutes, then go upstairs for their Sunday club sessions, which last until the service finishes. The children join their parents for refreshments after the church service ends.

There are currently 18 children/ young people on the register, the majority of whom attend most weeks, eleven in the older group and seven in the younger group. There are also a

number of other children who visit families who belong to the church and come to Sunday Club at irregular intervals, and we have occasional unexpected visitors too. The three oldest currently on the register are at secondary school.

There was a trip to an outdoor farm/activity centre for the children and their families in July 2022. The group again took part in a Nativity presentation which was recorded to be shown in the service at Christmas time, and in a special family service in June, both also available to be seen on line by the families and friends of the children if they were not able to attend the service or wanted to see it again and enjoy the children's contributions.
There is a WhatsApp group for the parents/carers of members of Sunday Club and the leaders, in which we can share information about the group and relevant events, and keep in touch with those who do not attend regularly.

Holiday Club
During the summer holidays, Nant Coch Church ran a holiday club on Sundays, from 10.00 until 12.00. This involved an outdoor game or activity until 10.30 and then indoor activities including songs, prayers, Bible stories, craft, some dressing up, and quizzes and competitions all around a 'secret agents' theme. We had some guest leaders as well as some of the regular Sunday Club leaders. There were 12-17 children attending each week, mostly children from Sunday Club, but also visitors.

Monthly 'Fun Night'
In January 2023 we began a monthly 'Fun night' for the children in Sunday Club and their friends. The theme is different each month. We have had board games, indoor sports and craft so far, and are planning 3 further sessions this year: storytelling/drama, treasure hunt and picnic. We are not yet able to staff the activity more frequently, and as all our church activities are currently run entirely by volunteers, many of whom are not able to be sure about Friday evenings until quite close to each relevant date, we decided to start small and try this 'club' out with the helpers and children who already have some contact with the church. They have brought friends to each session so far, and we have a basis for expanding this next academic year.

Other work with children and young people
Nant Coch Church has now been able to resume links with three local schools, in association with ICE Wales, a local Christian educational charity. Visits from the school children have taken place at Christmas and Easter time, when members of the congregation have presented an interactive drama explaining the meaning of these Christian festivals. Also under the auspices of ICE Wales, members of the church are involved in running clubs and assemblies in primary schools.

Baby and Toddler Group

The group meets on a Tuesday morning between 10am and 11.45 am and places are booked online via the church website. The aim of the Baby and Toddler Group is to provide a warm safe environment for parents and carers with babies and toddlers up to the age of 3 years old. The group is a good opportunity for parents and carers to make new friends and also share worries in a safe environment, either with their peers or with a more experienced parent.

Parents / carers are responsible for their children at all times but helpers aim to give support and encouragement as well as practical help when required. Group helpers offer to pray for any problems that arise for parents / carers - this is very much appreciated. Each group helper is given a group of names of parents / carers and children and they pray for them regularly.

We strive to give the best welcome, care and attention to all parents / carers and children. Refreshments are provided for both children and adults. The children's food follows the Healthy Eating Guidelines.
The majority of parents / carers are from outside the Church, although some do attend other churches. Some of the parents / carers do attend some of our special services such as Christmas, Easter and Mothers' Day.

There is no charge to join the group, but donations are very much appreciated to fund the group.

Pastoral care

The Church provides pastoral care to its congregation through smaller groups. These groups provide pastoral care, either from the group leader and/or from other group members. They also provide fellowship beyond Sunday services, pray for each other and encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith.

Bible studies

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path." Psalm 119 verse 105

We believe that the study of God's word is vital to our everyday lives. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible, and, whilst it was written many years ago, it still has a powerful relevancy to our lives today.

The groups meet to study and discuss God's Word, to pray and to share fellowship. The Bible study groups are open for anyone to join and are advertised in the Church diary. The

Bible study groups have met in person, when restrictions allowed, and on-line during the year.

Prayer

Prayer is an essential part of the life of Nant Coch Church, and is a response to the invitation from God to communicate with Him at any time in praise and worship and to depend on Him for all our needs. For these reasons, it is part of both the wider Church meeting together on a Sunday, smaller Church groups meeting mid-week and individuals' lives as they live life in the community and in the workplace. The Church is also represented at prayer meetings for all the Churches in Newport.

Opportunities for Prayer at Nant Coch Church are as follows :

- Saturday morning 9.00 until 10.00 (on-line)
- As part of the midweek Bible Studies
- Before, during and after services and some activities
- A week of prayer at the start of some school terms
- There is a Prayer Ministry team available after Services
- The Church operates a prayer chain via email. Anyone wishing to join the prayer chain provides their email address to the coordinator. To put a message on the prayer chain, the message can be sent to Prayer @nantcoch.org.uk. The message will then reach the coordinator and be sent out on the prayer chain to enable people to pray at home. There are about 30 people on the prayer chain.

We encourage our young people to pray during their meetings and see it as a natural part of everyday life.

Neighbourhood Chaplains

Neighbourhood Chaplains visit people in the neighbourhood to share God's love in practical ways. Usually this is having a chat and sometimes giving information or putting people in touch with others who can help with specific needs; sometimes we do small jobs like mowing or hedge-trimming or fetching something from the corner shop. Currently there are two Neighbourhood Chaplains at Nant Coch church, and we do the visiting together, usually on a Thursday afternoon.

During 2022 we finished revisiting most of the streets we had visited before lockdown, so all now have our card with contact details. We are now visiting about a dozen houses more frequently; mostly these are people on their own or with reduced mobility or sickness, but some have been bereaved and all have welcomed the chance to have a chat, sometimes for an hour or more, sometimes more briefly.

In June 2023, one of our Chaplains will leave the church, and we are not able to operate the 'Neighbourhood Chaplains' scheme under the auspices of 'Counties', as we have until now, so we will be discontinuing the connection with 'Counties'. Our remaining 'chaplain' will maintain contact with the people we have been visiting regularly, and deal with any queries that come in on the Neighbourhood Chaplains phone number which has been widely distributed, until the church leadership team decides on the best way forward.

Warm up Winter

We have opened up the church on Wednesday afternoons between 1 and 4pm, for people to come in and have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee during the coldest months of the year. (January to March). The original plan was to provide a warm space, and this certainly proved valuable to one young mother with three little children who has been attending regularly. Numbers have been small, around a dozen over the three hours, plus three to five volunteers, but those who have come have found it beneficial and we were asked to continue after Easter. It has been an opportunity for fellowship for the volunteers as well as for making new friends with guests.

We provided board games and magazines and newspapers to begin with, but quickly dispensed with reading material, as people enjoyed chatting and doing jigsaws and/or playing with the children, for whom we provided toys and games.

Community Event

The Community Event happens once a month on a Thursday. It starts at 10.30 am when tea and coffee are served on arrival, followed by a quiz. This is followed by a talk by a charity about what is happening in different parts of the world, a talk about a topic of general interest such as flower arranging, Bible readings and music, or a church-style service at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Finally a light lunch is provided. The finishing time is about 1.00. About 25 people attend; ages range from 30 to 80.

The Community Event is an opportunity to welcome in people from the local area and also people from other churches. Our aim at Nant Coch Church is not to make money but to show God's love to everyone by offering a helping hand a listening ear and fun and friendship.

Newport Night Shelter

Night Shelter was run differently this year and there was no need for Nant Coch to take part. However, we did make a substantial contribution towards the running costs.

Catering

This year it has now been possible to provide more catering post covid. We have tea, coffee and biscuits after the Sunday service each week with water and juice for all the youngsters. Each week at the Baby and Toddler group we serve tea coffee and biscuits for the mums, grandmas and carers from the area and dry baby snacks and water for the toddlers.

Each month we have the Community event for people in the surrounding area with a varied programme with morning tea coffee cake and a cooked lunch and dessert for everyone who comes.

We have been able to have a full Church Christmas lunch this last year and a Sunday lunch on other occasions for those wishing to enjoy after the morning service. These have been enjoyed by everyone especially the young families.

With the resumption of a number of special events we have provided light refreshments which have been much appreciated by those attending.

The church is inspected on a regular basis by the local authority and we have a 5 rating at the moment.

Marriages, Funerals etc.

The church continues to offer funerals to those who want a Christian commemoration of the life of their loved ones. It also supports biblical marriages and is registered to perform Christian marriages and is able to perform baptisms. We also make our baptistry available to other churches that wish to use it. During the period covered by this report one funeral has taken place.

