

SOUTHCOTE FAMILY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1156292

Details

Other names SOUTHCOTE CHRISTIAN MISSION

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-03-20

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN SOUTHCOTE, READING AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Southcote Family Church is a free church which operates on Sundays and most days during the week. As well as Sunday services, there are weekly activities for the fellowship and for members of the community. The church regularly supports, both in prayer and in finances, a number of local and national Christian causes.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Reading

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,267	£45,837	-	-
2024-03-31	£43,921	£53,105	-	-
2023-03-31	£56,461	£27,131	-	-
2022-03-31	£34,666	£21,952	-	-
2021-03-31	£32,226	£36,839	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NORMAN ERIC LINDSEY	Chair	2014-09-10
BARRY ANTHONY YOUNG		2014-02-11
GRAHAM ARNOLD EDGE		2014-02-11
Helmut Haines		2018-01-15
JUDITH LESLEY CHARTERS		2014-02-11
LINDA JOYCE EDGE		2014-02-11
Peter Ronald Cole		2018-01-15

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Accounts

Minutes of 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of Southcote Family Church, held on Sunday 8th June 2025.

The meeting followed the Sunday service and was preceded by a buffet lunch.

Opening Prayer and thought – Norman read Psalm 36:5-10. We are encouraged to have a “right judgement”, in the name of the One God, now and forever. Norman then opened the meeting in prayer.

Present: Norman Lindsey, Graham Edge, Linda Edge, Helmut Haines, Pete Cole, Barry Young and Judi Charters.

Apologies: none, as all were present.

Appointment of Chair and Secretary: as both Norman and Judi were prepared to stand again, and as there were no other nominations, both were re-appointed. Norman was proposed by Pete and seconded by Graham, and Judi was proposed by Norman and seconded by Pete.

Minutes of the last AGM: agreed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes: a major change in the running of the church has been the sudden departure of Henry Ohakah, our Pastor, at the end of December. Since that time, the Leadership and Leadership Support Team have managed all the affairs and the running of the church, with support from outside, especially Kennet Valley Free Church, for which we are eternally grateful!

Financial Report: A report from Graham Allen, our Treasurer, clearly shows that the church’s finances are in a healthy state, still enabling us to give around 18% of our income to our regular charitable causes. There is now no Pastor salary to pay out each month, which obviously means our balance should remain healthy.

Leadership Report: Judi and Graham, as members of the Leadership Team, presented the report, outlining how matters have progressed since the departure of Henry –

- There have been adjustments made to the structure of the Leadership, based on skills and abilities. The Leadership Team will now have 5 members and the Support Team 4, utilising to full effect the individual skills of each member and taking into account where each feels comfortable.

- Attendance at Sunday services averages around 30-35 people, with a small number of people coming for a the first time.
- Coffee and Chat on Wednesdays is well attended and much enjoyed.
- Attendance at Friday Prayer Meetings varies, but is still considered an essential part of church life.
- Graham has taken on the task of obtaining visiting speakers for Sundays and the church has benefitted from having a wide variety of messages brought, with different styles of preaching. One or two member of the Leadership Team are beginning to occasionally take on a preaching role.
- Open Church, a comparatively new initiative that takes place once a month, is evolving.
- An Away Day is planned for August, for the Leadership to set a clear vision for the church.
- The Pantry, mentioned in last year's minutes, has been set up in the church and runs every Tuesday afternoon. After much effort from a few people to prepare the area in the church, the Pantry opened in May. This is proving to be an excellent outreach into the community, and it is hoped that in time it will attract some of its customers into church services and activities. In conjunction with the Pantry, Communicare, a Christian organisation helping people with money issues, form-filling and so on, will be operating from the Pantry. A recently appointed Parish Nurse will enhance all of these ventures by getting to know where the needs are in our community. Torch organisation, another Christian initiative that works in our area to help with practical issues, is attracting volunteers from within our congregation.

60th Anniversary: preparations are well underway for the church's 60th Anniversary on 19th and 20th July. Around 80+ people are expected to attend on each day, with many travelling considerable distances to be with us. The first two Pastors of our church will be playing significant roles in the celebrations. A Cream Tea will be held on the preceding Wednesday, for neighbours of the church.

AOB: none.

Date of next AGM – Sunday 7th June 2026.

Reminder of Policy Review Meeting – 25th January 2026.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Southcote Family Church 2024/2025 Summary of Accounts at 31 March 2025

Balances

Co-op	£10,007.34
Lloyds	£2,097.75
Lloyds 32 Day Notice	£62,234.69
Cash	£5.16
	<u>£74,344.94</u>

Balance at 1 April 2024	£81,915.69
Income	£38,266.60
Expenditure	£45,837.35
Balance at 31 March 2025	<u>£74,344.94</u>

Decrease **£7,570.75**

Notes

Balance has decreased slightly this month. Major expenditure this month was our annual insurance bill for next year which was balanced by a large regular annual donation from one member and an additional one off donation to be used to help fund our 60th Anniversary Celebrations.

