

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156403

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-03-27

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Activities: To provide worship and pastoral care to the church members and friends. To reach out to the people of Trowbridge in ways that will improve their lives.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£47,622	£45,106	-	-
2024-08-31	£47,622	£45,106	-	-
2023-08-31	£49,027	£46,522	-	-
2022-08-31	£37,477	£45,904	-	-
2021-08-31	£35,148	£40,666	-	-
2020-08-31	£35,956	£45,729	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clive Winston Jackson		2016-11-26
Lesley Carol Chapman		2016-11-26
Marguerite Denning		2016-11-26
Maureen Alicia Belgrove		2016-11-26
Patti Amanda Harrison		2015-11-21

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156403

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/24 Period start date To 31/08/25 Period end date

Charity name: United Church Trowbridge

Charity registration number: 1156403

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the celebration of public worship; b) the teaching of the Christian faith; c) mission and evangelism; d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, especially for the retired but also for those still in work, and families; f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas. g)
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the constitution and the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are awarded.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	United Church provides a caring Christian base for its members and friends. It oversees a weekly coffee morning for the public who are retired, where all are made welcome in the comfortable community building. The church runs a centre (offices, meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet) in another building in the town. This is used for meetings with members from churches and non-religious groups locally. The Christian Debt Centre, which was set up by a Trustee from United Church, uses these premises for this vital work.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The church serves the needs of its members and friends through worship, friendship groups and social interaction with the wider public.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising objectives are set.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	United Church is in credit to the tune of £15,647.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held because the income from church members does not cover the expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£370,534.10 as at 31 st August 2025
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The reserves will cover many years of expenditure. Over the years, we have benefited from generous bequests from church members who have died.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The income is made up from the giving of the congregation, reclaiming Gift Aid and the GASDS. The church receives dividends and interest from investments managed on our behalf by the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The majority of the church investments are in COIF Ethical Investment Funds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are no risks facing the charity's finances.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	A Model Governing Document (Constitution and Schedule) for a Single Congregational Local Ecumenical Partnership
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and seconded at the Elders' Meeting prior to the church AGM. There is then a vote to accept the Trustees by the church members at the AGM. There is not a minimum number of Trustees, but a maximum of ten Trustees can be appointed. They hold office for three years with an option for a further three. After that they can stand on an annual renewal basis if supported as above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All new Trustees undergo their induction and training on the job and under the supervision of a longer standing Trustee.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The minister, who has oversight of five other churches, works with the Church Secretary and the Serving Elders to run the church. The Church Meeting, where all the church members have the final vote on matters, takes place quarterly.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	United Church Trowbridge
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1156403
Charity's principal address	United Church 56 Stallard Street Trowbridge BA14 8HH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Clive Jackson	Secretary		Elders' Meeting
2	Lesley Chapman	Treasurer		Elders' Meeting
3	Patti Harrison			Church Meeting
4	Marguerite Denning			Church Meeting
5	Maureen Belgrove			Church Meeting
6	Alison Hicks			Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
	N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
	N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


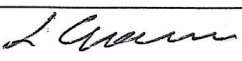
Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Clive Winston Jackson	Lesley Carol Chapman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer

Date 19/5/2026

THE UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE

GENERAL CHURCH ACCOUNT

Year ended 31st August 2024

2023 Income 2024			2023 Expenditure 2024		
10,419	Collection-Planned giving	8,159.00	29,628	Area Assessment	26,604.00
937	Collection-loose cash	-	400	Organists	480.00
1,845	Gift Aid	2,013.75	585	Telephone & equipment	659.56
5,830	Donations	2,825.43	-	Postage & stationery	-
-	Special Collections	-	534	Business Rates	548.90
1,481	Wilts United Area Rebate <i>charity</i>	2,660.00	1,946	Electricity	2,371.81
-	Misc. (to be split at year end)	-	129	Water	213.81
-	Rent Contribution from Debt Centre	-	679	Park Club (rent/insurance)	-
11,778	COIF Sainsbury/Haden	11,324.47	12,150	Office Rent (includes service charge/insurance)	12,299.32
-	URC M&G Trusts	-	88	General running expenses	6.50
348	Scottish Widows	554.33	-	Half cost new panels in hall	1,813.80
1,263	Closure Junior Church A/C	-	-	-	-
15,000	Part closure Investment 886140098AA	-	120	Donations (Turkey/Syria Earthquake)	-
125	Contribution from Wesley Road (office) <i>charity</i>	85.00	-	CATA Membership	-
-	Sale of COIF shares <i>other</i>	20,000.00	-	Gift	50.00
49,026	Total of Actual Income	47,621.98			
8,518	Transfer from 30 day Account	2,000.00	175	Web site	57.50
			87	Copyright licences	-
			46,521	Total of actual expenditure	45,105.20
-	Deficit (to balance)	-	8,000	Transfer to 30 day Account	4,000.00
			3,023.00	Surplus (to balance)	516.78
57,544	TOTAL	49,621.98	57,544	TOTAL	49,621.98
					Area Assessment 26,604.00
					Collections and Gift Aid 10,172.75
					Area assesment rebate 2,660.00
					Deficit 13,771.25

I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.