New marriage regulations have been introduced having been approved by Parliament. However no marriage ceremonies have taken place. Also no baptisms have taken place.

Inter-Church activities

The Church leadership encourages all church members to be involved with other Christian organisations in the area. While Covid-19 has limited or stopped many activities, church members continue to support numerous local and national charities, including

- ICE Wales (lunch-time Bible clubs in primary schools)
- Health Help International (aid to Zambia and southern India)
- Heart of a Child (care for HIV-positive children in Romania and other similar work)

- Raven House (provides food and furniture for people in need)
- Newport women's refuge
- Scripture Union, particularly children's camps
- Churches in Newport
- Interserve, particularly provision of eye-care in Mongolia
- Tear Fund
- Open Doors (support for the persecuted church)
- Welsh Women's Bible Study Conference
- Show Jesus
- Eden Gate (help for the homeless and vulnerably housed)
- Sanctuary International Friendship Group (work with Asylum seekers)
- Echoes International (mission support agency)
- Keswick Convention children's work

Leadership and administration

Elders:

Graham Sims
Richard Young
Wesley Harris

The elders are the senior leaders of the Church and meet every two or three weeks. Their main role is the spiritual leadership of the Church.

Leadership Team (in addition to the elders):

Mark Dixon, Jack Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Janet Harris, Helen John, Adrian Norton, Jan Norton, Edmund Plummer, Marilyn Schneider, Cecilia Sims, Gerald Thomas, Gill Thomas, John Schneider, Steph Young and Michael and Rebecca Duncan (joined in November).

The other members of the leadership team are responsible for co-ordinating the pastoral care and day-to-day activities of the Church such as building maintenance and services. The elders and rest of the leadership team meet together most months.

Trustees:

Edmund Plummer (chair)
Wesley Harris (secretary)
Gerald Thomas (treasurer)

John Schneider
Graham Sims
Jack Freeman
David Lloyd
Adrian Norton

The trustees are the legal owners of the Church building and assets, and they are responsible for these and for ensuring that the Church operates in accordance with its trust deed, its basis of faith and the law. They have met twice during the year, and have held other discussions via email as appropriate.

Organist:

David Lloyd

Finance team

The members are Gerald Thomas, Jack Freeman and John Schneider. Their role is management of the Church's finances, and financial reporting.

Structure / building team

Adrian Norton takes the lead role assisted by Alex Thomas. Edmund Plummer and Richard Young carry out the routine fire alarm testing that supplements the testing by a specialist firm. Jan Norton oversees the maintenance of the Church garden.

The team has ensured that we comply with all the statutory requirements as regards to fire risk assessment, asbestos risks and both permanent and portable electrical equipment; and that (as mentioned above) the fire alarms, emergency exits and lights are tested regularly. Gas Safe inspections are carried out by qualified engineers as is the Church electrical installation in line with the Electrical Regulations.

They have also carried out various other tasks relating to routine maintenance although the lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic has reduced the amount of work needed.

The CCTV system continues to be a useful deterrent to misuse of the car park.

There have been no major items of work during the year apart from routine maintenance.

Legal compliance and safeguarding

Nant Coch has written policies for compliance on issues such as discrimination, data protection and safeguarding minors and adults with care and support needs. The policies are based on model policies from thirtyone:eight (formerly The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)). In particular, everyone who works with children and adults with care and support needs on behalf of the Church, including trustees, has been checked by the DBS, where a DBS check is applicable. The trustees have reviewed the policies and are satisfied that they are satisfactory and fit for purpose.

The safeguarding team comprises Steph Young and Wesley Harris. Wesley is also our data protection officer.

Employees

The Church employs a part-time cleaner. She is paid at the going rate, i.e. above both national minimum wage and living wage, and wages are reviewed when the national minimum wage and/or living wage are raised. All other roles in the Church are fulfilled by unpaid volunteers, apart from some gardening.

Financial details

Financial details for the year follow. In addition to the reported assets, the Church owns its own building. It has not been formally valued, and indeed is probably impossible to value accurately, but the insurance value (rebuilding cost) is currently (May 2023) £2,066,651. The property was registered with the Land Registry in 2018 with a nominal value of £495,000.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

..... Edmund Plummer (chair)

..... Gerald Thomas (treasurer)

..... Wesley Harris (secretary)

25 June 2023 ..... date

NANT COCH CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

CONTENTS

Report of the Independent Examiner

Statement of Financial Activities

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2023

Notes to the Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NANT COCH CHURCH

On the Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in. any material respect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

Dated 27th June 2023

W.K. Paine
Independent Examiner
44 Pettingale Road
Croesyceiliog
Cwmbran
Torfaen
NP44 2NZ

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2a	38,619	15,539	1,306	-	55,464	54,219
Church activities	2b	-	-	-	-	-	2,444
Income tax recovered		8,374	2,023	217	-	10,614	9,265
Interest receivable	2c	932	-	-	-	932	289
COVID JSS Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	807
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		47,925	17,562	1,523	-	67,010	67,024
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Mission and charitable giving	3a	-	17,562	4,300	-	21,862	9,195
Church activities	3b	3,792	-	-	-	3,792	2,586
Property	3c	21,545	-	-	-	21,545	21,661
Administration	3d	3,854	-	-	-	3,854	4,526
Governance	3e	562	-	-	-	562	141
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		29,753	17,562	4,300	-	51,615	38,109
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		18,172	-	(2,777)	-	15,395	28,915
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD							
At 1 FEBRUARY		161,115	-	83,786	-	244,901	215,986
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD							
AT 31 JANUARY		179,287	-	81,009	-	260,296	244,901

NANT COCH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
						£	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors and Prepayments	4	8,146	-	218	-	8,363	7,992
Cash at bank	5	173,120	4,780	80,791	-	258,692	241,823
		181,266	4,780	81,009	-	267,055	249,816
CREDITORS: DUE WITHIN ONE YE/	6	1,979	4,780	-	-	6,759	4,915
NET CURRENT ASSETS		179,287	-	81,009	-	260,296	244,901
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		179,287	-	81,009	-	260,296	244,901
FUNDS							
Unrestricted		179,287	-	-	-	179,287	161,115
Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated		-	-	81,009	-	81,009	83,786
	7/8	179,287	-	81,009	-	260,296	244,901

Approved by the Trustees on 25 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Edmund Plummer (Chairman)	Gerald Thomas (Treasurer)	Wesley Harris (Secretary)

The following notes form part of these financial statements.

NANT COCH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (April 2008).

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on purposes stipulated by the donor

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific purposes or projects

There are no Endowment Funds at this time.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay such expenditure. All costs have been directly attributable to one of the functional catagories of resources in the SOFA. The Church is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT

Charitable giving is accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the Church. Awards unpaid at 31 January are shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

The Church has no fixed assets. Computer and sound equipment purchased are written off in the year of acquisition.

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

2a Voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Giving	31,172	6,371	420	-	37,963	39,263
Church collections	4,446	9,169	886	-	14,501	14,956
Legacies	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	-
	38,618	15,540	1,306	-	55,464	54,219

2b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Funeral donations and gifts	-	-	-	-	-	2,114
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	330
	-	-	-	-	-	2,444

2c Interest receivable	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve accounts	267	-	-	-	267	8
Kingdom bank account	634	-	-	-	634	281
Interest on gift aid repayment	31	-	-	-	31	-
	932	-	-	-	932	289

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3a Mission and charitable giving	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary	-	17,562	4,300	-	21,862	9,195
Special gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	17,562	4,300	-	21,862	9,195

3b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visiting speakers	3,190	-	-	-	3,190	2,165
Equipment costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Activities	602	-	-	-	602	421
	3,792	-	-	-	3,792	2,586

3c Property costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	4,963	-	-	-	4,963	4,622
Garden maintenance	5,100	-	-	-	5,100	927
Cleaning	3,619	-	-	-	3,619	4,196
Insurances	1,953	-	-	-	1,953	1,717
Repairs, maintenance and security	5,369	-	-	-	5,369	10,024
Housekeeping and communion costs	541	-	-	-	541	175
	21,545	-	-	-	21,545	21,661

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3d Administration	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	£	2023 £	2022 £
Printing and stationery	1,486	-	-	-	1,486	1,468
Telephone	566	-	-	-	566	539
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music	348	-	-	-	348	127
Computer and audio equipment	239	-	-	-	239	1,017
Subscriptions and training costs	1,215	-	-	-	1,215	1,374
Leasing costs	-				-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3,854	-	-	-	3,854	4,526