We finish the year, still with healthy reserves overall. Our overall balance is expected to begin to increase again until we recruit a new pastor or something else changes.

All giving received has been donated including the £1000 regular donation split between our four main causes. £450 of gifts for visiting speakers were donated to our causes this year and show in those figures.

Details of in and outgoings for our causes are now shown on a separate poster size report.

Thank you for your continued financial support, please keep giving what you can; if you are a tax payer please GIFT AID your giving.

Graham Allen
treasurer.southcotefamilychurch@yahoo.com

Southcote Family Church Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2025

Income

Offerings and Gifts		£25,087.65	
Giving - Gift Aided	£17,474.70		
Giving - General	£5,202.95		
Special Gifts	£2,410.00		of which £1715.00 Gift Aided
Use of Hall		£2,100.00	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim		£6,326.11	
Bank Interest		£1,504.13	
Mission		£3,248.71	of which £1936.00 Gift Aided
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		£38,266.60	

Expenditure

General Administration

Pastor Salary and Tax		£22,500.00	
Employer Pension		£534.60	
Visiting Speakers		£840.00	
Stationery \ Printing \ Licences		£1,796.72	
Fees, Licences & Subscriptions	£946.72		
Ministry Equipment \ Training	£850.00		
Pastoral Care		£604.67	

Land and Buildings

Maintenance		£3,871.29	
Equipment		£1,252.77	
Insurance		£1,486.33	Refund
Cleaning		£305.57	
Utilities		£5,767.80	
Telephone & Broadband	£921.90		
Gas	£3,136.53		
Electric	£1,376.95		
Water	£332.42		

Donations to Mission

Mission		£6,631.50	
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Miscellaneous

Catering		£146.10	
Flowers		£100.00	

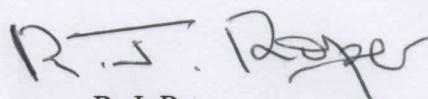
£45,837.35

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2025

Unrestrictive funds	2025	2024
<u>Income</u>		
Offerings and Gifts	6,516	9,448
Giving under Gift Aid	21,126	24,981
Specific Gifts	695	700
Hire of Hall	2,100	1,880
Bank Interest	1,504	731
Income Tax	<u>6,326</u>	<u>6,181</u>
	<u>£38,267</u>	<u>£ 43,921</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>General Administration</u>		
Pastor	22,500	31,575
Pension	534	475
Visiting Speakers	840	880
Youth Work	----	----
Stationery / Printing / Licences	1,797	2,229
Pastoral Care	605	1,652
 <u>Land & Building costs</u>		
Premises and Equipment	5,124	5,279
Utilities / Insurance / Cleaning	7,560	6,627
 <u>Donations to Mission</u>		
Various Missions	5,881	3,079
Christmas Appeal	750	960
 <u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Sundry Items	---	---
Catering & Flowers	<u>246</u>	<u>349</u>
	<u>£45,837</u>	<u>£ 53,105</u>
 Deficit for the year	 <u>£[7,570]</u>	 <u>£ [9,184]</u>

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have checked, without carrying out an audit, the above Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2025, from the records and from information given to me, and can confirm that they are in accordance therewith.

Tilehurst
23rd May 2025


R. J. Roper
Accountant

SOUTHCOTE FAMILY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1156292

Accounts

**Minutes of 61st Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of
Southcote Family Church, held on Sunday 9th June 2024 following
the morning service.**

Opening prayer and short “thought”

Norman read John 14:1-7. Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure from them on earth, although He hadn't told them in so many words. He was following God's plan for Him. This is the example for us – to follow the path God sets for us. We are where God wants us to be! Norman then prayed before the business of the meeting began.

Present: Norman Lindsey, Graham Edge, Linda Edge, Helmut Haines, Pete Cole and Judi Charters.

Apologies: Barry Young sent his apologies.

Appointment of Chair and Secretary: as both Norman and Judi were willing to stand once again, and as no one else wished to, Norman was proposed as Chair by Graham and seconded by Pete, and Judi was proposed for the position of Secretary by Norman and seconded by Pete.

Minutes of last AGM – agreed as a true record.

Matters arising from that meeting, not covered elsewhere: Judi pointed out that guidelines for the use of the church building had been reviewed and that the regular “outside” users of the building, Aglow and Age UK, had been informed of the necessity to look at costings for the hire of the hall. Negotiations had been amicable. One sentence in our Fire Risk Assessment would be altered, stating that although use of candles in the building was not permitted, candles used for worship-specific purposes, such as Christingle and Advent, would be allowed. This would apply only to use in our own services. At the last AGM Barry asked if there was any stipulation in the CIO that the Treasurer had to be a Trustee. Judi reported that she had found no such stipulation.

