THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1156833

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-04-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Flaxlands Manor Farm Flaxlands Royal Wootton Bassett Swindon SN4 8DY
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ("THE OBJECTS") ARE:(A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; AND(B) THE FURTHERANCE OF THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CIO BY ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: CHURCH SERVICS; FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES; CHARITY LUNCHES; QUIZ NIGHTS FOR CHARITY; ANNUAL CRAFT DAY FOR CHARITY; SILVER SUNDAY EVENT; YOUTH CLUBS ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING TERM TIME; TEENAGE SATURDAY CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR ALL SE CHURCHES; YOUNG CHRISTIANS MEETINGS; YOUTH CAMPS

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Swindon

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£141,816	£94,087	-	-
2024-04-05	£60,435	£58,965	-	-
2023-04-05	£55,995	£51,651	-	-
2022-04-05	£50,487	£38,358	-	-
2021-04-05	£35,120	£34,270	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
COLIN GEOFFREY JARVIS	Chair	2014-02-11
ANDREW JOHN SEDDON		2015-11-20
ANDREW TUGWELL		2016-11-04
Jonathan Charles Stanley		2014-02-11
KEVIN STEPHEN HICKLING		2014-02-11
LENNIE SHAW		2016-11-04

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Accounts

Activities
The Trustees, the elders of the Church of God in Swindon, with the church members, aim to achieve the objects through a variety of activities requiring personal, social and spiritual skills. Our aim is to reach out, engage with and support those who live in the community. We do this by offering to the community, services that manifest our Christian faith, together with a variety of innovative activities and events. As we share with the local community, we also provide financial support to those in need by working together with local charities.

We approached April 2024, determined to maintain our established standards of hygiene & personal contact, based on good practise and commonsense. These would be evident in all of our activities. Effective use of the best aspects of technology would be evident as we continue to offer a range of online events and activities. The combination of meeting in-person and online would address our various needs and enable us to maintain a fresh and broad programme. As previously acknowledged, broadening our activities must go hand in glove with our continuing responsibility to provide safe environments for everyone. We would not be compromised by our range of events that recognise the changing needs of the community, both our growing younger population and those who are challenged by the issues of older age and personal need.

We are very pleased to look forward to a wide range of events, including those that draw large and smaller numbers to our church building and those that benefit families and individuals in the local towns and villages. These would include **Light Lunches, a range of events, and local involvement, around Christmas time, weekly work with children and young adults** and our summer **Camps**. Sufficient space in the programme will ensure we can maintain our engagement with **those who live locally** and have **particular need**. We would do this in partnership with local charities who have like ambitions. The **personal support** for individuals and families, that has proved valuable and rewarding, would continue to be offered. We will develop our involvement with local support groups, such as the **Rise Trust**, as well as developing our involvement with **Operation Christmas Child**.

During our Sunday Morning Services (**SMS**) programme we would continue to provide opportunities for families to celebrate together with the local praise band and, group activities for both children and adults. The first Sunday of each month would be an AllAge family service followed by a lunch together. The study of the book of Acts for adults, which began last year, would continue from last year with 2 or 3 chapters each month, followed by discussion on the last Sunday. We recognise that a structured programme is needed to provide for development for everyone. Live streaming the weekly activities - the **Remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ** and the **Wednesday Prayer & Teaching time** - remains important for those who cannot be with us in person.

Honeycomb will continue each Sunday evening, providing a benefit for people who cannot travel or who are members of small churches. The short talk, broad prayer focus and social time should continue to maintain and develop friendships between the members of 3 churches. Our monthly **Bible Studies** and our **Thursday morning prayer** time will also remained on-line.

The wellbeing of many, despite COVID being regarded in the same way as influenza, will need continued care and home visits to those unable to get out easily will still be important.

The church's Phase 2 Working Group will continue their work on behalf of the church members. Funds for the new build have taken longer to secure from central church funds in order to grow, enhance and improve the provision for the variety of church activities.

Achievements

In a year of opportunity to re-establish more of our valued practises, we were also able to breathe life into new enterprises and develop our personal relationships through good practice and healthy new options.

Having learned the need for care we have held true to our core objectives and deepened our relationships with recent new friends.

Our practices remained under review and guided by our safety officers we have remained consistent in our ways of working. We have not relaxed the careful arrangements for the Remembrance, our weekly communion (**Bread & Wine**) service – sprayed surfaces, use of hand cleanser, personal selection of bread, use of individual disposable cups, removal of items after the service – and have rejoiced in the singing of hymns.

SMS (Sunday Morning Service) is well established once more with adult and children's groups, together with the Praise Band. The new friends – adults and children – have, in the main, been regular attenders through the year. From January we began a year long study of the book of Acts. The first Sunday of each month began with an AllAge Light Lunch service. The 'middle' Sundays focussed on a chapter and, on the last Sunday, we discussed the chapters in groups. This has provided variety and so far has been a good way for all of us to share and improve our understanding.

We continuing our involvement with groups such as the Rise Trust, Julia's House, Operation Christmas Child and Boxes of Hope, and maintain our involvement in local events in Royal Wootton Bassett.