3e Governance	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	£	2023 £	2022 £
Legal and professional fees	562	-	-	-	562	141
	562	-	-	-	562	141

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

4 Debtors and prepayments	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	8,363	7,630
Utilities paid in advance	-	310
HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE)	-	52
	8,363	7,992

5 Cash at bank and in hand	2023 £	2022 £
Current accounts	(555)	200
Reserve accounts	108,421	91,395
Stewardship deposit account	150,825	150,228
	258,692	241,823

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

6 Creditors: Payable within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors and accrued payments	6,759	4,914
HM Revenue and Customs	-	-
	6,759	4,914

7/8 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Fixed Assets	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	-	181,266	(1,979)	179,287
Restricted Funds	-	4,780	(4,780)	-
IIP Fund (Designated)	-	2,822	-	2,822
Building Fund (Designated)	-	78,187	-	78,187
	-	267,055	(6,759)	260,296

7/8 Movement in Funds

	At 1 February	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 January
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	161,115	47,925	(29,753)	179,287
Restricted Funds	-	17,562	(17,562)	-
IIP Fund (Designated	7,122	-	(4,300)	2,822
Building Fund Designated)	76,664	1,523	-	78,187
	244,901	67,010	(51,615)	260,296

NANT COCH CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149126

Accounts

Nant Coch Church, Newport

Registered UK charity number 1149126

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 January 2022

Background

Nant Coch was founded in 1942 and moved to its present premises in 1954. Originally it operated on the Open Brethren model, but over the years it has developed into an independent Church in the evangelical tradition. In normal (non-Covid) times it offers a variety of regular opportunities for worship, learning, discussion and prayer, youth clubs, accommodation for the homeless in winter, community events for senior citizens, lunches, twice weekly baby and toddler sessions and an annual holiday club, as well as weddings, funerals, baptisms and dedications as required. The Church has no formal membership (although it is convenient to refer to those who attend regularly as members), and all events are open to any member of the public who wishes to attend, subject only to safeguarding procedures and some limitations on numbers imposed by safety and practical considerations. Further details are given in this report.

The Church was officially registered as a charity on 27 September 2012.

Aim, purpose and objectives

The aim, purpose and objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public, and are set out in the Trust Deed. They are:-

- first, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs (which is the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith) in such ways and in such parts of the United

Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

- secondly, to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good physical, emotional and spiritual health and well-being by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- thirdly, to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; and
- finally, any other activity which directly or indirectly supports or furthers the above and is consistent with the law and the trust deed of the Church.

Activities, achievements and performance

The Church is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Nant Coch and to become part of the Church family. The Church leadership maintains an overview of the Church's activities and seeks to involve as many people as possible in the activities of the Church.

As noted above, there is no formal Church membership, and informal membership of the Church is open to all true Christians and those wanting to know more about the Christian faith.

When planning our activities for the year, we are conscious of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the guidance to charities on the advancement of religion. We seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Church family in the modern world by:-

- encouraging worship, prayer and personal study;
- providing teaching about the Christian faith;
- developing people's understanding of, and trust in, Jesus;
- giving practical help and guidance on how the Christian life can be lived in an increasingly non-Christian environment;
- providing pastoral care for those who want it;
- encouraging and financing missionary work both locally and further afield; and
- encouraging charitable social work as an expression of the love of God to the people around us and elsewhere in the world.

Our building in Newport is important to carrying out this work.

Services

The purpose of the services is to give those present an opportunity to worship God, to pray

together, to encourage and develop our trust in Jesus, and to learn more about the Christian faith and how it is practised in the modern world. Anyone is welcome to come to our services and all Christians are encouraged to take a full part in them, including communion.

Despite the lockdown, the Church has continued to offered a morning service each Sunday. In February this was limited to a YouTube playlist or CD, but as infection levels reduced we decided that the benefits of restarting physical meetings outweighed the risks, and these restarted at the beginning of March. Suitable precautions were taken including enhanced cleaning, social distancing, a one-way system, ventilation, masks, sanitiser, keeping doors open, individual communion cups, and singing only when permitted. A record of attendees was kept. When permitted, drinks were initially served in the car park. These precautions proved effective, and there were no cases of Covid transmission that could be attributed to attendance at Nant Coch.

We continued to make the services available on YouTube and via CD for those who preferred not to attend in person. This meant that they could continue to feel part of the church family without feeling any pressure to expose themselves to any risk.

Sunday mornings have gradually reverted to near normal. The work with the children is described below; for the rest of us, most Sunday services started with a time of all-age singing, prayer and learning together, followed by Sunday Club for the children and young people, and further worship, prayer, a talk and sometimes communion for the adults. We have occasionally replaced this with an all-age service.

Services are led in a variety of styles by various regular members. Other people take part as appropriate. Most of the services include a talk given by someone from another Church nearby, with a minority being given by one of our members. The majority of the talks follow a pre-set programme: over the year this has covered why Jesus came, prophecies of the passion, Daniel, desert island hymns, Acts and prophecy of the end times. Special services are held at Christmas and Easter (including Good Friday). When morning services restarted, attendance was typically about 30 adults and a few children; over the year this increased to about 40 adults and 15 children. YouTube videos receive about 60 to 70 hits.

Youth Work

The church has continued to work with children and young people within the changing Covid 19 regulations during the pandemic. There were no activities in the church building while this was prohibited, but we continued to offer online activities (supported by the delivery of materials to the homes of the children or young people) when the church was closed, and we were able to begin to hold sessions for children and young people inside the church building again from June 2021.

Elements

This group is for teenage girls; there is a weekly meeting which was via Zoom until May 2021, and then resumed in church in June 2021. The club is for Church and non-Church girls of secondary school age from the community. It took place on a Friday night as had been the usual time for many years before the lockdown, but during the course of the autumn of 2021 it became clear that Friday night was no longer convenient for most of the members and a decision was made to change to a Monday night in January 2022 and try this for a term before making a final decision. The session begins at 7.30 and lasts for an hour and a half to two hours, depending on the activities being undertaken. There is a Bible study for about forty minutes, and also a game or craft activity, or both.

There are currently 5 girls on the register and 4 come almost every week; we have had several other girls joining us from time to time. The group has contributed to Sunday services for special occasions such as Christmas, and this year embarked on a long-term project of designing and making a large banner based on a verse from the Bible. This was the main craft activity for the autumn and spring terms this academic year, although there were other craft activities also, and the banner is now completed and will be used in the church service for Fathers' Day 2022.

There is a WhatsApp group for Elements, which is used by the girls and the leaders for information about group activities. One of the church safeguarding officers is also a member of the WhatsApp group.

Group activities such as trips and days out were postponed during lockdown. We have not yet resumed these, as the group members have very busy social lives and it has been difficult to find mutually convenient days and times but we hope to be able to return to such activities in due course.

The regular members of the group and some of their siblings volunteered to undertake safeguarding training in order to be able to help with activities involving the younger children, and this took place in June 2021. One of the group now regularly helps with the Sunday Club (see below), and she and one of the others who trained (a former member of the group now in her final year at school) have helped with Sunday Club as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme service. Some of the group were involved in preparing the decorations for the 'jungle' for our holiday club in the summer.

Sunday Club

This group was set up for children under secondary school age who attend church on Sundays, but during lockdown the group was expanded. Children from the other church groups which had had to be cancelled were invited to join the Sunday Club, as the activities would be online and could be done at any time in the week.
Until May half term of 2021, Sunday Club provision was follows:

- Weekly uploading of a Bible Story and song as part of the church service, available on the church website
- Weekly uploading of activity sheets to complement the above
- When allowed, doorstep delivery (by leaders) of materials for craft and other activities linked to the Bible stories
- WhatsApp group for the parents and leaders, used to give information about the activities and for parents to send in comments or questions and/or examples of the finished craft done by the children

Children were able to attend some Sunday services with their parents during the period of some relaxation of the regulations and most of the children attended one or more of these services.

From June 2021, we were able to resume face to face sessions on Sundays, with the children divided into two groups: those aged 6 and under and those aged 7 or older. Some of the children who had been taken part in the online sessions were able to return to their own churches, and one child is now often given a lift by members of the congregation so that she (and sometimes her mother also) can come to Sunday Club.

Sunday sessions involve a Bible Story and teaching, games, craft, drama, prayers and songs, which are led by a team of volunteer leaders on a rota basis. The sessions last for as long as the church service, with the leaders being flexible about the activities towards the end and having games and activities available for when the service overruns. Children join the service with their parents or carers at 10.30 and stay for the first 10-20 minutes, then go upstairs for their Sunday club sessions, which last until the service finishes. The children join their parents for refreshments after the church service ends.