Financial Report: the financial report prepared by Graham Allen, our Treasurer, was discussed. All agreed with Graham Edge that Graham A is doing an excellent job in keeping abreast of all financial matters within the church. The report was clearly presented, showing the inevitable drop in our finances due to the fact that we are now paying out a pastor's salary each month. Most of the church's money is now in the

TSB account as opposed to the Co-Op bank, and is consequently accruing more interest.

Leadership Report, including Pastor's Report: Henry's annual report for the Trustees was discussed. Having been with us now for a whole year, it is pleasing to read that Henry feels loved and supported by the fellowship. Henry is clearly working hard to cover all aspects of the contractual requirements for his job, and appears to be settling into the role very well. Henry is a Godly man who is making many inroads into the church's involvement in the local community – details of which are contained in his report. Reservations were expressed, however, by Graham and Judi from the Leadership Team's perspective, that there has been no visual growth in numbers of people attending our services. As four of our older members have passed away in the past year, our numbers have dwindled. It is difficult to see how the church will grow in respect of the services we offer on a Sunday, as we have no facility for the sort of worship aspect of the service that a newcomer might be able to relate to. A small number of people have come to a couple of services, but have not returned. In addition to this, Henry's children do not have anyone of their ages, or anywhere near their ages, in the church. As the family home is on the other side of Reading, they cannot easily integrate into our fellowship any friends they might make in Woodley. Much prayer is needed in this area of Henry's ministry. The church continues to house a Coffee and Chat session each Wednesday and a Prayer Meeting on Friday mornings. There are no major issues outstanding with regards to the maintenance of the church building. Henry is keen to implement a Neighbourhood Chaplaincy initiative in the local area. Some from our number have shown an interest in helping with the "Pantry" being set up in the Community Centre to help families in need of support.

AOB: The Leadership Team continues to operate with five members, and two more have been added to the Leadership Support Team, making that also a team of five.

Date of next AGM and reminder of date for Policy Review meeting:

Next AGM – Sunday 8th June 2025, following morning service.

Next Policy Review Meeting - Sunday 26th January 2025.

The meeting closed with Prayers.

Southcote Family Church 2023/2024 Summary of Accounts at 31 March 2024

Balances

Co-op	£14,642.12
Lloyds	£6,248.71
Lloyds 32 Day Notice	£60,730.56
Cash	£294.30
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	£81,915.69
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Balance at 1 April 2023	£91,099.73
Income	£43,920.97
Expenditure	£53,105.01
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Balance at 31 March 2024	£81,915.69
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Decrease £9,184.04

Notes

As you can see, whilst our finances remain strong, we have finished the year with a reduced balance. This was as we expected when we employed Henry, and we can sustain this position for a few more years whilst we look to reach out into the community, and hopefully grow our congregation and return to being able to balance our income and expenses.

As I mentioned part way through the year other additional costs we incurred as Henry and family joined us were kindly covered by members of our congregation through additional giving.

We also spent on some large maintenance projects this year with the replacement of the kitchen flooring, the modification of the toilet doors and some roof repairs, as well as some more minor repairs and improvements.

Like everyone, we are not immune to the rising energy prices which have more than doubled our costs from last year, as we had to renew contracts.

Thank you for your continued financial support; please keep giving what you can. If you are a tax payer please GIFT AID your giving.

Graham Allen
treasurer.southcotefamilychurch@yahoo.com

Southcote Family Church Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2024

Income

Offerings and Gifts		£32,784.60
Giving - Gift Aided	£24,166.48	
Giving - General	£7,918.12	
Special Gifts	£700.00	
Hire of Hall		£1,880.00
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim		£6,181.23
Bank Interest		£730.56
Mission		£2,344.58
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		£43,920.97

Expenditure

General Administration

Pastor Salary and Tax		£31,100.00	
Salary	£27,500.00		inc Tax and Pension
Rent Support	£3,600.00		
Pastor Visit		£475.00	Easter 2023
Employer Pension		£475.20	
Visiting Speakers		£880.05	
Stationery \ Printing \ Licences		£2,228.93	
Licences	£913.14		
Ministry Equipment \ Training	£1,315.79		
Pastoral Care		£1,652.00	

Land and Buildings

Maintenance		£3,758.73
Equipment		£1,519.89
Insurance		£1,563.44
Cleaning		£170.15
Utilities		£4,893.22
Telephone & Broadband	£863.43	
Gas	£2,269.75	
Electric	£1,437.41	
Water	£322.63	

