



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.09.23 Period start date to 31.08.24 Period end date

Charity name: St Andrew's church

Charity registration number: 1156418

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. 3) 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.
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	The charity runs activities such as coffee mornings to enhance the lives of both our members and the wider local public, provides worship on Sundays, Christian festivals and on other occasions, raises funds for ourselves and other charities we support
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity considers all guidance issued by the Charity Commission where needed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We have no social investments
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Apart from the paid Minister, the charity relies solely on the contribution made by volunteers to achieve its objectives. This is both through fundraising and activities designed to support others or each other according to need.
Other		

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>Flower Guild Another year of flowers has just gone by; we hope you have enjoyed them. I thank you again for your generosity with money to buy flowers and oasis. We now have a collection of silk flowers which must look very real as someone nearly always waters them! I thank you for the ladies who help me at festival times when we try to do something a little bit different. A big thank you to Ruth who does the garlands for all seasons. If there is anyone out there who would like to learn to do a pedestal, I would welcome them with open arms. We are all getting older. Carol Hams</p> <p>Home Discussion Group Our group has continued to meet monthly (approx) on a Wednesday afternoon at 21 Kempsfield. Over the last year we have discussed various Psalms and are currently tackling Paul's challenging Epistle to the Romans. We do a lot of questioning and may conclude sometimes, as Charles Wesley wrote, "'tis mystery all'. Members take turns in leading the discussions. Ann King</p> <p>Ladies Evening Group The group continues to meet twice a month, from September to July, with a good number attending. We enjoy a great variety of speakers and also the occasional quiz</p>