Membership of the group has increased since the start of 2021, with a number of young families joining the church and attending regularly. There are currently 17 children / young people on the register, 13 of whom attend most weeks, seven in the older group and six in the younger group. There are also a number of children who visit families who belong to the church and come to Sunday Club at irregular intervals, and we have occasional visitors too. The two oldest currently on the register are at secondary school and we hope to make a group specially for the 11+ age group in September, when there will be three of them.

There was a trip to an outdoor farm/activity centre for the children and their families at the start of the autumn term 2021. The group again took part in a Nativity presentation which was recorded to be shown in the service at Christmas time, and in a special family service in July, both also available to be seen on line by the families and friends of the children if they were not able to attend the service or wanted to see it again and enjoy the children's contributions.

There is a WhatsApp group for the parents/carers of members of Sunday Club and the leaders, in which we can share information about the group and relevant events, and keep in touch with those who do not attend regularly.

Holiday Club

During the summer holidays, Nant Coch Church ran a holiday club on Sundays, from 10.00 until 12.00. This involved an outdoor game or activity until 10.30 and then indoor activities including songs, prayers, Bible stories, craft, some dressing up, and quizzes and competitions all around a jungle theme. We had some guest leaders as well as some of the regular Sunday Club leaders. There were 12-15 children attending each week, mostly children from Sunday Club, but also one visitor who came most weeks and others who came to one or two sessions.

Other work with children and young people

Previously Nant Coch Church had been involved with three local schools, in association with ICE Wales, a local Christian educational charity, but visits from the school children were not possible during the time of Covid 19 restrictions and have only recently been resumed in one school. The school children were invited to the church again for a pre-Christmas event, as this was allowed at the time, but unfortunately the visit had to be cancelled at short notice due to very bad weather. It is hoped to resume these activities during the course of the next year.

Baby and Toddler Group

In normal times, Baby and Toddlers is held at Nant Coch Church on Tuesdays during term time. There are 2 sessions - mornings from 10.00 until 11.45, and afternoons from 1.00 until 2.45.

The aim of the Baby and Toddler Group is to provide a warm safe environment for parents and carers with babies and toddlers up to the age of 3 years old. The group is a good opportunity for parents and carers to make new friends and also share worries in a safe environment, either with their peers or with a more experienced parent.

Parents / carers are responsible for their children at all times but helpers aim to give support and encouragement as well as practical help when required. Group helpers offer to pray for any problems that arise for parents / carers - this is very much appreciated. Each group helper is given a group of names of parents / carers and children and they pray for them regularly.

We strive to give the best welcome, care and attention to all parents / carers and children. Refreshments are provided for both children and adults. The children's food follows the Healthy Eating Guidelines.

The majority of parents / carers are from outside the Church, although some do attend other churches. Some of the parents / carers do attend some of our special services such as Christmas, Easter and Mothers' Day.

There is no charge to join the group, but donations are very much appreciated to fund the group.

We were unable to meet during lockdown but resumed in June 2021, in the morning only at present. We operate an online booking system to ensure safe numbers for the hall and instituting Covid safe practices as far as possible which we are now able to gradually relax. The attendees are extremely grateful that we are able to welcome them again.

Pastoral care

The Church provides pastoral care to its congregation through smaller groups. These groups provide pastoral care, either from the group leader and/or from other group members. They also provide fellowship beyond Sunday services, pray for each other and encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith.

Bible studies

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path." Psalm 119 verse 105

We believe that the study of God's word is vital to our everyday lives. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible, and, whilst it was written many years ago, it still has a powerful relevancy to our lives today.

The groups meet to study and discuss God's Word, to pray and to share fellowship. The Bible study groups are open for anyone to join and are advertised in the Church diary. The Bible study groups have met in person, when restrictions allowed, and on-line during the year.

Prayer

Prayer is an essential part of the life of Nant Coch Church, and is a response to the invitation from God to communicate with Him at any time in praise and worship and to depend on Him for all our needs. For these reasons, it is part of both the wider Church meeting together on a Sunday, smaller Church groups meeting mid-week and individuals' lives as they live life in the community and in the workplace. The Church is also represented at prayer meetings for all the Churches in Newport.

Opportunities for Prayer at Nant Coch Church are as follows :

- Saturday morning 9.00 until 10.00 (on-line)
- As part of the midweek Bible Studies
- Before, during and after services and some activities
- A week of prayer at the start of some school terms
- There is a Prayer Ministry team available after Services
- The Church operates a prayer chain via email. Anyone wishing to join the prayer chain provides their email address to the coordinator. To put a message on the prayer chain, the message can be sent to Prayer @nantcoch.org.uk. The message will then reach the coordinator and be sent out on the prayer chain to enable people to pray at home. There are about 30 people on the prayer chain.

We encourage our young people to pray during their meetings and see it as a natural part of everyday life.

Neighbourhood Chaplains

Neighbourhood Chaplains visit people in the neighbourhood to share God's love in practical ways. Usually this is having a chat and sometimes giving information or putting people in touch with others who can help with specific needs; sometimes we do small jobs like scraping moss off a path, changing a clock battery or mending a shredder. We have also done things which involve a longer commitment, like accompanying a neighbour as she got used to walking after surgery, and giving a weekly lift to a neighbour to visit her husband in a nursing home. Currently there are two Neighbourhood Chaplains at Nant Coch church, and we do the visiting together, usually on a Thursday afternoon. We let people know we are coming by means of a card which they can display in their window if they do not want us to visit. The system usually works well. When we visit, we call on everyone in the street except where a card is displayed, and if there is no answer, we give out 'sorry we missed you' cards. We have a selection of cards with our dedicated phone number on them so that people we chat to can contact us if they would like to follow up a conversation or need some help. During lockdown we were unable to visit but we kept in touch by phone with the folk we had visited more regularly. We resumed face to face visits in July 2021, and are gradually visiting the streets we had visited before, as well as more regular visits to a few neighbours who appreciate a chat.

Community Event

The Community Event happens once a month on a Thursday. It starts at 10.30 am when tea and coffee are served on arrival, followed by quiz. This is followed by a talk by a charity about what is happening in different parts of the world, a talk about a topic of

general interest such as flower arranging, Bible readings and music, or a church-style service at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Finally a light lunch is provided. The finishing time is about 1.00. About 25 people attend; ages range from 30 to 80.

The Community Event is an opportunity to welcome in people from the local area and also people from other churches. Our aim at Nant Coch Church is not to make money but to show God's love to everyone by offering a helping hand a listening ear and fun and friendship.

Newport Night Shelter

Night Shelter was unable to operate this year due to Covid and other complications. We hope to run it again next winter.

Catering

As COVID restrictions gradually eased it has been possible to recommence some activities. We were able to start to serve tea and coffee outside after the Sunday morning services when these restarted and then inside while observing the necessary restrictions of spacing etc. When restrictions were lifted for Baby and Toddler groups we could start tea and coffee for adults and then later limited drinks and dry baby snacks for the toddlers.
With the recommencing of the monthly community event for people in the surrounding area it was possible with the necessary spacing, masking,ventilation etc to start with coffee mornings and then later the provision of light lunches as well, served appropriately. These were much appreciated by those attending.
A special Christmas lunch was served after the morning service in December to those wishing to to attend. It was enjoyed and appreciated by all present including the younger families.

A number of Church members have food and hygiene certificates. Nant Coch's kitchen And catering facilities are inspected regularly by Newport City Council and the church has maintained its high (5 star) rating.

Christmas Fayre

Again there was no Christmas Fayre this year due to Covid restrictions

Marriages, Funerals etc.

The church continues to offer funerals to those who want a Christian commemoration of the life of their loved ones. It also supports biblical marriages and is registered to perform Christian marriages and is able to perform baptisms. We also make our baptistry available to other churches that wish to use it. During the period covered by this report one funeral has taken place in the church and another one was led at the local crematorium.

New marriage regulations have been introduced having been approved by Parliament. However no marriage ceremonies have taken place. Also no baptisms have taken place.