Signed.....

 J. Horsey PIIA, FMAAT

Dated.....
 16/1/25

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE						
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS						
Year ended 31st August, 2024						
Reference	Detail	New Code 31/8/24	Market Value As at 31/8/23	Holdings in Units	Market Value As at 31/8/24	Interest paid to General Account 1/9/23 to 31/8/24
CCLA	886140098AA	CO3072132	125,708.56	44204.43	137,435.99	-
CCLA	886140104AA	CO3072138	99,649.45	35040.95	108,945.82	-
CCLA	886140008AA	CO3072091	152,301.64	53555.68	166,509.96	-
M & G	360772597		-			-
M & G	24009455		-			-
M & G	24009455		-			-
M & G	24005452		-			-
Scottish Widows	10438181		12,984.85	655	12,984.85	554.33
TOTAL			390,644.50		425,876.62	554.33
SALE OF CHURCH						
CCLA	831470013AB	CO3068627	729,971.90	154524.1	821,697.41	-
JUNIOR CHURCH						
M & G	360842057		-			-
CCLA	886140028AA	CO3072101	286.03	100.58	286.03	-
TOTAL			286.03		286.03	-

In 2022/2023
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UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156403

Accounts



Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 01/09/23 Period start date To: 31/08/24 Period end date

Charity name: United Church Trowbridge

Charity registration number: 1156403

Company number:

Objectives and activities

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<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>No fundraising objectives are set.</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	United Church is in credit due to the sale of COIF shares to the value of £20,000.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held because the income from church members does not cover the expenditure for the reasons stated above.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£425,876.62 as at 31 st August 2024
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The reserves will cover many years of expenditure. We have benefitted from generous bequests from church members who have died.

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are no risks facing the charity's finances.

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	A Model Governing Document (Constitution and Schedule) for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and seconded prior to the AGM at the Elder's Meeting. There is then a vote to accept the Trustees by the church members at the AGM. There is not a minimum number of Trustees but a maximum of ten Trustees can be appointed. They hold office for three years with an option of a further three. After that they can continue to stand on an annual renewal basis if supported as above.

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The minister, who has oversight of four other churches, works with the Church Secretary and the Serving Elders to run the church. The Church Meeting, where all church members have the final vote on matters, takes place quarterly.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	There is increasing collaboration with the members and friends from Wesley Road Methodist Church, one of our minister's other churches in Trowbridge. The two churches are now working towards legal amalgamation, with a joint Leadership Team, joint committees and meetings.

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	United Church Trowbridge
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1156403
Charity's principal address	United Church 56 Stallard Street Trowbridge BA14 8HH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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5	Maureen Belgrove			Church Meeting
6	Alison Hicks			Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	N/A
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

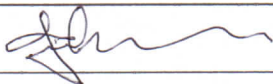
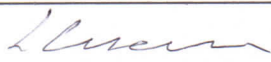
N/A

Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Clive Winston Jackson	Lesley Carol Chapman
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	18/5/2025	

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

WILTSHIRE UNITED AREA Circuit Circuit no. 7/20

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1156403

If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV. TRACEY LEWIS

Church Stewards:

CLIVE JACKSON
ALISON HICKS

Treasurer:

LESZEY CHAPMAN

Name of Church UNITED CHURCH No. TROWBRIDGE

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer L Chapman Date.....

Name and address of treasurer LESLIEY CHAPMAN

49 USHERS COURT Post Code BA14 8GH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 16/1/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting T Lewis

Name of the Chair of the meeting REVD. TRACEY A. LEWIS Date 16/1/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE Church

Charity Number 1156 2003

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE						
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS						
Year ended 31st August, 2024						
Reference	Detail	New Code 31/8/24	Market Value As at 31/8/23	Holdings in Units	Market Value As at 31/8/24	Interest paid to General Account 1/9/23 to 31/8/24
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JUNIOR CHURCH						
M & G	360842057					
CCLA	886140028AA	CO3072101	286.03	100.58	286.03	-
TOTAL			286.03		286.03	-
<p>I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.</p>						
Signed.....						Dated.....
J. Horsey PIIA, FMAAT						16/1/25

In 2022/2023
 Closed and reinvested (less £15K transferred to Current A/C) in CCLA 886140098AA
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In 2022/2023
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Name of Church UNITED CHURCH No. TROWBRIDGE

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer L Chapman Date.....