		<p>evenings. Ladies come from a variety of experiences, and come to enjoy company and an evening together. Each evening begins with a reflection, which gives thoughts for the day and beyond. This year we have enjoyed speakers who have entertained us, inspired us and tested our knowledge.</p> <p>One evening we learnt about the history behind a gentleman's violin, where he had traced its previous owner, and discovered some of his exploits during the war which ultimately led to his death. The present owner then was given permission to play the violin on his war grave in Mons, Belgium.</p> <p>We have been entertained by John Craig and friends; Ann King has tested our knowledge with a quiz evening and our Christmas Tea was followed by a beetle drive.</p> <p>We look forward to an evening learning more about the work of Julia's House, which has been our charity this year, before our outing along the Canal</p> <p>During the year we have held two fund-raising events, which have raised £1,498 for our charity and £ 350 for the Church funds. We are always pleased to welcome ladies to our meetings.</p> <p>Ruth McGregor Messy Church: On the second Sunday afternoon of the month, you will usually find between 15 and 25 children, carers and helpers in church for a Messy Church session. As people arrive, they are welcomed and given a name label and a little bag to take things home in. There is usually an introductory activity then a Bible story is acted out and the theme of the session is introduced. We then go through to the hall where various activities are set out on tables. Hopefully with all the activities completed, we return to the church and talk about what we have made and done. We sing a couple of songs (sometimes with actions) and say a prayer. We then form a circle, say the Messy Grace and return to the hall to find that the activities have been cleared away and a long table is set for us to have our meal and a chance to chat. Not every family is a regular but we welcome all when they are with us.</p> <p>Janine Fanshawe Music Group and Choir The Music Group and Choir continues to flourish. We work on a 4 week cycle. Some weeks are in the morning, others in the afternoon.</p>
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		<p>Week 1 - 10:30am - All musicians are welcome alongside anyone who just likes to sing for pleasure. This is a very relaxed session.</p> <p>Week 2 - 4:00pm - The Choir meets alongside the members who sing for pleasure. Ray leads this session. We work on a hymn to record for the On-line Musical Reflections. We also learn music to sing as an introit on the 4th Sunday of the month. Over the past year we have been developing our 3 part harmony skills.</p> <p>Week 3 - 4:00pm - The Choir and Singers prepare for the next church service.</p> <p>Week 4 - 10:30am - All musicians are welcome alongside anyone who just likes to sing for pleasure. This is another very relaxed session.</p> <p>The online Mid Week Musical Reflections have been very well received, and we have appreciated the feedback.</p> <p>Alisia Davies Pastoral Team</p> <p>This small group supports those in need through prayer, phone calls, cards and visits.</p> <p>This Easter we delivered palm crosses and Easter cards to those in residential care. If you know of someone in need of prayer, please contact either Gary or one of the team.</p> <p>Jean Green Poetry Group</p> <p>Our Poetry Group has grown in the last year with two more members. We have enjoyed our time together, covering subjects such as Humour, Animals, Birds, People and Spring.</p> <p>We start our get togethers with coffee then we have a prayer. We then get on with sharing our choice of poems. It's quite amazing what we find when we start searching in our own books. We can cover several centuries.</p> <p>We meet in the morning of the third Wednesday of the month. Do come along and join us.</p> <p>Eileen Robinson</p> <p>Prayer Group</p> <p>The Prayer Group meets on alternate Mondays at 10.30am and is kindly hosted by Carol Hams. It consists of 4 regular members.</p> <p>We begin with concern for the Church and members especially anyone in need or with health problems, sharing the concerns and including them in our prayers.</p>
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		<p>We also add prayers for those we pray for in our Sunday Services.</p> <p>Each member of the group adds our own prayers.</p> <p>This is a refreshing time when approaching God together intended as a support for St Andrews as it witnesses to the community and the work the Church undertakes.</p> <p>Praying together is strengthening to each one of us, so more members are always welcome.</p> <p>Hilary Burn</p> <p>Property Report</p> <p>I think you will agree, we are very fortunate to have such lovely premises. They are dry, warm, clean, well-lit and spacious.</p> <p>Furthermore, the toilets and kitchens are in good order and the chairs are comfortable! It is no surprise then that there are currently 20 different weekly activities going here.</p> <p>Six of these are church groups, one is a business that helps people get back into work and the other 13 are community groups that include two choirs, two amateur theatre groups, four dance groups, two toddler groups, two groups for young people and a martial arts group.</p> <p>Inspections</p> <p>The last quinquennial was in November 2022. A thorough inspection by a building surveyor was carried out on all aspects of the building. The recommendations of his report have been acted on.</p> <p>This year there has been a five-year inspection of the electrical installation and an annual PAT testing of the forty pieces of electrical equipment. Other professional yearly checks have been carried out on the boilers, kitchen equipment, fire alarms and extinguishers. We have also carried out our own Health & Safety check and Fire Safety check.</p> <p>Repairs to the roof on both sides of the premises meant there was scaffolding up for most of the autumn. The stairlift was brought back into use in January and the kitchen hatch shutter in April. Our own small maintenance team treated mould, cleared the gutters and ground drainage channels, put up some anti-pigeon spikes, replaced the doorbell and a couple of strip lights, did some planting, made temporary repairs to the ramp and laid tarmac over the uneven join between our carpark and the drive at the rear of the building.</p> <p>Two New Projects</p>