Inter-Church activities

The Church leadership encourages all Church members to be involved with other Christian organisations in the area. Over the year, Church members have been involved with numerous local and national charities, including

Inter-church activities

The Church leadership encourages all church members to be involved with other Christian organisations in the area. While Covid-19 has limited or stopped many activities, church members continue to support numerous local and national charities, including

- ICE Wales (lunch-time Bible clubs in primary schools)
- Health Help International (aid to Zambia and southern India)
- Support for Romania
- Heart of a Child (care for HIV-positive children in Romania and other similar work)
- Raven House (provides food and furniture for people in need)
- Newport women's refuge
- Scripture Union, particularly children's camps
- Churches in Newport
- Interserve, particularly provision of eye-care in Mongolia
- Tear Fund
- Open Doors (support for the persecuted church)
- Welsh Women's Bible Study Conference
- Show Jesus
- Eden Gate (help for the homeless and vulnerably housed)
- Sanctuary International Friendship Group (work with Asylum seekers)
- Echoes International (mission support agency)
- Keswick Convention children's work

Other activities

The church served as a polling station for the year's governmental elections.

Leadership and administration

Elders:

John Schneider
Graham Sims
Richard Young
Wesley Harris

The elders are the senior leaders of the Church and meet every two or three weeks. Their main role is the spiritual leadership of the Church.

John retired as an elder at the start of 2022.

Leadership Team (in addition to the elders):

Mark Dixon, Jack Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Janet Harris, Helen John, David Lloyd (until March 2021), Adrian Norton, Jan Norton, Edmund Plummer, Marilyn Schneider, Cecilia Sims, Gerald Thomas, Gill Thomas and Steph Young.

The other members of the leadership team are responsible for co-ordinating the pastoral care and day-to-day activities of the Church such as building maintenance and services. The elders and rest of the leadership team meet together most months.

Trustees:

Edmund Plummer (chair)
Wesley Harris (secretary)
Gerald Thomas (treasurer)
John Schneider
Graham Sims
Jack Freeman
David Lloyd
Adrian Norton

The trustees are the legal owners of the Church building and assets, and they are responsible for these and for ensuring that the Church operates in accordance with its trust deed, its basis of faith and the law. They have met twice during the year, and have held other discussions via email as appropriate.

Organist:

David Lloyd

Finance team

The members are Gerald Thomas, Jack Freeman and John Schneider. Their role is management of the Church's finances, and financial reporting.

Structure / building team

Adrian Norton takes the lead role assisted by Alex Thomas. Edmund Plummer and Richard Young carry out the routine fire alarm testing that supplements the testing by a specialist firm. Jan Norton oversees the maintenance of the Church garden.

The team has ensured that we comply with all the statutory requirements as regards to fire risk assessment, asbestos risks and both permanent and portable electrical equipment; and that (as mentioned above) the fire alarms, emergency exits and lights are tested regularly. Gas Safe inspections are carried out by qualified engineers as is the Church electrical installation in line with the Electrical Regulations.

They have also carried out various other tasks relating to routine maintenance although the lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic has reduced the amount of work needed.

The CCTV system continues to be a useful deterrent to misuse of the car park.

Because the church is in a conservation area the trees in the grounds have to be inspected every three years by a local authority approved contractor. This inspection took place in November 2020 and the recommended maintenance was approved by Newport City Council. The work by the Approved Contractor was completed in the period covered by this Report.

An uplift of the rooms on the first floor used for children's activities has taken with new colourful furniture and redecoration.

Legal compliance and safeguarding

Nant Coch has written policies for compliance on issues such as discrimination, data protection and safeguarding minors and adults with care and support needs. The policies are based on model policies from thirtyone:eight (formerly The Churches' Child Protection

Advisory Service (CCPAS)). In particular, everyone who works with children and adults with care and support needs on behalf of the Church, including trustees, has been checked by the DBS, where a DBS check is applicable. The trustees have reviewed the policies and are satisfied that they are satisfactory and fit for purpose.

The safeguarding team comprises Steph Young and Wesley Harris. Wesley is also our data protection officer.

Employees

The Church employs a part-time cleaner. She is paid at the going rate, i.e. above both national minimum wage and living wage, and wages are reviewed when the national minimum wage and/or living wage are raised. All other roles in the Church are fulfilled by unpaid volunteers, apart from some gardening.

Financial details

Financial details for the year follow. In addition to the reported assets, the Church owns its own building. It has not been formally valued, and indeed is probably impossible to value accurately, but the insurance value (rebuilding cost) was £1,591,440 in May 2020. The property was registered with the Land Registry in 2018 with a nominal value of £495,000.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

..... Edmund Plummer (chair)

..... Gerald Thomas (treasurer)

..... Wesley Harris (secretary)

18 May 2022 ..... date

NANT COCH CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

CONTENTS

Report of the Independent Examiner

Statement of Financial Activities

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NANT COCH CHURCH

On the Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in. any material respect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....W.K. Paine..... Dated .....22nd July 2022.....

W.K. Paine
Independent Examiner
44 Pettingale Road
Croesyceiliog
Cwmbran
Torfaen
NP44 2NZ

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2a	43,773	8,759	1,687	-	54,219	156,630
Church activities	2b	2,444	-	-	-	2,444	40
Income tax recovered		8,642	436	187	-	9,265	10,628
Interest receivable	2c	288	-	1	-	289	228
COVID JSS Grants received		807	-	-	-	807	7,330
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		55,954	9,195	1,875	-	67,024	174,856
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Mission and charitable giving	3a	-	9,195	-	-	9,195	9,615
Church activities	3b	2,586	-	-	-	2,586	24,560
Property	3c	16,685	-	4,976	-	21,661	14,968
Administration	3d	4,526	-	-	-	4,526	5,532
Governance	3e	141	-	-	-	141	25
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		23,938	9,195	4,976	-	38,109	54,701
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		32,016	-	(3,101)	-	28,915	120,155
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD							
At 1 FEBRUARY		129,099	-	86,887	-	215,986	95,831
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD							
AT 31 JANUARY		161,115	-	83,786	-	244,901	215,986

NANT COCH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
						£	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors and Prepayments	4	7,806	-	186	-	7,992	8,742
Cash at bank	5	155,398	2,825	83,600	-	241,823	90,553
		163,204	2,825	83,786	-	249,815	99,295
CREDITORS: DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	6	2,089	2,825	-		4,914	3,464
NET CURRENT ASSETS		161,115	-	83,786	-	244,901	95,831
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		161,115	-	83,786	-	244,901	95,831
FUNDS							
Unrestricted		161,115				161,115	62,309
Restricted			-			-	-
Designated				83,786		83,786	33,522
	7/8	161,115	-	83,786	-	244,901	95,831

Approved by the Trustees on 18 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Edmund Plummer (Chairman) Gerald Thomas (Treasurer) Wesley Harris (Secretary)

The following notes form part of these financial statements.

NANT COCH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (April 2008).

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on purposes stipulated by the donor

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific purposes or projects

There are no Endowment Funds at this time.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay such expenditure. All costs have been directly attributable to one of the functional catagories of resources in the SOFA. The Church is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT

Charitable giving is accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the Church. Awards unpaid at 31 January are shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

The Church has no fixed assets. Computer and sound equipment purchased are written off in the year of acquisition.

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

2a Voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Giving	34,655	3,939	669	-	39,263	40,192
Church collections	9,118	4,820	1,018	-	14,956	12,730
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	103,708
	43,773	8,759	1,687	-	54,219	156,631

2b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Funeral donations and gifts	2,114	-	-	-	2,114	40
Miscellaneous	330	-	-	-	330	-
	2,444	-	-	-	2,444	40

2c Interest receivable	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve accounts	7	-	1	-	8	28
Stewardship account	281	-	-	-	281	200
Interest on gift aid repayment	-	-	-	-	-	-
	288	-	1	-	289	228

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3a Mission and charitable giving	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary	-	9,195	-	-	9,195	9,615
Special gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	9,195	-	-	9,195	9,615

3b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	22,462
Visiting speakers	2,165	-	-	-	2,165	1,685
Equipment costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Activities	421	-	-	-	421	413
	2,586	-	-	-	2,586	24,560

3c Property costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	4,622	-	-	-	4,622	3,157
Garden maintenance	927	-	-	-	927	1,124
Cleaning	4,196	-	-	-	4,196	4,872
Insurances	1,717	-	-	-	1,717	1,544
Repairs, maintenance and security	5,048	-	4,976	-	10,024	3,954
Kitchen and communion costs	175	-	-	-	175	318
	16,685	-	4,976	-	21,661	14,969

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3d Administration	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Printing and stationery	1,468	-	-	-	1,468	1,917
Telephone	539	-	-	-	539	1,474
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music	127	-	-	-	127	304
Computer and audio equipment	1,017	-	-	-	1,017	325
Subscriptions and training costs	1,374	-	-	-	1,374	1,038
Leasing costs	-				-	413
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	61
	4,526	-	-	-	4,526	5,532