Donations to Mission

Mission		£4,039.00
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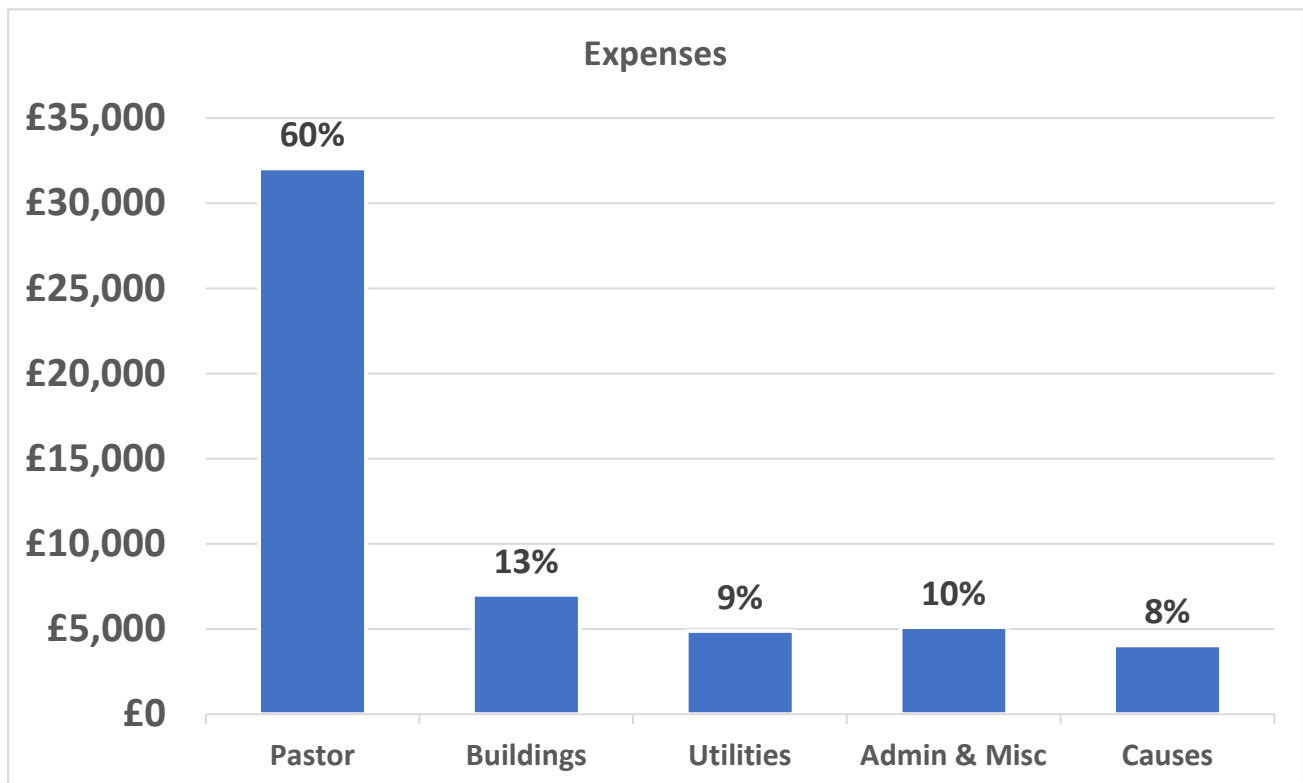
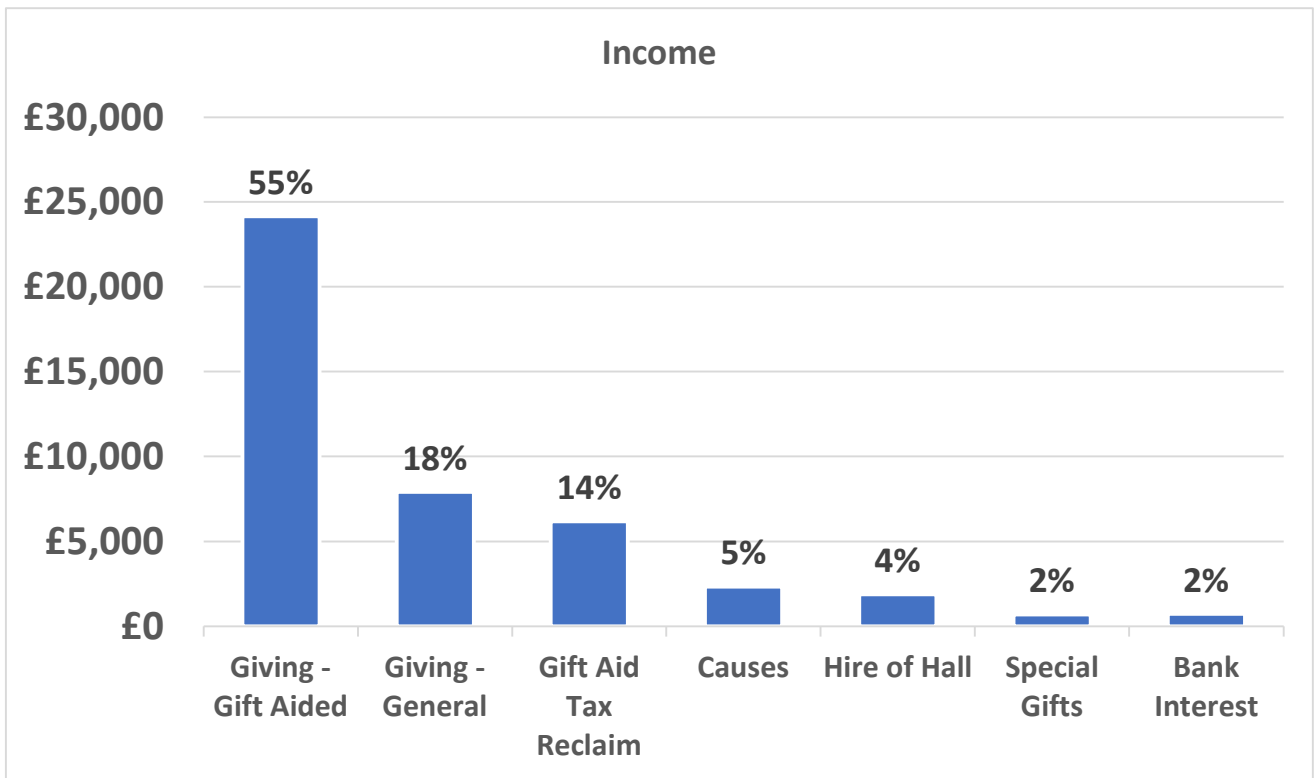
Miscellaneous