Name and address of treasurer LESLEY CHAPMAN

49 USHERS COURT Post Code BA14 8GH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 16/1/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting T Lewis

Name of the Chair of the meeting REVD. TRACEY A. LEWIS Date 16/1/25

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* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church UNITED CHURCH ROWBRIDGE No

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

I have ~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner John Horsey

Name of independent examiner JOHN HORSEY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner PIIA. FMAAT.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 40, MENDIP DRIVE

..... FROME SOMERSET Post Code BA11 2HU

Date 16/1/25

* delete or circle as appropriate

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156403

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/22 Period start date To 31/08/23 Period end date

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	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the celebration of public worship;b) the teaching of the Christian faith;c) mission and evangelism;d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, especially for the retired but also those still in work and families;f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the constitution and the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are awarded.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>United Church provides a caring Christian base for its members and friends. It oversees a weekly coffee morning for the general public, where all are made welcome in the comfortable community building.</p> <p>The church runs a centre (offices, meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet) in another building in the town. This is used for meetings with members from churches and non-religious groups locally. The Christian Debt Centre, which was set up by a Trustee from United Church, continues to use these premises for this vital work.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The church serves the needs of its members and friends through worship, friendship groups and social interaction with the wider public.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising objectives were set.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	With the closure of an investment fund, £15,000 was added to the income for the church. This led to the church ending the financial year in credit to the tune of £2,505. This transfer of funds was unavoidable. The majority of the members are retired and on fixed pensions. The reserves will last well into the future if the giving cannot be raised.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held because the income from church members does not cover the expenditure for the reasons stated above.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£390,644 as at 31/08/23
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The reserves will cover many years of expenditure. We have benefitted from generous bequests from church members who have died.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The income comes from the giving of the congregation, reclaiming Gift Aid and the GASDS. The church receives dividends and interest from investments managed on our behalf by the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The majority of the church investments are in COIF Ethical Investment Funds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are no risks facing the charity's finances.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	A Model Governing Document (Constitution and Schedule) for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and seconded prior to the AGM at the Elder's Meeting. There is then a vote to accept the Trustees by the church members at the AGM. There is not a minimum number of Trustees but a maximum of ten Trustees can be appointed. They hold office for three years with an option of a further three. After that they can continue to stand on an annual renewal basis if supported as above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All new Trustees undergo their induction and training on the job and under the supervision of a longer standing Trustee.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The minister, who has oversight of four other churches, works with the Church Secretary and the Serving Elders to run the church. The Church Meeting, where all church members have the final vote on matters, takes place quarterly.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	There is increasing collaboration with the members and friends from Wesley Road Methodist Church, one of our minister's other churches in Trowbridge. Regular joint services are held.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	United Church Trowbridge
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1156403
Charity's principal address	United Church 56 Stallard Street Trowbridge BA14 8HH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Clive Jackson	Secretary		Elders' Meeting
2	Lesley Chapman	Treasurer		Elders' Meeting
3	Patti Harrison			Church Meeting
4	Marguerite Denning			Church Meeting
5	Maureen Belgrove			Church Meeting
6	Alison Hicks			Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	
	N/A

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

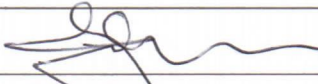
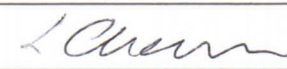
Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Clive Winston Jackson	Lesley Carol Chapman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	21/5/2024	22/5/24

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE						
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS						
Year ended 31st August, 2023						
Reference	Detail	Market Value As at 1/1/22	Market Value As at 31/8/23	Interest paid to General Account 1/9/22 to 31/8/23		
CCLA	886140098AA	97,394.49	125,708.56	-		
CCLA	886140104AA	126,059.74	99,649.45	-		
CCLA	886140008AA	167,345.43	152,301.64	-		
M & G	360772597	21,637.20		-		
M & G	24009455	1,427.38		-		
M & G	24009455	3,983.87		-		
M & G	24005452	4,077.24		-		
Scottish Widows	10438181	13,694.58	12,984.85	348.10		
TOTAL		435,619.93	390,644.50	348.10		
SALE OF CHURCH						
CCLA	831470013AB	766,408.67	729,971.90	Accrued Income		
JUNIOR CHURCH						
M & G	360842057	10,862.98		-		
CCLA	886140028AA	314.28	286.03			
TOTAL		11,177.26	286.03			
				Dividend added to capital sum		

I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.