3e Governance	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legal and professional fees	141	-	-	-	141	25
	141	-	-	-	141	25

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

4 Debtors and prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Income tax recoverable	7,630	8,618
Utilities paid in advance	310	397
HM Revenue and Customs	52	-
	7,992	9,015

5 Cash at bank and in hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Current accounts	200	261
Reserve accounts	91,395	152,559
Stewardship deposit account	150,228	59,947
	241,823	212,767

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

6 Creditors: Payable within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors and accrued payments	4,914	5,731
HM Revenue and Customs	-	65
	4,914	5,796

7/8 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Fixed Assets	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	-	163,204	(2,089)	161,115
Restricted Funds	-	2,825	(2,825)	-
IIP Fund (Designated)	-	7,122	-	7,122
Building Fund (Designated)	-	76,664	-	76,664
	-	249,815	(4,914)	244,901

7/8 Movement in Funds

	At 1 February	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 January
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	129,099	55,954	(23,938)	161,115
Restricted Funds	-	9,195	(9,195)	-
IIP Fund (Designated	6,897	225	-	7,122
Building Fund Designated)	79,990	1,650	(4,976)	76,664
	215,986	67,024	(38,109)	244,901

NANT COCH CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149126

Accounts

Nant Coch Church, Newport

Registered UK charity number 1149126

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 January 2021

Background

Nant Coch was founded in 1942 and moved to its present premises in 1954. Originally it operated on the Open Brethren model, but over the years it has developed into an independent Church in the evangelical tradition. In normal (non-Covid) times it offers a variety of regular opportunities for worship, learning, discussion and prayer, youth clubs, accommodation for the homeless in winter, community events for senior citizens, lunches, twice weekly baby and toddler sessions and an annual holiday club, as well as weddings, funerals, baptisms and dedications as required. The Church has no formal membership (although it is convenient to refer to those who attend regularly as members), and all events are open to any member of the public who wishes to attend, subject only to safeguarding procedures and some limitations on numbers imposed by safety and practical considerations. Further details are given in this report.

The Church was officially registered as a charity on 27 September 2012.

Aim, purpose and objectives

The aim, purpose and objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public, and are set out in the Trust Deed. They are:-

- first, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs

(which is the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

- secondly, to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good physical, emotional and spiritual health and well-being by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- thirdly, to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; and
- finally, any other activity which directly or indirectly supports or furthers the above and is consistent with the law and the trust deed of the Church.

Activities, achievements and performance

The Church is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Nant Coch and to become part of the Church family. The Church leadership maintains an overview of the Church's activities and seeks to involve as many people as possible in the activities of the Church.

As noted above, there is no formal Church membership, and informal membership of the Church is open to all true Christians and those wanting to know more about the Christian faith.

When planning our activities for the year, we are conscious of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the guidance to charities on the advancement of religion. We seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Church family in the modern world by:-

- encouraging worship, prayer and personal study;
- providing teaching about the Christian faith;
- developing people's understanding of, and trust in, Jesus;
- giving practical help and guidance on how the Christian life can be lived in an increasingly non-Christian environment;
- providing pastoral care for those who want it;
- encouraging and financing missionary work both locally and further afield; and
- encouraging charitable social work as an expression of the love of God to the people around us and elsewhere in the world.

Our building in Newport is important to carrying out this work.

Services

The purpose of the services is to give those present an opportunity to worship God, to pray together, to encourage and develop our trust in Jesus, and to learn more about the Christian faith and how it is practised in the modern world. Anyone is welcome to come to our services and all Christians are encouraged to take a full part in them, including communion.

At the start of the year the Church offered two services most Sundays. There was a monthly all-age service in the morning and an open worship communion service, usually on that evening. On other Sundays, the morning service started with a time of all-age singing, prayer and learning together, followed by Sunday Club and Grapevine for the children and young people, and further worship, prayer, a talk and sometimes communion for the adults. The evening service was a time of singing traditional hymns and newer songs, prayer, and learning.

All this changed in March with the Covid lockdown. Nant Coch quickly moved online, replacing physical meetings with a recorded service on YouTube that was similar to the morning service. Whilst this was not as good as the real thing, it was a lot better than nothing, and was much appreciated by the church membership. For those who lacked internet connections we provided a CD recording. When we were permitted to reopen we did so, whilst recording services and placing them on YouTube and CD for those who could not attend in person. This continued until December, when we decided that, although we could continue to hold physical services, it was wiser to revert to the YouTube and CD only format.

Services are led in a variety of styles by various regular members. Other people take part as appropriate. Most of the services include a talk given by someone from another Church nearby, with a minority being given by one of our members. The majority of the talks follow a pre-set programme: over the year this has covered Stewardship, Leviticus, Acts, Luke and Why Jesus Came in the mornings and the Kingdom of God in the evenings. Special services are held at Christmas and Easter (including Good Friday). Before the first lockdown, attendance at morning services is typically about 20 to 40 adults and up to 10 children; about 10 to 20 people came to the evening service. In the summer we had 20 to 30 attendees. YouTube videos receive about 60 to 70 hits.

When meeting in the summer and autumn we took extensive precautions to minimise the risk of Covid infection, including extensive weekly cleaning, ventilation, recording attendees, keeping doors open, hand sanitiser, social distancing, requiring masks for those who are not medically exempt (these are provided for anyone not bringing their own) and checking that they are properly worn, a one-way system, individual communion cups and pre-cut bread, not singing, discouraging use of the toilets, and encouraging people to leave promptly at the end of services. We also

provided online and CD alternatives, so no-one felt pressured to attend. These have proved effective, and there have been no cases of transmission within the Church that we are aware of.

Youth Work

As with the main services, this has been a year of two halves, albeit a very short first half which was much as previous years. Since then, he church has been continuing to work with children and young people within the new regulations which have been introduced during the Covid 10 pandemic. There were no activities in the church building from mid-March to September, but some limited and carefully structured activities during a brief period in the autumn when restrictions were eased; from mid-December 2020 inside activities were again cancelled. Alternative online activities have been provided throughout.

1. Elements

This group is for teenage girls; there is a weekly meeting via Zoom. The club is for Church and non-Church girls of secondary school age from the community. It takes place on a Friday night for an hour and a half to two hours, depending on the activities being undertaken. There is a Bible study for about forty minutes, and also a game, or craft activity, or both. There are currently 6 girls on the register and 4 come almost every week. They have occasionally contributed to Sunday services, for example with a drama at Christmas time.

Initially the group met in the Church. During the period of easing of restrictions, the group was able to meet in the car park outside the church building, but most of the activity this year has been online.

There is a WhatsApp group for Elements, which is used by the girls and the leaders for information about group activities. One of the Church safeguarding officers is also a member of the WhatsApp group.

Group activities such as trips and days out have been postponed.

2. Sunday Club

This group was set up for children under secondary school age who attended church on Sundays, but during lockdown the group has changed to reflect the current situation. The core membership remains the children who would normally come to church on Sundays, but during 'lockdown' this was expanded. Children from the other church groups which had had to be cancelled (*Go For It:* weekly club for 7-11 year olds and *GoGo's:* weekly club for 3-6 year olds) were invited to join Sunday Club, as the activities would be online and could be done at any time in the week.

During lockdown, Sunday Club provision is as follows:

- Weekly uploading of a Bible Story and song as part of the church service, available on the church website
- Weekly uploading of activity sheets to complement the above
- When allowed, doorstep delivery (by leaders) of materials for craft and other activities linked to the Bible stories
- WhatsApp group for the parents and leaders, used to give information about the activities and for parents to send in comments or questions and/or examples of the finished craft done by the children

During the brief time in the late summer and autumn when more contact was possible, there was a trip to an outdoor farm/activity centre for the children and their families. The group took part in a Nativity presentation which was recorded to be shown in the service at Christmas time.

Children were able to attend some Sunday services with their parents during the period of some relaxation of the regulations and most of the children attended one or more of these services.

There are currently 13 children/young people on the Sunday Club register, including two in year 7.

Other work with children and young people

Some of the Sunday Club children and leaders joined in an online 'Light party' (alternative to Halloween) organised by another local church, open to any children in the area, not just those who attend church.

Previously Nant Coch has been involved with three local schools, in association with ICE Wales, a local Christian educational charity, but visits from the school children have not been possible this year.