Catering		£160.40
Flowers		£189.00

£53,105.01

Donations to Mission Breakdown	Specific Donations	Church Funds	Total
Christmas	£765.24	£194.76	£960.00
Sharon Nordley	£347.00	£243.00	£590.00
Operation Christmas Child	£450.00	£109.00	£559.00
Yeldall	£110.00	£250.00	£360.00
CCA	£100.00	£250.00	£350.00
Macmillan	£255.89	£44.11	£300.00
GNFE	£50.00	£250.00	£300.00
OM	£50.00	£250.00	£300.00
Tear Fund	£196.45	£103.55	£300.00
Barnabus Aid	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
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	£2,344.58	£1,694.42	£4,039.00

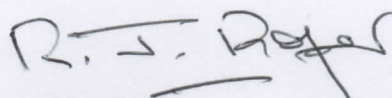
Southcote Family Church Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2024 Graphical Summary



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2024

Unrestrictive funds	2023	2024
<u>Income</u>		
Offerings and Gifts	9,461	9,448
Giving under Gift Aid	24,520	24,981
Specific Gifts	16,080	700
Hire of Hall	1,405	1,880
Bank Interest	---	731
Income Tax	<u>4,995</u>	<u>6,181</u>
	<u>£56,461</u>	<u>£ 43,921</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>General Administration</u>		
Pastor	1,240	31,575
Pension	---	475
Visiting Speakers	984	880
Youth Work	5,000	---
Stationery / Printing / Licences	1,601	2,229
Pastoral Care	260	1,652
 <u>Land & Building costs</u>		
Premises and Equipment	6,393	5,279
Utilities / Insurance / Cleaning	4,139	6,627
 <u>Donations to Mission</u>		
Various Missions	4,505	3,079
Christmas Appeal	1,300	960
 <u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Sundry Items	1,474	---
Catering & Flowers	<u>235</u>	<u>349</u>
	<u>£27,131</u>	<u>£ 53,105</u>
 Surplus/deficit for the year	 <u>£29,330</u>	 <u>£ [9,184]</u>

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have checked, without carrying out an audit, the above Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2024, from the records and from information given to me, and can confirm that they are in accordance therewith.



R. J. Roper
Accountant

Tilehurst
31st May 2024

SOUTHCOTE FAMILY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1156292

Accounts

Minutes of 60th Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of Southcote Family Church, held on Sunday 11th June 2023, following the morning service.

Present: Graham Edge, Linda Edge, Barry Young, Helmut Haines, Pete Cole and Judi Charters.

Apologies: Norman Lindsey

Judi read from Romans 12:3-8 and spoke of us using the skills and abilities God has given us to serve each other. When we cease to utilise one skill after some time, maybe other skills come to the fore? Judi then prayed for the business aspects of the meeting and for Norman who was unable to be present today.

Appointment of Chair and Secretary: Norman was proposed for Chair by Graham and seconded by Pete. All agreed. Judi was proposed by Pete and seconded by Graham, with all agreeing. Therefore, positions of Chair and Secretary remain as they are.