Signed,

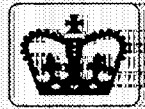
 J. Horsey PIIA, FMAAT

Dated,
 30/1/24

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156403

Accounts



Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 01/09/21 **Period start date** **To:** Period end date 31/08/22

Charity name: United Church Trowbridge

Charity registration number: 1156403

Objectives and activities:

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the celebration of public worship; b) the teaching of the Christian faith; c) mission and evangelism; d) pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved; e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, especially for the retired but also those still in work and families; f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the constitution and the Charity Commission

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are awarded

Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Worship takes place in a community building in the town park. Its situation has encouraged new people to join us on a Sunday. The church runs a centre (offices, meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet) in another building in the town. This has been used by United Church groups and for meetings with members from churches and non-religious groups locally. The Christian Debt Centre, which was set up by a Trustee from United Church, continues to use these premises for this vital work.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set.</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>The church concentrates on serving the needs of its members and friends. This is through worship, study groups and social interaction.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set.</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>No fundraising objectives were set.</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives.</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Financial review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period.</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>There was a shortfall of £8,427 at the end of this financial year. Whilst this is regrettable, it is unavoidable. The majority of the members are retired and on fixed pensions. The reserves will last well into the future if the giving cannot be raised.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held.</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Reserves are held because the income from church members does not cover the expenditure for the reason stated above.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held.</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>£692,051 as at 31/08/22</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves.</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit.</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.	Para 1.23	The reserves will cover many years of expenditure. We have benefitted from generous bequests from church members who have died.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).	Para 1.47	The income comes from the giving of the congregation, reclaiming Gift Aid and the GASDS. The church receives dividends and interest from investments managed on our behalf by the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted.	Para 1.46	The majority of the church investments are in COIF Ethical Investment Funds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity.	Para 1.46	There are no risks facing the charity's finances.

Structure, governance and management:

Description of charity's trusts.		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, articles of association etc.	Para 1.25	A Model Governing Document (Constitution and Schedule) for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership.
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated.
Trustees selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees.	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and seconded prior to the AGM. There is a vote to accept the Trustees by the church members at that meeting. There is no minimum number of Trustees but a maximum of ten. Trustees can be appointed. They hold office for three years with an option of a further three. After that they can continue to stand on an annual renewal basis if supported as above.

Additional information (optional):

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All new Trustees undergo their induction and training on the job and under the supervision of a longer standing trustee.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The minister, who has oversight of four other churches; works with the Church Secretary and the Serving Elders to run the church. The Church Meeting, where all church members have the final vote on matters; takes place quarterly.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	There is increasing collaboration with the members and friends from Wesley Road Methodist Church, one of our minister's other churches in Trowbridge. Regular joint services are held.

Reference and administrative details:

Charity name:	United Church Trowbridge
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	11156403
Charity's principal address	United Church 56 Stallard Street Trowbridge BA14 8HH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Olive Jackson	Secretary		Elders' Meeting
2	Lesley Chapman	Treasurer		Elders' Meeting
3	Patti Harrison			Church Meeting
4	Marguerite Denning			Church Meeting
5	Maureen Belgrave			Church Meeting
6	Alison Hicks			Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	N/A
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	N/A

Funds held as custodian/trustees on behalf of others.

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser: Name Address

N/A		
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details.

N/A

Other optional information



N/A

Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.


Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Clive Winston Jackson	Lesley Carol Chapman
Position (for example: Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer

Date: 26th March 2023

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE			
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS			
Year ended 31st August, 2022			
Reference	Detail	Market Value As at 31/8/22	Market Value As at 31/8/22
CCLA	886140098AA	97,394.49	136,974.26
CCLA	886140104AA	126,059.74	110,406.66
CCLA	886140088AA	167,345.43	146,565.83
M & G	360772597	21,637.20	Closed and added to existing CCLA account 886140098AA
M & G	24009455	5,227.38	Closed and transferred to Current Account
M & G	24009455	9,983.87	Closed and transferred to Current Account
M & G	24005452	4,077.24	Closed and added to existing CCLA account 886140098AA
Scottish Widows	10438181	13,694.58	13,219.94
New COIF Account			
TOTAL		435,619.93	391,166.89
SALE OF CHURCH			
CCLA	831470013AB	766,408.67	692,051.88
			Accrued income
JUNIOR CHURCH			
M & G	360892087	10,262.98	Closed and added to existing CCLA account 886140098AA
CCLA	886140028AA	314.28	375.36
TOTAL		13,127.26	275.36
			Dividend added to capital sum

I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.