WLTDO (Who let the Dads out)

In June 2015 we started a Saturday morning group for Dads and their children. It involves a bouncy castle, coffee and bacon. We had on average 8-10 dads and around a dozen children on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8.30am-10am.

As with many other things, this ceased with the March lockdown.

Youth work – Holiday Club

We ran an online holiday club during the summer holidays. This was led by our youth and families pastors, Tomi and Simon Brown.

Baby and Toddler Group

In normal times, Baby and Toddlers is held at Nant Coch Church on Tuesdays during term time. There are 2 sessions - mornings from 10.00 until 11.45, and afternoons from 1.00 until 2.45.

The aim of the Baby and Toddler Group is to provide a warm safe environment for parents and carers with babies and toddlers up to the age of 3 years old. The group is a good opportunity for parents and carers to make new friends and also share worries in a safe environment, either with their peers or with a more experienced parent.

Parents / carers are responsible for their children at all times but helpers aim to give support and encouragement as well as practical help when required. Group helpers offer to pray for any problems that arise for parents / carers - this is very much appreciated. Each group helper is given a group of names of parents / carers and children and they pray for them regularly.

We strive to give the best welcome, care and attention to all parents / carers and children. Refreshments are provided for both children and adults. The children's food follows the Healthy Eating Guidelines.

The majority of parents / carers are from outside the Church, although some do attend other churches. Some of the parents / carers do attend some of our special services such as Christmas, Easter and Mothers' Day.

There is no charge to join the group, but donations are very much appreciated to fund the group.

The group functioned as normal until the first lockdown in March. Since then, due to Covid, we have been unable to operate for much of the year apart from some meet ups in the local park.

Pastoral care

The Church provides pastoral care to its congregation through smaller groups. These groups provide pastoral care, either from the group leader/from other group members. They also provide fellowship beyond Sunday services, pray for each other and encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith.

Bible studies

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path." Psalm 119 verse 105

We believe that the study of God's word is vital to our everyday lives. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible, and, whilst it was written many years ago, it still has a powerful relevancy to our lives today.

The groups meet to study and discuss God's Word, to pray and to share fellowship. The Bible study groups are open for anyone to join and are advertised in the Church diary. Covid-19 stopped the physical meeting of Bible study groups after March 2020 although there were some on-line meetings.

Prayer

Prayer is an essential part of the life of Nant Coch Church, and is a response to the invitation from God to communicate with Him at any time in praise and worship and to depend on Him for all our needs. For these reasons, it is part of both the wider Church meeting together on a Sunday, smaller Church groups meeting mid-week and individuals' lives as they live life in the community and in the workplace. The Church is also represented at prayer meetings for all the Churches in Newport.

Opportunities for Prayer at Nant Coch Church are as follows :

- Saturday morning 9.00 until 10.00. This is open to all and has moved on-line since March 2020;
- As part of the midweek Bible Studies (currently suspended)
- Before, during and after services and some activities
- A week of prayer at the start of some school terms
- There is a Prayer Ministry team available after Services
- In the past the Church has opened for prayer at times of national and international crises
- The Church operates a prayer chain via email. Anyone wishing to join the prayer chain provides their email address to the coordinator. To put a message on the prayer chain, the message can be sent to Prayer @nantcoch.org.uk. The

message will then reach the coordinator and be sent out on the prayer chain to enable people to pray at home. There are about 30 people on the prayer chain.

We encourage our young people to pray during their meetings and see it as a natural part of everyday life.

Community Event

In normal times, the Community Event is held on the first Thursday of each month (Christmas and Easter can be different) we start at 10.30 am and finish at 1.00 pm .

There is tea coffee and biscuits and a quiz followed by a talk or an activity. Talks can be about charity work, food hygiene or recycling. Activities can be keep fit, Flower arranging and card making. There are services at Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

A light lunch is provided at 12 noon. We have an average of 20 people attending and an average of 6 helpers. A small number of people are Church members and contribute to the Church. Some of the people attending say that they feel part of the Church by coming to the Community Event. Some go to their own Churches.
All are welcome at the Community Event but there are no special arrangements for children. We have had some children and it has not been a problem.

The aim of the Community Event is to welcome people in befriend them and help them if needed. We want to show them how much God loves them.

Sadly we had to close the Church at the end of March 2020 because of Lockdown . We have not had a Community Event since. But we do keep in touch with the people who normally attend the Community Event at Nant Coch Church. A monthly letter is sent to each one with readings, poems, puzzles and Church diary. This keeps the contact and helps them feel less lonely.

Newport Night Shelter

Nant Coch Church hosted the shelter every Thursday night between 26th January and 13th March 2020 but then the church had to close due to the regulations imposed as a result of Covid 19. While the Night Shelter was running, the Church provided dinner, bed and breakfast, as well as care and encouragement, for an average of 11 homeless people each night. This was part of a joint initiative of Newport Churches, who work together to provide care, compassion and practical help to people who would otherwise be on the streets. After the first lockdown, government policy towards homeless and vulnerably housed people underwent a

change. It was no longer permitted to offer temporary bed spaces, so the Newport Night Shelter did not run in the winter of 2020-21 and volunteers were encouraged to support those who would have been our guests by contributing to the charities who were working with the national and local government to meet the needs of these folk during that winter. The church continues to liaise with some of these charities and some of those who previously volunteered at the Night Shelter are now involved in staffing a drop-in centre in the city.

Catering

Sadly over the last year, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, to comply with the regulations, it has not been possible to have the various church activities. This has meant that we have not provided any refreshments or meals throughout the whole of the year. We are looking forward to being able to resume meeting with all the people who have regularly attended the various activities that we love to provide for our members and the community. We normally provide light refreshments or meals for a regular monthly community event, church lunches, dads and children's group, weekly babies and toddler groups and regular church services and meetings. Hopefully this will be possible again in the not too distant future but this will obviously depend on future regulations.

A number of Church members have food and hygiene certificates. Nant Coch's kitchen and catering facilities are inspected regularly by Newport City Council and the Church has maintained its high (5 star) rating.

Christmas Fayre

There was no Christmas Fayre this year due to Covid restrictions

Marriages, Funerals etc.

The church continues to offer funerals to those who want a Christian commemoration of the life of their loved ones. It also supports biblical marriages and is registered to perform Christian marriages and is able to perform baptisms. We also make our baptistry available to other churches that wish to use it. Because of the lockdown no such ceremonies took place in the Church during the year.
The Church was notified during the year that new marriage regulations were being considered and being put before Parliament. The details on their implementation were now awaited.

Inter-Church activities

The Church leadership encourages all Church members to be involved with other Christian organisations in the area. Over the year, Church members have been involved with numerous local and national charities, including

Inter-church activities

The Church leadership encourages all church members to be involved with other Christian organisations in the area. While Covid-19 has limited or stopped many activities, church members continue to support numerous local and national charities, including

- ICE Wales (lunch-time Bible clubs in primary schools)
- Health Help International (aid to Zambia and southern India)
- Support for Romania
- Heart of a Child (care for HIV-positive children in Romania and other similar work)
- Bible Society
- Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons International; provision of Bibles in hotels and schools)
- Raven House (provides food and furniture for people in need)
- Newport women's refuge
- Scripture Union, particularly children's camps
- Churches in Newport
- Interserve, particularly provision of eye-care in Mongolia
- Tear Fund and Traidcraft
- Open Doors (support for the persecuted church)
- Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- Counties (which aims to share the good news of Jesus)
- Welsh Women's Bible Study Conference
- Show Jesus
- Newport Street Pastors
- Eden Gate (help for the homeless and vulnerably housed)
- Sanctuary International Friendship Group (work with Asylum seekers)

Church leadership and administration

Elders:

John Schneider
Graham Sims
Richard Young
Wesley Harris

The elders are the senior leaders of the Church and meet every two or three weeks. Their main role is the spiritual leadership of the Church.

Leadership Team (in addition to the elders):

Simon Brown (until August 2020), Tomi Brown (until August 2020), Mark Dixon, Jack Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Janet Harris, Helen John, David Lloyd, Adrian Norton, Jan Norton, Edmund Plummer, Marilyn Schneider, Cecilia Sims, Gerald Thomas, Gill Thomas and Steph Young.

The other members of the leadership team are responsible for co-ordinating the day-to-day activities of the Church such as pastoral care, building maintenance and services. The elders and co-ordinators meet together as the leadership team about once a month. They also hold an annual away-day in the autumn. Since March these meetings have been online.