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		<p>Doors and Windows: We have raised the funds needed to replace the front doors and side passage door, secondary glaze the Hall windows and replace the ramp from the carpark to the back door. Quotes for the work have been accepted, permission has been granted, and work starts on the doors on 2nd June.</p> <p>Sound and Screen: We have raised about a third of the cost to install new audio-visual equipment and further grant applications for funding are in the pipeline.</p> <p>We particularly thank the following for looking after the church premises and managing its use during the last year – Dave, Gary, Jean, Marie, Marion, Portia, Trish, Rosemary and Tony.</p> <p>John Saunders</p> <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>There are now, unfortunately, fewer volunteers engaged in activities requiring DBSs and safeguarding courses. Whilst this has lessened the load for me, it means that the load on volunteers has increased. Please consider whether you could offer your time at the toddler group, messy church or other activities. There has been two incident requiring me to seek further advice but no further action was considered necessary, though formal reports were filed. I am grateful for support from others more expert in safeguarding to help me navigate through the complexity of supporting our vulnerable children and adults. Trish Lee</p> <p>SOCAT</p> <p>This year we have provided lunch twice for the Wiltshire Historic churches. We also provided refreshments for the carnival, lantern parade and the John Stuart memorial service as well as our church lunches. We contributed to <i>The Lovely Lunch</i>, a community meal, as part of Devizes Food Festival in September. Together with other Devizes Churches, we made soup on Thursdays during Lent. Thank you to everyone who helps in any way.</p> <p>Jean Green</p> <p>Tuesday Fellowship</p> <p>During the last year average attendance has remained constant. We miss Terry, our pianist, who has moved to Wales. We wish him well. We thank Pauline who has helped with the music by providing CDs. We have listened to some interesting speakers this year, a visit by the Guide Dogs and their owners, a talk by the mayor as well as</p>
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		<p>some thought-provoking talks by various charities. We have also had fun, a games afternoon, a quiz and tea parties. We have enjoyed flower arrangement demonstrations and craft afternoons. I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work, Mary our birthday secretary, Ann our pastoral secretary, the kitchen crew, and Janine for looking after our finances. The strength of the group is that everyone is very willing to help and support each other.</p> <p>Marie Crook Thursday Coffee Morning Attendance at this varies considerably with no real understanding of why. Special events will create greater footfall. Those attending enjoy the time. We have someone from Sustainable Devizes who focuses on what we can do to live more sustainably and correct misconceptions. Recently, staff from a local funeral director has come to have conversations about how we are prepared for death, both practically and spiritually. As always, more helpers are required to share the load.</p> <p>Trish Lee UFOs Thursday toddler group The group seems to have adapted well to the new times. The session starts at 10:00h, toys are cleared away at 11:30h and those who want to, stay to sit down around tables and lunch together. On average 10 adults and approximately 20 children attend to play and about 5 adults stay for lunch with their little ones. It is not just the childminders who stay for lunch.</p> <p>Apparently, a new parent commented that, despite the number of children in the hall, it seemed calm and the children were all involved in playing and learning.</p> <p>There are several church members who volunteer once a month and a big thanks goes to them. Unfortunately, there are gaps on the rota so if anyone thinks they may be able to help out once a month please let me know.</p> <p>Thanks also to Kath S for the time she puts in to support the group. I know she would love the group to run during school holidays but, unfortunately, this was not possible over Easter due to lack of volunteers.</p> <p>Lastly, thank you to Vici Knott, the childminder who volunteers to run the group on behalf of the church.</p> <p>Rosemary Stevens</p> <p>The “Weekly Link”</p>
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		<p>This is the newssheet of St Andrew's and of Trinity church, emailed to everyone who has signed up for it. It provides a weekly diary of church events along with regular features: the lectionary for the current Sunday, a prayer and (usually) a "reflection" from that week's preacher. It can also include a report of a recent activity or an advertisement for one that is coming up; an article regarding a subject of interest or concern; a poem; or perhaps a picture. Contributions in any of these forms are invited.</p> <p>Peter Fanshawe</p>
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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 charity is managing to maintain its activities despite fewer volunteers to carry out activities. Some volunteers now have multiple roles to achieve these objectives.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The charity has raised sufficient funds to achieve all planned objectives this year. It has been a quiet year for fundraising against our objectives. Next year, there will be change as we are planning several refurbishment projects. This includes improving accessible entrances to our building
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	NA
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	For the first time in three years, St. Andrew's income exceeded its expenditure, at the end of August 2023.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity endeavours to hold funds for unexpected circumstances and enable the church to respond to new opportunities for mission and service.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NA