Signed

 J. Horsey FIIA, FMAAT

Dated 19/2/23

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE
 SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS
 Year ended 31st August 2022

Reference	Detail	Market Value As at 1/1/22	Market Value As at 31/8/22	Interest paid to General Account 1/9/21 to 31/8/22
CGA	886140098AA	87,894.49	120,974.26	10,882.10
CCLA	886140104AA	126,959.74	110,406.66	
CCLA	886140008AA	167,345.43	146,565.83	
M & G	360772597	21,637.20	Closed and added to existing CCLA account 886140098AA	968.56
M & G	24009455	5,883.87	Closed and transferred to Current Account	
M & G	24009452	4,077.24	Closed and added to existing CCLA account 886140098AA	
Scottish Widows	10438181	13,694.58	13,219.94	536.73
New COIF Account				
TOTAL		435,619.93	391,166.69	12,387.39
SALE OF CHURCH				Accrued income
CGA	881470018AB	766,498.67	692,051.68	
JUNIOR CHURCH				
M & G	360882057	10,862.98	Closed and added to existing CCLA account 886140098AA	Dividend added to capital sum
CCLA	886140028AA	314.28	275.26	
TOTAL		14,177.26	275.26	

I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.



Signed.....
 J. Horsey Pina, EMAAT

Dated..... 19/2/23

Name of Church UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE No.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below), which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

I have ~~not~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner: 

Name of independent examiner: JOHN HOREBY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: PIIA FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate): ✓

Address: 40, MENDIP DRIVE
FRAME, SOMERSET Post Code: BA11 2HU

Date: 10/12/23

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UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156403

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/20 Period start date To 31/08/21 Period end date

Charity name: United Church Trowbridge

Charity registration number: 1156403

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the celebration of public worship; b) the teaching of the Christian faith; c) mission and evangelism; d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, especially for the retired but also those still in work and families; f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the constitution and the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are awarded.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Our investments are mainly with COIF Ethical Investment Funds.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Our church would not be able to function were it not for all the volunteers who help in so many different ways.</p> <p>This work includes pastoral care for all members and friends of the church; administration; producing the church magazine to spread news of the church activities widely; holding Bible studies and house groups; providing transport for the less mobile; hosting social events; giving to overseas charities through fund raising events; collecting toiletries for local schools.</p>
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Worship takes place in a community building in the town park. Its situation has encouraged new people to join us on a Sunday. Covid-19 restrictions meant that the church closed, but other arrangements were put in place. See below para 1.41</p> <p>The church continues to run a centre (offices, meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet) in another building in the town. This has been used by United Church groups and for meetings with members from churches and non-religious groups locally. The Christian Debt Centre, which was set up by a Trustee from United Church, continues to use these premises for this vital work.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The church concentrates on serving the needs of its members and friends. Normally this is through worship, study groups and social interaction. The restrictions of the lockdowns for most of the year have meant finding different ways of serving the needs of the members by using Zoom for weekly worship and telephone conferencing.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising objectives were set.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There was a shortfall of £5,518 at the end of this financial year. Whilst this is regrettable, it is unavoidable. The majority of the members are retired and on fixed pensions. The reserves will last well into the future if the giving cannot be raised.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held because the income from church members does not cover the expenditure for the reason stated above. The use of a community building for worship is not a permanent home for the church. If a building or piece of land can be acquired, the reserves are there for its purchase.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£435,620 as at 31/12/21
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The reserves will cover many years of expenditure. We have benefitted from generous bequests from church members who have died.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The income comes from the giving of the congregation, reclaiming Gift Aid and the GASDS. The church receives dividends and interest from investments managed on our behalf by the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The majority of the church investments are in COIF Ethical Investment Funds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are no risks facing the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	A Model Governing Document (Constitution and Schedule) for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and seconded prior to the AGM. There is a written vote by the church members at that meeting. The Constitution was changed at the AGM so that there is now no minimum number of Trustees. A maximum of ten Trustees can be appointed. They hold office for three years with an option of a further three. After that they can continue to stand on an annual renewal basis if supported as above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All new Trustees undergo their induction and training on the job and under the supervision of a longer standing Trustee.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The minister, who has oversight of three other churches, works with the Church Secretary and the Serving Elders to run the church. The Church Meeting, where all church members have the final vote on matters, takes place quarterly.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	There is increasing collaboration with the members and friends from Wesley Road Methodist Church, one of our minister's other churches in Trowbridge. Regular joint services are held.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	United Church Trowbridge
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1156403
Charity's principal address	United Church 56 Stallard Street Trowbridge BA14 8HH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Clive Jackson	Secretary		Elders' Meeting
2	Lesley Chapman	Treasurer		Elders' Meeting
3	Sheila Lerwill			Church Meeting
4	Patti Harrison			Church Meeting
5	Marguerite Denning			Church Meeting
6	Maureen Belgrove			Church Meeting
7	Alison Hicks			Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
	N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