We are very pleased that the South East **KIDS'CAMP** chose to return to Flaxlands for their week with younger ones, together with **ELEVATE,** for teens and twenties. It is encouraging that a good number of our local young people, and camp workers from the church, attended and helped run these successful annual events.

The **Christmas Charity Craft Fayre** was again well attended and enabled us to support a local charity. We continue to meet for our weekly **Wednesday Prayer & Teaching** time in our homes and in the Piggery. We live stream this and the Sunday **Remembrance**, our communion service. This enables more people to be part of the activity. Some are caring for children; others are housebound adults or are unable to make the journey.

We recognise that some activities require us to meet online. Our Sunday evening **Honeycomb** draws people, from three churches, who live some way from each other, the **Thursday morning prayer** times work well, and the monthly **Bible Studies** is convenient for most of those who attend.

We continue to have the opportunity to affect the lives of some - in the church and in contact with us - who need regular support; financially, emotionally as well as spiritually. Nobody has all the personal or professional skills required but working sensitively together we are gaining strength and are providing present and longer term care and support.

The Phase 2 Working Group continued their work, as we move closer to our goal of building a new church hall.

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON **Charity registration no. 1156833**

Receipts and Payments Account
for the period 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

SECTION A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last funds £
A1 Receipts					
General expenses	6114			6114	9546
Lord's servants	-	22832	-	22832	21492
Building fund	-	88748	-	88748	14419
Youth work	-	4526	-	4526	1100
Local outreach	-	1915	-	1915	260
District funds	-	750	-	750	660
Fellowship funds	-	4345	-	4345	3167
Care fund	-	3214	-	3214	3629
Faith Welfare Trust	-	1187	-	1187	437
S.E.England District	-	8185	-	8185	5725
	6114	135702	-	141816	60435
A3 Payments					
General expenses	7580	-	-	7580	11531
Lord's servants	-	22540	-	22540	21010
Building fund	-	39900	-	39900	9084
Youth work	-	2318	-	2318	2416
Local outreach	-	624	-	624	267
District funds	-	765	-	765	-
Fellowship funds	-	6772	-	6772	1665
Care fund	-	2546	-	2546	3036
Faith Welfare Trust	-	1624	-	1624	-
S.E.England District	-	8418	-	8418	9956
	7580	85507.	-	93087	58965
Net of receipts, payments	(1466)	50195	-	48729	1470
A5 Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds at last year end	6707	54116	-	60823	59353
	5241	104311	-	109552	60823

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

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
B1	**Cash funds**			
	Cash at bank and on hand	5421	104311	-
B2	**Other monetary assets**	-	-	-
B3	**Investment assets**	-	-	-
B4	**Assets retained for the charity's own use**			
	Flaxlands property	200000	-	-
B5	**Liabilities**	-	-	-

Signed by	Print name	Date
Trustee	COLIN HARVIS	24/8/2025
Trustee	ROBERT [illegible]	[illegible]
Independent Examiner	KRISTIAN B SCOTT	6/8/2025

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of The church of God in Swindon

On accounts for the year ended 5th April 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1156833

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended .

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: K B Scott **Date:** 6/8/2025

Name: ALISTAIR BRIAN SCOTT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): BA (Hons) Accounting
Adv Dip MH (CIMH)

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England & Wales - Charity number 1156833

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We recognised, as we approached April 2023, that although our freedoms have continued to increase we need to remain vigilant as far as hygiene & contact is concerned and we would retain agreed aspects of good practise together with commonsense. These would be evident in our activities. We would retain the best aspects of technology to offer a range of online events and activities. The combination of meeting in-person and online would continue to broaden our programme. We would continue to produce a fresh programme that could be adapted and improved. As previously acknowledged, broadening our provision must go hand in glove with our continuing responsibility to provide safe environments for everyone.

We were very pleased to look forward to a full range of events, including those with large numbers and proximity, in the coming year, such as **Light Lunches, Carols by Candlelight,** the **Charity Craft Fayre** and our **2 Camps** for children and young people. With this continued freedom we will maintain our engagement, locally, with those who have particular needs. We would do this in partnership with local charities who have like ambitions.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON CHARITY REGISTRATION NO.1156833

Receipts & Payments Account
for the period 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024

SECTION A Receipts & Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last funds £
A1 Receipts					
General expenses	9546			9546	11231
Lord's servants	-	21492	-	21492	19892
Building fund	-	14419	-	14419	8179
Youth work	-	1100	-	1100	690
Local outreach	-	260	-	260	645
District funds	-	660	-	660	1235
Fellowship funds	-	3167	-	3167	4134
Care fund	-	3629	-	3629	3251
Faith Welfare Trust	-	437	-	437	984
Local charities	-	-	-	-	433
S.E.England District	-	5725	-	5725	5321
	9546	50889	-	60435	55995
A3 PAYMENTS					
General expenses	11531	-	-	11531	9434
Lord's servants		21010	-	21010	20009
Building fund	-	9084	-	9084	2525
Youth work	-	2416	-	2416	2996
Local outreach	-	267	-	267	916
District funds	-	-	-	-	1185
Fellowship funds	-	1665	-	1665	3809
Care fund	-	3036	-	3036	2084
Faith Welfare Trust	-	-	-	-	1834
Local charities	-	-	-	-	433
S.E.England District	-	9956	-	9956	6426
	11531	47434	-	58965	51651
Net of receipts, payments	(1985)	3453	-	1470	4344
A5 Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8692	59661	-	59353	55009
Cash funds this year end	6707	54116	-	60823	59353