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 charity's main source of funding is direct giving from its members and lettings. Fundraising is secondary to this.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Funds which are not required for immediate use are placed on deposit in the Central Board of Finance of the Methodist church
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	These risks include members ceasing their membership for financial support through moving or death or other unforeseen incident.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Single congregation local ecumenical partnership
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	It is a charitable unincorporated association
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	Nominations for Trustees shall be in writing, duly proposed and seconded by Members with the consent of the nominee and shall be delivered to the Church Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual Congregational Meeting.

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	New trustees undertake an enhanced DBS check. They are commissioned at Sunday worship. The minister advises new trustees of their duties and any other information needed for their role, for example appropriate confidentiality and the need to declare any conflict of interest that may arise.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity, St Andrew's church is a LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership) and maintains a proper relationship to the appropriate local and regional bodies of the Participating Denominations, fulfilling necessary constitutional requirements. These bodies are: a) in the case of the Methodist Church, The Wiltshire United Area and the Bristol District of the Methodist Church in Britain b) in the case of the United Reformed Church, The South Western Synod, The Wiltshire United Area To that end, meetings of the members of the LEP affiliated to a particular Participating Denomination (as opposed to meetings of the members of the LEP) may be held in order to meet the constitutional requirements of the Participating Denomination concerned.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Charity is also a member of Churches Together Devizes
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	St Andrew's Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1156418
Charity's principal address	Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NJ

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	Gary Gotham	Minister		St Andrew's church
2	Marion Butler	Treasurer		St Andrew's church
3	Patricia Lee	Secretary		St Andrew's church
4	Ruth McGregor			St Andrew's church
5	Rosemary Stevens			St Andrew's church
6	Marie Crook		From 17.05.24	St Andrew's church
7	John Saunders		From 17.05.24	St Andrew's church
8	Janine Fanshawe			St Andrew's church
9	Jean Green			St Andrew's church
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	£0
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NA
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NA

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

NA

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

No non-disclosures

Other optional information

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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)	Marion Ann Butler	Patricia Marie Lee
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	28.06.24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Devizes			1156418	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01.09.23	To	31.08.24	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	40 316	300	-	40 616	39 409
Legacies and bequests	740	-	-	740	595
Donations and grants	1 400	3 434	-	4 834	3 168
Income Tax recovered	7 283	-	-	7 283	7 430
Lettings	13 059	-	-	13 059	16 470
Events and refreshments	5 073	-	-	5 073	9 385
Other	307	-	-	307	1 269
Receipts from Church activities	519	-	-	519	559
Investment income	2 265	51	-	2 316	1 406
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	70 962	3 785	-	74 747	79 691
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70 962	3 785	-	74 747	79 691

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Devizes

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Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	01.09.23 Restricted funds £	To Endowment funds to the nearest £	31.08.24 Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to nearest 1
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A3 Pavments

Area Assessment	38 422	-	-	38 422	38 288
Donations	4 187	3 750	-	7 937	6 266
Repairs and Maintenance	5 943	-	-	5 943	4 638
Utilities	12 567	-	-	12 567	13 360
Cleaning	2 280	-	-	2 280	2 405
Mission	110	-	-	110	24
Books, music etc	2 985	-	-	2 985	1 016
Printing, stationery etc	-	-	-	-	231
Events and refreshments	134	-	-	134	1 449
Sundry	1 438	-	-	1 438	1 786
	68 067	3 750	-	71 817	69 463

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	68 067	3 750	-	71 817	69 463
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Net of receipts/(payments)	2 895	35	-	2 930	10 228
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	38 826	855	-	39 681	39 681
Cash funds this year end	41 721	890	-	42 611	49 909

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds General Account	5 578	-	-
	CFB General Account	35 283	582	-
	CFB Fabric Account	1 167	-	-
	Total cash funds	42 029	582	-
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details			
	Amelia Holoway Trust	Endowment	-	40
	Richard John Newman Bequest	Endowment	-	160
	Sale of Chapel Trust		-	11 800
	Surplus Trust Funds			125
	Mrs. Elsie Henrietta Phillips B		-	241
	553.38 COIF Ethical Inv Units	Endowment	-	1 511
	439.00 Charifund Inc Units			6 761
	1,919.00 Charibond Inc Shares			2 112
	Total			22 749

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Organ	Unrestricted	26 718	-
Lift	Unrestricted	3 600	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Name of Church .. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH & MARSTON CHAPEL

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

Name of independent examiner Peter Urnston

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner None

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Date 28/4/2025

* delete or circle as appropriate