

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Mill Lane, Broxbourne, Herts EN10 7BQ

Registered Charity Number 1152449

The United Reformed Church Broxbourne is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain and a member of the Thames North Synod.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church. The Church provides benefit to the public in two main ways:

by providing public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for members of the wider community;

by promoting Christian values and service to the community by members of the congregation, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Full and detailed reports on all activities undertaken during the year are presented at the Annual Church Meeting, and are available on request.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Elders Meeting, consisting of the elected Elders and the Minister, oversees the spiritual life of the Church, and recommends to the Church Meeting arrangements for maintaining the buildings and looking after finances. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives guidance on the life and work of the Church, and is its final decision-making body. The Minister is called to the Church by its members and is in pastoral charge of the Church.

Elders are elected by Church Meeting from among its members. The secretary and treasurer are nominated annually by and from the Elders and elected by Church Meeting.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees are the members of the Elders Meeting, who in 2024 were: Dorothy Blatcher (January to September), Amanda Harwood (Treasurer and Pastorate Treasurer), Rosemary Woodall, Natasha Appiah (September to December),

FINANCIAL REVIEW

See the Church's Annual Accounts.

NORTH LEA VALLEY PASTORATE (NLVP)

URC Broxbourne is a member of the North Lea Valley Pastorate, together with the URCs in Hertford and Cheshunt. Throughout 2024 the Pastorate's Minister was Revd Mark Robinson.

GENERAL FUND - page 2a	2024	2024
RECEIPTS		
Offerings		
Envelopes	2086.00	
Loose Cash	1425.51	
Standing Orders	8526.00	
Donations	569.03	
Income Tax Refunds	3387.48	
sub-total		15994.02
Gifts		
Gift Day		2490.00
Knight Family memorial donation		500.00
Lettings		
Lettings		23041.50
Fundraising		
May Market		2236.95
Christmas Market stalls	138.00	
Market 1101.01		
less 10% 120.00	981.01	1119.01
Church coffee/teas		85.00
sub-total		
Sundries		
Sales		7.00
Conference grant		200.00
Floats Rebanked		215.00
Interest		
Coif interest	5245.50	
Rate a/c interest	130.32	
sub-total		5375.82
GENERAL FUND TOTALS		
Total receipts		51264.30
Excess receipts		
Excess payments		
Total		

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GENERAL FUND - Unrestricted	2024	2024
Payments		
Ministry		
Ministry and Mission	15900.00	
Pulpit Supply	1200.00	
sub-total		17100.00
Church Premises		
Maintenance	5223.95	
Gas	1818.39	
Electricity	6786.22	
Cleaning and Materials	7274.52	
Insurance	3121.59	
Telephone	771.86	
Water	219.06	
sub-total		25215.59
Activities		
Organist and Music	1369.72	
Flowers	45.33	
Subscription/donations		
Christingle Expenses	127.04	
Christmas Sundry Expenses	239.00	
sub-total		1781.09
Grant - Conference		200.00
Floats Out - Markets	215.00	
- general	155.00	370.00
Knight Family donation - lighting Cross		500.00
Administration		
Stationery/Publicity	114.46	
Sundries out/Postage	149.43	
Website	84.00	
Lettings expense/refnd	121.99	
sub-total		469.88
Purchases		
SumUp card reader	94.50	
Security cameras	234.97	329.47
To Pastorate		2952.00
GENERAL FUND TOTALS		
Total payments		48918.03
Excess receipts		2346.27
		51264.30

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ALL FUNDS
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

General Fund	51264.30		48918.03
General Funds Reserves			

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS TOTALS

Total Receipts	51264.30	Total Payments	48918.03
Excess Receipts		Excess Receipts	2346.27
Excess Payments			
	51264.30		51264.30

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Specified Church Activities			
Junior Church		Junior Church	132.41
Youth Fund		Youth Fund	
Opportunities and Support		Opps and Support	65.00
Bowls Club (Reserve)	730.30	Bowls Club (Reserve)	1049.80
Comet (Reserve)	263.98	Comet (Reserve)	213.59
After 8's	1693.00	After 8's	1385.02
sub-total	2687.28	sub-total	2845.82

Raised for Other Causes:

Christmas Market (2024)		SPACE (2023)	482.36
10% (Young Life)	120.00	Young Life	120.00
Collection SENSE:			
Collection	205.06	SENSE	371.06
Loose cash	166.00	Childfren's Society	167.41
Christingle: Children's Society	167.41	Unicef Gaza Appeals	160.70
Unicef Gaza Appeals	160.70	Beltringers' Charity Air Ambulance	90.06
Beltringers' Charity Air Ambulance	90.06		
Foodbank	197.50	sub-total	1391.59
sub-total	1106.73		