Minutes of last AGM: agreed as a true record.

Matters arising from last meeting, not covered elsewhere: the position of Pastor has been filled by Henry Ohakah who began fulltime employment at the church on 1st May. The issue of the building work going on in the garden of the house next door to the church was amicably resolved. The £5,000 being held in our account for Southcote Alive has now been removed.

Financial Report: Graham began his report by relating his experience of how he had reached the decision to relinquish his position as Treasurer. He stressed that he is very willing to assist the new Treasurer in any way required. Graham Allen has agreed to take over the role. Judi thanked Graham on behalf of the Trustees for his steadfast, hard work over the last 30 years as Treasurer. Linda was also thanked for assisting Graham with banking the weekly offerings. Graham reported that, as the written report shows, the church is in a very good position financially. However, as there is now a Pastor salary each month, there needs to be some caution. Looking at the present situation with regards to monthly and weekly offerings from the fellowship, as well as Gift Aid claims, the church can sustain for three years. We are therefore reliant on more people joining us, which of course is very much part of Henry's plans for the future. We were unsuccessful in securing funding help from the JW Laing Trust for Henry's salary, due probably to our current healthy balance. Following advice, the church is on a 3 year fixed term Energy scheme, so sadly the fall in energy

prices will not be of any advantage to us. David Marrot from Kennet Valley Free Church (KVFC) is willing to assist with a Corporation Tax Return that has been requested. Graham, along with Carol Cole, has tried to set up the online NEST Government Pension Scheme for Henry and is awaiting confirmation on this.

Leadership Report, including Pastor's Report: both reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and questions were invited. Barry asked the meaning of a Hybrid church – we think a mix of in-person and online work. Judi will clarify with Henry. We are all very pleased that Graham Cooke, co-Pastor at Kennet Valley Free Church, has agreed to provide Henry with support from outside our church. Judi reported that Henry appears to be settling into his new role well and is getting to know the congregation as much as he can before presenting his plans for the future.

Use of the church building post-covid: since coming out of lock-down our building has resumed being used by Age UK and Aglow on a regular basis. Requests have recently begun to come in from community and other sources for the hire of the hall. The hire of the hall will continue to be discussed by the LT/LST, deciding on how much to charge, who will take responsibility for checking the building, and also ensuring that insurance cover for those using the hall is up to date.

AOB: Barry questioned whether or not our CIO has rules regarding having to have the Treasurer as a Trustee. Judi will check.

Date of next meeting:

Next Policy Review meeting – Sunday 15th January 2024 following morning service.

Next AGM – Sunday 9th June 2024 following morning service.

Southcote Family Church

(Registered Charity No 1156292)

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation
(UTR Reference 2685924383)**

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2023

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1. Establishment and Purpose

Southcote Christian Mission (now known as Southcote Family Church) was constituted by a Trust Deed dated 20th March 2014 as an independent Christian Mission with special emphasis on social work and to advance the Christian faith in Southcote, Reading.

2. Trustees and Officers

During the year the following served as trustees:-

Norman Lindsey (chairman)

Judith Charters (secretary)

Graham Edge

Linda Edge

Barry Young

Peter Cole

Helmut Haines

The number of trustees may not be fewer than three - there is no maximum number.

3. Address

The principal address of the charity is
57 Burghfield Road, READING RG30 3NE

4. Object and Main Activity

The charity's main objects for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in Southcote, Reading and in such parts of the United Kingdom as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit.

5. Public Benefit

In planning the activities for the year and the future, the Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty (set out in Section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011) to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

6. Reserves

The Trustees do not seek to maintain a general reserve beyond the needs of providing a reasonable level of working capital, and if any significant accumulation of such funds were to occur, giving to charities would be increased accordingly.

7. Risk Assessment

The major source of income to the Trust is from church offerings and gifts. The Trustees consider that the greatest risk to the Trust's ability to continue its activities is reduced support from the local community and church membership.

The Trustees has an established Health and Safety policy relating to various aspects of the Mission's activities including accidents, fire safety, food hygiene, and safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved with the Mission and its activities of which its staff and workers are reminded regularly.

Regarding the risk of losses arising from dishonest activities or negligence on the part of officers or trustees, the Trustees consider that internal check procedures already in place provide reasonable assurance.

This Report has been approved by the Trustees.