Trustees:

Edmund Plummer (chair)
Wesley Harris (secretary)
Gerald Thomas (treasurer)
John Schneider
Graham Sims
Jack Freeman
David Lloyd
Adrian Norton

The trustees are the legal owners of the Church building and assets, and they are responsible for these and for ensuring that the Church operates in accordance with its trust deed, its basis of faith and the law. They have "met" online formally twice over the year, and have held other discussions via email as appropriate.

Organist:

David Lloyd

David also ensures that copyright in songs and music is respected, and makes returns to the relevant licensing authorities.

Finance team

The members are Gerald Thomas, Jack Freeman and John Schneider. Their role is management of the Church's finances, and financial reporting.

Structure / building team

Jack Freeman retired from the team during the year and Adrian Norton took over the lead role assisted by Alex Thomas. Edmund Plummer and Richard Young agreed to carry out the routine fire alarm testing that supplements the testing by a specialist firm.

The team has ensured that we comply with all the statutory requirements as regards to fire risk assessment, asbestos risks and both permanent and portable electrical equipment; and that (as mentioned above) the fire alarms, emergency exits and lights are tested regularly. Gas Safe inspections are carried out by qualified engineers as is the Church electrical installation in line with the Electrical Regulations.

They have also carried out various other tasks relating to routine maintenance although the lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic has reduced the amount of work needed.

The CCTV system continues to be a useful deterrent to misuse of the cark park.

Because the church is in a conservation area the trees in the grounds have to be inspected every three years by a local authority approved contractor. This inspection took place in November 2020 and the recommended maintenance was approved by Newport City Council. At the time of this report the work by the Approved Contractor was awaited.

Legal compliance and safeguarding

Nant Coch has written policies for compliance on issues such as discrimination, data protection and safeguarding minors and adults with care and support needs. The policies are based on model policies from thirtyone:eight (formerly The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)). In particular, everyone who works with children and adults with care and support needs on behalf of the Church, including trustees, has been checked by the DBS, where a DBS check is applicable. The trustees have reviewed the policies and are satisfied that they are satisfactory and fit for purpose.

The safeguarding team comprises Steph Young and Wesley Harris. Wesley is also our data protection officer.

Employees

The Church employed two part-time Youth and Families Pastors for the first part of the year. It also employs a part-time cleaner. These are paid at the going rate, i.e. above both national minimum wage and living wage, and wages are reviewed when the national minimum wage and/or living wage are raised. All other roles in the Church are fulfilled by unpaid volunteers, apart from some gardening.

Financial details

Financial details for the year follow. In addition to the reported assets, the Church owns its own building. It has not been formally valued, and indeed is probably impossible to value accurately, but the insurance value (rebuilding cost) was £1,591,440 in May 2020. The property was registered with the Land Registry in 2018 with a nominal value of £495,000.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

..... Edmund Plummer (chair)

..... Gerald Thomas (treasurer)

W Harris ..... Wesley Harris (secretary)

2 October 2021 ... date

NANT COCH CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

CONTENTS

Report of the Independent Examiner

Statement of Financial Activities

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NANT COCH CHURCH

On the Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in. any material respect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed..... Dated 4th October 2021

W.K. Paine
Independent Examiner
44 Pettingale Road
Croesyceiliog
Cwmbran
Torfaen
NP44 2NZ

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2a	94,657	9,046	52,927	-	156,630	56,248
Church activities	2b	40	-	-	-	40	210
Income tax recovered		9,629	569	430	-	10,628	10,765
Interest receivable	2c	220	-	8	-	228	472
COVID JSS Grants received		7,330	-	-	-	7,330	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		111,876	9,615	53,365	-	174,856	67,695
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Mission and charitable giving	3a	-	9,615	-	-	9,615	9,350
Church activities	3b	24,560	-	-	-	24,560	31,868
Property	3c	14,969	-	-	-	14,968	16,842
Administration	3d	5,532	-	-	-	5,532	4,230
Governance	3e	25	-	-	-	25	157
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		45,086	9,615	-	-	54,701	62,447
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		66,790	-	53,365	-	120,155	5,248
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD							
At 1 FEBRUARY		62,309	-	33,522	-	95,831	90,583
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD							
AT 31 JANUARY		129,099	-	86,887	-	215,986	95,831

NANT COCH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
						£	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors and Prepayments	4	8,692	-	323	-	9,015	8,742
Cash at bank	5	193,048	4,090	18,380	-	212,767	90,553
		201,740	4,090	18,702	-	221,782	99,295
CREDITORS: DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	6	1,465	4,090			5,796	3,464
NET CURRENT ASSETS		200,275	-	18,702	-	215,987	95,831
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		200,275	-	18,702	-	215,987	95,831
FUNDS							
Unrestricted		129,099				129,099	62,309
Restricted			-			-	-
Designated				86,887		86,887	33,522
	7/8	129,099	-	86,887	-	215,986	95,831

Approved by the Trustees on 2 October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Edmund Plummer (Chairman) Gerald Thomas (Treasurer) Wesley Harris (Secretary)

The following notes form part of these financial statements.

NANT COCH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (April 2008).

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on purposes stipulated by the donor

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific purposes or projects

There are no Endowment Funds at this time.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is received. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay such expenditure. All costs have been directly attributable to one of the functional catagories of resources in the SOFA. The Church is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT

Charitable giving is accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the Church. Awards unpaid at 31 January are shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

FIXED ASSETS

The Church has no fixed assets. Computer and sound equipment purchased are written off in the year of acquisition.

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

2a Voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Giving	34,664	4,485	1,043	-	40,192	36,649
Church collections	7,534	4,561	635	-	12,730	17,149
Legacies	52,459	-	51,249	-	103,708	2,450
	94,657	9,046	52,927	-	156,630	56,248

2b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Funeral donations and gifts	40	-	-	-	40	5,228
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
	40	-	-	-	40	5,228

2c Interest receivable	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve accounts	20	-	8	-	28	56
Stewardship account	200	-	-	-	200	386
Interest on gift aid repayment	-	-	-	-	-	30
	220	-	8	-	228	472

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3a Mission and charitable giving	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Missionary	-	9,615	-	-	9,615	9,100
Special gifts	-	-	-	-	-	250
	-	9,615	-	-	9,615	9,350

3b Church activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and staff costs	22,462	-	-	-	22,462	27,431
Visiting speakers	1,685	-	-	-	1,685	3,370
Equipment costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Activities	413	-	-	-	413	1,067
	24,560	-	-	-	24,560	31,868

3c Property costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	3,157	-	-	-	3,157	6,793
Garden maintenance	1,124	-	-	-	1,124	380
Cleaning	4,872	-	-	-	4,872	4,220
Insurances	1,544	-	-	-	1,544	1,553
Repairs, maintenance and security	3,954	-	-	-	3,954	3,245
Kitchen and communion costs	318	-	-	-	318	651
	14,969	-	-	-	14,969	16,842

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

3d Administration	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Printing and stationery	1,917	-	-	-	1,917	686
Telephone	1,474	-	-	-	1,474	1,055
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music	304	-	-	-	304	274
Computer and audio equipment	325	-	-	-	325	187
Subscriptions and training costs	1,038	-	-	-	1,038	1,323
Leasing costs	413				413	413
Miscellaneous	61	-	-	-	61	292
	5,532	-	-	-	5,532	4,230

3e Governance	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legal and professional fees	25	-	-	-	25	157
	25	-	-	-	25	157

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

4 Debtors and prepayments	2021	2020
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	8,618	8,099
Utilities paid in advance	397	643
Prepaid travel costs	-	-
	9,015	8,742

5 Cash at bank and in hand	2021	2020
	£	£
Current accounts	261	536
Reserve accounts	152,559	3,483
Stewardship deposit account	59,947	59,747
	212,767	63,766

NANT COCH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

6 Creditors: Payable within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditors and accrued payments	5,731	3,340
HM Revenue and Customs	65	124
	5,796	3,464

7/8 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Fixed Assets	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	-	134,445	(5,346)	129,099
Restricted Funds	-	450	(450)	-
IIP Fund (Designated)	-	6,897	-	6,897
Building Fund (Designated)	-	79,990	-	79,990
	-	221,782	(5,796)	215,987

7/8 Movement in Funds

	At 1 February	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 January
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)	62,309	111,876	(45,086)	129,099
Restricted Funds	-	9,615	(9,615)	-
IIP Fund (Designated	6,623	274	-	6,897
Building Fund Designated)	26,899	53,091	-	79,990
	95,831	174,856	(54,701)	215,986