RESTRICTED FUNDS TOTALS

Total Receipts	Restricted	3794.01	Total Payments	Restricted	4237.41
Excess Payments		443.40			
		4237.41			4237.41

TOTAL RECEIPTS

55058.31	TOTAL PAYMENTS	53155.44
	Excess Receipts	1902.87
55058.31		55058.31

TRANSFERS

To Legacy: Felicity Foster	1250.00	From Legacy: Payments	13887.69
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FUND ACCOUNTING				Balance		Balance
		31/12/2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31/12/2024
Unrestricted Funds	General Fund (page 2)	£30,041.28	£51,264.30	£48,918.03		£32,387.55
	General Fund Reserves					
	Legacies and Bequests	£12,617.49				£12,617.49
	Marise	£3,049.22				£3,049.22
	Maintenance	£116,427.83				£116,427.83
Restricted Funds	RH Legacy		£1,250.00	£13,887.89		£1,250.00
	Felicity Foster legacy			£62,805.92		£13,887.89
	Rewiring of Church		£52,514.30			£151,844.20
Total Unrestricted Funds		£162,135.82				£151,844.20
Restricted Funds						
Specified Church Activities						
Junior Church		£824.91		£132.41		£692.50
Youth Fund		£1,406.77				£1,406.77
Opportunities and Support		£755.22		£65.00		£690.22
Holiday Club		£1,001.00				£1,001.00
Bowls Group (Reserves)		£2,010.65	£730.30	£249.80	£800.00	£1,691.15
COMET (Reserves)		£292.15	£263.98	£213.59		£342.54
After 8's		£1,068.28	£1,693.00	£1,185.02	£200.00	£1,376.26
sub-total		£7,358.98	£2,687.28	£1,845.82	£1,000.00	£7,200.44
Other causes:						
Christmas Market 2024						
Young Life	10%	£120.00				£0.00
Collection		£205.06	£120.00	£120.00		£0.00
Loose Cash		£166.00				£0.00
SENSE		£371.06	£371.06	£371.06		£0.00
Children's Society (Christingle)		£167.41	£167.41	£167.41		£0.00
SPACE		£482.36		£482.36		£0.00
Beltingers' Air Ambulance			£90.06	£90.06		£0.00
Unicef: Gaza Appeals			£160.70	£160.70		£0.00
Foodbank		£161.20	£197.50			£358.70
subtotals		£643.56	£1,106.73	£1,391.59		£358.70
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		£170,138.36	£56,308.31	£66,043.33	£1,000.00	£159,403.34

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OTHER CHURCH GROUPS

The Church has several groups who hold and manage funds as under:

	Balance 31/12/2023	Receipts	Payments	Outside causes	Balance 31/12/2024
COMET	292.15	263.98	213.59	0.00	342.54
After Eights Group	1068.28	1693.00	1185.02	200.00	1376.26
Bowls Group	2010.65	730.30	49.80	1000.00	1691.15

NORTH LEA VALLEY PASTORATE

The Pastorate Fund is currently administered by the Broxbourne trustees for the benefit of the three Churches.

Balance 31/12/2023	Receipts	Payments	Balance 31/12/2024
11,384.66	23,813.00	21,058.10	14,139.56

FUNDS HELD WITH THE PARISH CHURCH

The Youth Fund and the Holiday Club Fund, shown on Page 4 of the accounts, are currently each held by the Broxbourne trustees for the benefit of URC Broxbourne and the Parish of Broxbourne with Wormley.

MONETARY ASSETS

The Pastorate Fund is for convenience held in a separate bank account. The remaining assets are split between two banks in order to spread risk.

OTHER ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES

The Church contents are insured for £119,335; £28,076 for the AV System; £35,071 for the Organ, Rent/hire receivable £21,000 – totalling £203,482 (2023 £193,151). The Church building and the Manse are held in trust for URC Broxbourne by the URC Thames North Synod Trust. URC Broxbourne is responsible for insuring them. The Church building is insured for £3,527,799 (2023 £3,328.112) and the Manse was valued at £646,306 (£2023 £609,722).

FUND DEFINITIONS

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

Restricted Funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they are given. Any money remaining unspent must either be carried forward for future expenditure on the specific purpose, or else returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

The Report on page 1 and the Accounts on pages 2-5 were approved by the Elders
and signed on their behalf byRev. Mark Robinson... date8th August 2025.....



I have examined the 2024 accounts for the United Reformed Church Broadbourn,
and I have no concerns.

Signed

J I Christian

Name

JENNIFER CHRISTIAN

Date

17/10/25