Signed ...*JL Charters*

date...29th May 2023

Judith Charters (Trustee & Secretary)

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Southcote Family Church

I report to the Church's trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act')) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

R. J. Roper
Accountant
8 Dark Lane
Tilehurst
Reading
RG31 6RA

29th May 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2023

Unrestrictive funds	2023	2022
<u>Income</u>		
Offerings and Gifts	9,461	10,853
Giving under Gift Aid	24,520	19,940
Specific Gifts	16,080	---
Hire of Hall	1,405	----
Income Tax	<u>4,995</u>	<u>3,873</u>
	<u>£56,461</u>	<u>£ 34,666</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>General Administration</u>		
Part Time Pastor	1,240	5,823
Pension	----	175
Visiting Speakers	984	1,390
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Signed ...*JL Charters*

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Specific Gifts	16,080	---
Hire of Hall	1,405	----
Income Tax	<u>4,995</u>	<u>3,873</u>
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SOUTHCOTE FAMILY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1156292

Accounts

Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of Southcote Family Church held on Sunday 12th June 2022, following the morning service.

Present: Graham Edge, Linda Edge, Barry Young, Helmut Haines, Pete Cole, Norman Lindsey and Judi Charters.

Norman opened the meeting with a short reading from Psalm 8, from which he stressed the concept of Stewardship.

Apologies: none.

Appointment of Chair and Secretary: Both Norman and Judi were prepared to stand again for the positions of Chair and Secretary respectively. Norman was proposed by Graham and seconded by Barry. Judi was proposed by Graham and seconded by Pete.

Minutes of last AGM: these were agreed as a true record and were signed by Norman.

Matters arising, not covered elsewhere: none.

Financial Report: delivered by Graham, who stated that the finances in the church are healthy. Much discussion and scrutiny has taken place recently regarding finances when considering the viability of appointing a Pastor, be it on a full or part time basis. The Leadership Team have decided to go ahead with advertising for the post. The number of people in the fellowship who give monthly on standing orders is 12, which guarantees a regular income, plus gift aid. Our church continues to hold £5,000 for Southcote Alive. Norman is keen for this to be used or taken out of our bank account as soon as possible. Graham was thanked for his continued work in keeping the accounts in good order.

Leadership Report: Judi delivered the report on behalf of herself, John and Dave. The report was handed out to those present and was discussed. Our external trustees were pleased to see that attendance has recovered well post-covid, and that attendance at our weekly Prayer Meeting is often around one third or more of our total congregation. Judi spoke about the successful Jubilee Lunch and said that Home Groups are beginning this week. Barry asked how effective the Health Check had been. It was felt that it had helped us to think through the various aspects of church life and to begin to move forward.

Update on Pastor vacancy: as stated above, the leadership has decided to put together an advertisement for the post of Pastor. Much discussion has taken place as to what priorities we are looking for – someone with a passion for evangelism/reaching out into the community, and with good IT skills.

Update on building on 280 Southcote Road: the building in the back garden of the house next to the church is causing some concern, mainly due to a concrete pillar joining on to our building, the probable positioning of the down pipe and the assumption on the part of the house owners that they can have an access gate from our car park. Pete Cole has been in touch with the council building department but has received very little help. Judi will draft a letter to the house owners, pointing out our concerns and making suggestions as to how the situation can be amicably resolved. We certainly do not want to create any bad feelings but need to protect our property.

Date of next Policy Review meeting: Sunday 15th January 2023

Date of next AGM: Sunday 11th June 2023

Both meetings will take place after the morning service.

The meeting ended with prayers.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AT 31st March 2022

CO-OP ACCOUNT (65739675)	£58,787.47
TSB ACCOUNT	£2,945.31
CASH	£37.49
	£61,770.27

BALANCE AT 1st APRIL 2021 **£49,056.70**

INCOME	01/04/2021-31/03/2022	£34,666.07	
EXPENDITURE	Ditto	£21,952.50	£12,713.57

BALANCE A31st March2022 **£61,770.27**

Notes

Note the balance of £61,770.27 includes £5,000 held in this account for Southcote Alive

The Actual Church balance is therefore £56,770.27

**The Gift Aid reclaim for 2020/21 is INCLUDED(£3,872.86)
IF YOU ARE A TAX PAYER PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR GIVING**

Note D.SQUIBB WAS EMPLOYED UP TO JUNE30th

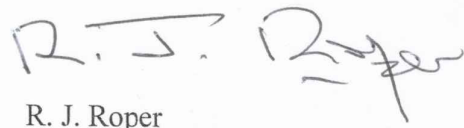
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Surplus (Deficiency) for the year	<u>£(4,614)</u>	<u>£ 12,714</u>

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have checked, without carrying out an audit, the above Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2022, from the records and from information given to me, and can confirm that they are in accordance therewith.

Tilehurst
24th May 2022


 R. J. Roper
 Accountant

SOUTHCOTE FAMILY CHURCH

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Accounts

Minutes of 58th Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of Southcote Family Church, held on Sunday 6th June 2021 at 3.00pm, via Zoom.

Present: Norman Lindsey, Barry Young, Linda Edge, Graham Edge, Helmut Haines, Pete Cole and Judi Charters.