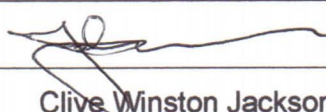

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Clive Winston Jackson	Lesley Carol Chapman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	10/5/22	

THE UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE			
GENERAL CHURCH ACCOUNT			
Year ended 31st August 2021			
	2020	2021	Expenditure 2021
Income 2021			
12,367 Collection-Planned giving	13,320.00		Area Assessment
1,862 Collection-loose cash	-		1,280 Organists
2,914 Gift Aid	2,935.75		352 Telephone & equipment
1,406 Donations	4,774.76		59 Postage & stationery
3,100 Wilts United Area Covid 19 support	-		170 Business Rates
			694 Electricity
			212 Water
			12.96
1,800 Rent Contribution from Debt Centre	1,900.00		750 Park Club (rent/insurance)
10,193 COIF Sainsbury/Haden	10,493.18		9,044 Office Rent (includes service charge/insurance)
1,413 URC M&G Trusts	1,365.11		1,292 Office - general running expenses
711 Scottish Widows	358.58		
190 Miscellaneous income	-		CATA membership
			Donations:-
			300.00 -Trowbridge Debt Centre
			75.00 -Park Club (due to Covid 19)
35,956 Total of Actual Income	35,147.38		
10,000 Transfer from Savings Account	4,500.00		175 Web site
			110 Copyright licences
			216 First Aid course
			45,729 Total of actual expenditure
			Transfer to Business Account
			227.00 Surplus (to balance)
45,956 TOTAL	40,665.95		40,665.95
			Area Assessment
			29,580.00
			Collections and Gift Aid
			16,255.75
			Deficit
			- 13,324.25

I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.

Signed.....

 J. Horsey PIIA, FMAAT

Dated.....
 7/2/22

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE						
SUMMARY OF BANK ACCOUNTS						
Year ended 31st August, 2021						
	General Account	30 Day Notice Account	Business Instant Account			TOTAL
	Lloyds A/C no 00173514	Lloyds A/C no 07115285	Lloyds A/C no 07097511			
Balances as at 1/9/20	10,901.53	10,009.54	10,653.87			31,564.94
INCOME (see separate sheets for details)	35,147.38	0.94	0.95			35,149.27
EXPENDITURE (see separate sheets for details)	40,665.95					40,665.95
TRANSFERS						
1		10,000.00				
2	2,500.00	2,500.00				
3	2,000.00	2,000.00				
Balances as at 31/8/21	9,882.96	15,510.48	654.82			26,048.26
	See separate Investment Sheet.					

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Signed  J. Horsey PIA, FMAAT

Dated 7/2/22

THE UNITED CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE			
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS			
Year ended 31st August 2021			
Reference	Detail	Market Value As at 1/1/21	Market Value As at 31/12/21
CCLA	886140098AA	85,802.66	97,394.49
			2,615.09
CCLA	886140104AA	111,056.18	126,059.74
			3,384.77
CCLA	886140008AA	147,428.08	167,345.43
			4,493.32
M & G	360772597	17,136.60	21,637.20
			979.29
M & G	24009455	1,478.38	1,427.38
			33.58
M & G	24009455	3,513.78	3,983.87
			174.08
M & G	24005452	3,596.13	4,077.24
			178.16
Scottish Widows	10438181	12,033.31	13,694.58
			358.58
TOTAL		382,045.12	435,619.93
			12,216.87
SALE OF CHURCH			
CCLA	831470013AB	656,124.82	766,408.67
			914.77
JUNIOR CHURCH			
M & G	360842057	8,603.45	10,862.98
			-
CCLA	886140028AA	276.88	314.28
			8.47
TOTAL		8,880.33	11,177.26
			8.47
			Dividend added to capital sum
			Accrued Income
			914.77

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Signed.....

 J. Horsey PIIA, FMAAT

Dated.....
 7/2/22

United Church Trowbridge
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Sunday 13th February 2022

1) The meeting was chaired by Revd Tracey Lewis, who opened the meeting with prayers.

2) Attendance and apologies were noted in the attendance book.

3) Minutes from the last AGM held on 24th November 2019 (there was no AGM held in November 2020 due to the Covid pandemic, and last November's meeting for 2021 is being held today) were agreed by the meeting and signed off.

4) News of Church family members was given, and sadly since the last AGM, several members have passed away. We remembered in our prayers: Roma Challis, Rita Gavin, Monica Hobbs, Barbara Pickthorn, Joe Hunt, Myrtle Taylor, Maureen Hawtin's husband, Joyce Green, Jean Bartlett and Maisie Groves. Several members of the congregation now have mobility issues, have suffered falls, or are suffering from illness.

Sylvia Brown gave thanks for all drivers who offer lifts to Church and to Marguerite who coordinates them!

5) AGM reports: The three reports, from the Minister, Secretary and Treasurer are attached to these minutes. However, a few key points were particularly noted:

- Once Churches were allowed to reopen following Covid rules, we were pleased to be united again at the Park Club! We opened again on 21st September, but unfortunately had to close once more in November due to problems with the electrics! However, we were warmly welcomed to join with Wesley Road Methodist Church where we worshipped until returning once again to the Park Club at the beginning of February.

- During the Covid lockdown and beyond, our congregations were well supported by Tracey's weekly videos containing a reading, reflection, prayer and a recording of weekly hymn including Maureen Belgrove and Lesley Chapman (accompanying too on the guitar!) These were really well received and a life-line for many! We were perhaps surprised to learn that the weekly videos took 5-6 hours each to prepare, so the meeting thanked Tracey for her enthusiasm and hard work during such a difficult time.

- Increasingly, Ministers are having to take on more churches and share the load of leading worship. On top of the three churches Tracey looks after (us, Holt and Wesley Rd) she is also now supporting Westbury URC and Winsley who are without a Minister. However, the lack of Ministers across the area has also offered the opportunity of shared services and getting to know our fellow congregation at Wesley Road.

It was suggested to the meeting that we continue to engage with them with, perhaps, more shared services in the future. Clive read out a letter from Bob Farrimond saying how much Wesley Road had enjoyed our attendances with them!

6) Approval of church accounts: Lesley presented her report and the audited accounts ending Aug '21 . She noted that income from our investments helped to carry us through the pandemic and members' regular giving and gifts had helped to keep things balanced and ticking over.

Rosemary Rees asked whether our level of assessment would be reduced as the area currently has less Ministers to support, but Lesley replied not, as our share is set on our membership number, and a formula worked out by the Area treasurer estimates giving to be around £440 per person per annum.

The annual accounts were approved and signed off.

7) Election of representatives:

Area: - Clive and Lesley agreed to continue

Synod: - Tracey attends already, and nominally Clive is also representative.

Bible Society: - unfortunately there have still been no volunteers since Audrey and David Shepperd stepped down.

CATA: - Clive attends on behalf of the Debt service and can represent UCT at the same time!

8) Election of members as elders/trustees: Sadly Sheila Lerwill has had to step down for personal reasons, the remaining elders agreed to continue.

9) Appointment of Auditor: John Horsey has agreed to continue for another year.

10) Approval of safeguarding policies: the meeting approved the policies adopted.

Also, Elders, worship leaders and pastoral visitors are currently undertaking further Safeguarding training online.

11) AOB: -Tracey suggested an informal regular 'Catch-up chat' with coffee either following our monthly Communion service or other service when she is with us at UCT, to maintain an ongoing open discussion about future options for worship.

Date of next meeting: 27 November 2022

UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156403

Accounts



Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 01/09/19 Period start date

To: 31/08/20 Period end date

Charity name: United Church Trowbridge

Charity registration number: 1156403

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the celebration of public worship;b) the teaching of the Christian faith;c) mission and evangelism;d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved;e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, especially for the retired but also those still in work and families;f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the constitution and the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are awarded.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our church would not be able to function were it not for all the volunteers who help in so many different ways. This work includes pastoral care for all members and friends of the church; administration; producing the church magazine to spread news of the church activities widely; holding Bible studies and house groups; hosting social events; giving to overseas charities through fund raising events; collecting toiletries for local schools; providing transport for the less mobile.
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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Worship takes place in a community building in the town park. Its situation has encouraged new people to join us on a Sunday. Covid-19 restrictions meant that no town-wide activities took place in the park when United Church would have provided hospitality. The church continues to run a centre (offices, meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet) in another building in the town. This has been well used by United Church groups and for meetings with members from churches covering a wider geographical area. The Christian Debt Centre, which was set up by a Trustee from United Church, continues to use these premises for this vital work.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The church concentrates on serving the needs of its members and friends. Normally this is through worship, study groups and social interaction. The restrictions of the lockdowns for most of the year have meant finding different ways of serving the needs of the members by using Zoom and telephone conferencing.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising objectives were set.