1. **Apologies:** none.
2. Norman read from **Ephesians 3:14 to the end of the chapter** as the opening prayer.
3. **Appointment of Chair** - Norman was prepared to continue as Chair. He was proposed by Judi and seconded by Barry. **Appointment of Secretary** – Judi was prepared to continue as Secretary, and was proposed by Graham and seconded by Pete.
4. **Minutes of AGM 2020** were agreed by the meeting as a true and accurate record. Judi will sign the Minutes, pp Norman, who will send her an email to confirm authority. The signed copy and that email will be filed.
5. **Matters Arising** from those minutes – the housing issue mentioned at the last AGM has been resolved by the church.
6. **Financial Report** – Graham presented the report, which showed a remarkable balance in view of present circumstances. Many of the fellowship continued to give to the church during lockdown, via bank transfers and cheques. Now that church has reopened on Sunday mornings, more money is coming in through cash and cheques. There is a deficit of £4,614 this year – amazing in the circumstances. Graham reminded the meeting that the church account still includes the £5,000 being held for Southcote Alive. Notification of Corporation Tax return had arrived and Graham has again been able to secure assistance from David Marratt from Kennet Valley Free Church. Graham has informed payroll of Dominic's resignation. Accounts appertaining to this employment will be kept on record in case we are in a position later to appoint another pastor. Sincere thanks were given to Graham for his continued hard work on all matters financial for the church.
7. **Pastor's Report** – all had received this in advance. Comments were made on how much the church and the fellowship have gained from Dominic's almost 6 years with us. His final service will be on 27th June. Norman and Barry were invited to attend. Judi informed the meeting that an independent review of the church and its workings may be carried out in due course. Alistair Hornal will arrange this.
8. Judi had submitted a short report on behalf of the **Leadership Team** of herself and Dave, in which she highlighted the fact that the Support Team of Helmut, Graham, Carol and Heather will be very much involved with the LT in setting the scene for the future. Pete emphasised the fact that Dominic has introduced many new things in his time with us – IT, zoom, bulletins, online services etc. Barry warned that the LT and LST should not allow themselves to get overloaded with work.
9. Judi will write to Dominic, accepting (reluctantly) his **resignation**. The letter will express the Trustees' great thanks to Dominic for his service and leadership. (NB - see next page for dates of next meetings)

10. Next **Policies' Review** meeting – **10th January 2022**. Next **AGM** – **12th June 2022**. The blessing was shared as a prayer to end the meeting.

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Speakers	620	300
Others	3,238	8,742
Christmas Appeal	1,000	1,000
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Sundry Items / Flowers etc.	90	488
Catering	<u>-----</u>	<u>877</u>
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Southcote Family Church

I report to the Church's trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act')) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

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28th May 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2021

Unrestrictive funds	2021	2020
<u>Income</u>		
Offerings and Gifts	10,482	15,002
Gift Aid and Covenanted Giving	15,465	24,555
Income Tax	6,279	4,580
Bank Interest	---	--
Pastor support	<u>-----</u>	<u>1,961</u>
	<u>£32,226</u>	<u>£ 46,098</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>General Administration</u>		
Full Time Pastor	23,293	23,293
Pension	633	475
Stationery / Printing / Licences	2,616	2,682
Pastoral Care	600	345
<u>Land & Building costs</u>		
Premises and Equipment	2,613	4,203
Utilities / Insurance / Cleaning	2,137	4,410
<u>Donations to Mission</u>		
Speakers	620	300
Others	3,238	8,742
Christmas Appeal	1,000	1,000
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Sundry Items / Flowers etc.	90	488
Catering	<u>-----</u>	<u>877</u>
	<u>£36,840</u>	<u>£ 46,815</u>
Deficiency for the year	<u>£(4,614)</u>	<u>£ (717)</u>

All of the Church's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial years.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2021

	Unrestrictive funds	2021	2020
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Bank Current Account		49,020	53,669
Cash in Hand		<u>37</u>	<u>2</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		49,057	53,671
NET ASSETS		£ <u>49,057</u>	£ <u>53,671</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		£ <u>49,057</u>	£ <u>53,671</u>

The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements

Audit exemption statement

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the Church, as a charitable company, was entitled to exemption from the requirements to have an audit under the provisions of sections 475 and 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' responsibilities

The members have not required the Church to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The trustees (as director) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved for issue by the trustees on 28 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by :

G Edge
Trustee and Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st March 2021

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction values unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

2. Funds

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church is entitled in law.

3. Income recognition

Voluntary income by way of church collections, covenants from members, supporters donations and their related gift aid is included when receivable.

The Church receives a short term third party grant in support of the Pastor for 2020.

4. Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal obligation committing the Church to making a payment to a third party. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT.

5. Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2021

6. Liabilities

There were no creditors at 31st March 2021