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Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There was a shortfall of £9,773 at the end of this financial year. This is £6,228 less than the shortfall in 2018- 2019 which was encouraging. Whilst this is regrettable, it is unavoidable. The majority of the members are retired and on fixed pensions. The reserves will last well into the future if the giving cannot be raised.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held because the income from church members does not cover the expenditure for the reason stated above.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£174,495
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The reserves will cover many years of expenditure. We have benefitted from generous bequests from church members who have died.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The income comes from the giving of the congregation, reclaiming Gift Aid and the GASDS and fund raising. The church receives dividends and interest from investments managed on our behalf by the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The majority of the church investments are in COIF Ethical Investment Funds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are no risks facing the charity.

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc.	Para 1.25	A Model Governing Document (Constitution and Schedule) for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and seconded prior to the AGM held in November. There is a written vote by the church members at that meeting. A minimum of 6 and a maximum of ten Trustees are appointed. They hold office for three years with an option of a further three. After that they can continue to stand on an annual renewal basis if supported as above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All new Trustees undergo their induction and training on the job and under the supervision of a longer standing Trustee.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The minister, who has oversight of two other churches, works with the Church Secretary and the Serving Elders to run the church. The Church Meeting, where all church members have the final vote on matters, takes place quarterly.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	There is increasing collaboration with the members and friends from the minister's other two churches to hold joint meetings and services.*

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	United Church Trowbridge
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1156403
Charity's principal address	United Church 56 Stallard Street Trowbridge BA14 8HH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Clive Jackson	Secretary		Elders' Meeting
2 Lesley Chapman	Treasurer		Elders' Meeting
3 Sheila Lerwill			Church Meeting
4 Patti Harrison			Church Meeting
5 Marguerite Denning			Church Meeting
6 Maureen Belgrove			Church Meeting
7 Alison Hicks			Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	N/A
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of Name Address
adviser

N/A

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

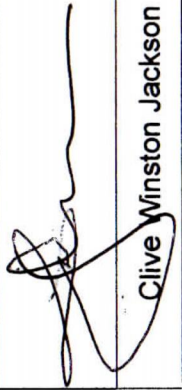

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

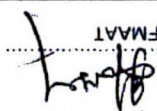
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Clive Winston Jackson	Lesley Carol Chapman
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer

Date 14/04/21

THE UNITED CHURCH TROWBRIDGE		GENERAL CHURCH ACCOUNT		Year ended 31st August 2020	
2019	Income 2020				
13,793	Collection-Planned giving	12,367.20	32,859	31,000.08	
3,253	Collection-loose cash	1,861.95	1,600	1,280.00	
3,788	Gift Aid	2,913.70	677	352.40	
551	Donations	1,406.20	133	59.18	
-	Wills United Area Covid 19 support	3,100.00	467	1,700.00	
	Electricity	825		693.82	
	Water			211.69	(2 years)
1,800	Rent Contribution from Debt Centre	1,800.00	1,020	750.00	
9,165	COF Sainsbury/Haden	10,193.05	12,108	9,044.17	
1,614	URC M&G Trusts	1,412.79	641	1,291.49	
706	Scottish Widows	710.70			
135	Miscellaneous income	190.00	100		
	CATA membership		125		
	Donations:				
	- Trowbridge Debt Centre			300.00	
	- Park Club (due to Covid 19)			75.00	
34,805	Total of Actual Income	35,955.59			
14,000	Transfer from Savings Account	10,000.00	175	175.00	Area Assessment
	Closure of Bond		76	110.00	Collections and Gift Aid
92,333	Transfer from Savings Account			216.00	Deficit
	Total of actual expenditure	50,806		45,728.83	
2,001	Deficit (to balance)		92,333		
	Transfer to Business Account				
	Surplus (to balance)			226.76	
143,139	TOTAL	45,955.59	143,139	45,955.59	

I have audited these accounts, examined the bank statements, pass books and vouchers from which it was prepared and, in my opinion, is in accordance therewith.

Signed  J. Horsey PIIA, FMAAT

Dated 6/12/20