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Church of God in Swindon
On accounts for the year ended	Charity no (if any) 1156833
Set out on pages	
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2024 As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
Independent examiner's statement	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: • 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. ** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*
Signed:	**Date:** 09/07/2024
Name: ALISTAIR	BRIAN SCOTT
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): BA(Hons)	Accounting, Adv Dip MK
Address: 31 TAMWORTH, ALBANY PARK BRACKNELL RG12 0TU	

Section B **Disclosure**

	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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Accounts

Swindon CIO Return 2022 - 2023

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Planning for the year beginning April 2022 took place, knowing that UK government restrictions continued to be eased in the previous year. We reviewed our activities and learned how best to work within them. We also benefited from the regular use of technology to offer online events and activities. The combination of meeting in-person and online has broadened our programme. As previously we would produce a programme that could be adapted and improved as required. We would remain aware that broadening our provision must go hand in glove with our continuing responsibility to provide safe environments for everyone we engage with.

We were very pleased that so much had been restored in April 2021 to March 2022, however established events involving larger numbers - **Quiz Nights, Light Lunches, Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Charity Craft Fayre** and our **CAMP** for children – were cancelled. We aim to review and, where possible, to restore these activities & events this year. With additional freedom we aim to pursue our engagement, locally, with those who have particular needs. We would do this in partnership with local charities who have like ambitions.

With our Sunday Morning Services (**SMS**) restarting early in the previous year we look forward to welcoming everyone, especially families, to these popular events. Live streaming the weekly activities - the **Remembrance of Christ** and the **Wednesday Prayer & Teaching time** - is important to those who have still not been able to attend because of health issues or those who are distant from us.

Honeycomb continues each Sunday evening, providing a benefit for many people who are restricted. The short talk, broad prayer focus and social time has enabled friendships to grow between members of 3 churches. Our monthly **Bible Studies** and our **Thursday morning prayer** time also remained on-line.

Some of our members would continue to provide **personal, valued support** for individuals and families. We will develop our involvement with **Julia's House**, a local Christian Hospice, as well as **Operation Christmas Child** and will look for other local causes to engaged with.

We are aware that to some degree the effects of lockdown, and COVID itself, remain with us. The wellbeing of many will need continued care. Fresh air for those able to benefit from walks and good company, home visits to those unable to get out easily will both be priorities, and BBQs for all.

The church's Phase 2 Working Group continued their work on behalf of the church members. Resources from central church funds are being pursued in order to enhance and improve the provision for future growth in all areas of church activities.
Achievements

We have pressed forward this year to restore and revitalise our established activities. Having learned the need for care we have held true to our core objectives at the same time as developing common ground with new friends.
When restrictions were lifted we reviewed our practice and, guided by our safety officers, considered our circumstances before easing our ways of working. We have retained the careful arrangements for the Remembrance, our weekly communion (**Bread & Wine**) service – sprayed surfaces, use of hand cleanser, personal selection of bread, use of individual disposable cups, removal of items after the service – and have gladly reverted to the singing of hymns.

SMS (Sunday Morning Service) has returned with adult and children's groups, together with the Praise Band. Through the year new friends, most with children, have been regular attenders. Some searched us out via the church website, others met us through local contacts and personal friendships. This pleasing encouragement has been sustained through the year and continues for the vast majority. We are very thankful to our loving God.

The **Christmas Charity Craft Fayre** returned in November and was well attended. Our weekly **Wednesday Prayer & Teaching** time has been held in homes and in the Piggery at different seasons. As with the **Remembrance** - our communion service - we continue to live-stream both activities. They continued to give more people the opportunity to be part of the activity – those caring for children or housebound adults and those unable to travel.

Some events, shared online, have continued that way. Our Sunday evening **Honeycomb** draws people who live some way from each other, **Thursday's early morning prayer** time lend themselves, and the monthly **Bible Studies** is convenient for most.

Once more we have been increasingly aware of the effect on the lives of some who need regular support - financially, emotionally as well as spiritually. We recognise our lack of understanding and expertise in many areas but are glad that we work alongside and can learn from those with professional experience.

The SE **CAMP** committee chose to locate their week for younger ones at a purpose build centre, but **ELEVATE,** for teens and twenties, opted for the tents and continued at Flaxlands. Local young people, and camp workers from the church, attended and helped run these successful annual events.

We have established a continuing involvement with, among other groups, Julia's House, Operation Christmas Child and Boxes of Hope, and take part in local events in Royal Wootton Bassett.

The Phase 2 Working Group continued their work, as they pursue the best options for all concerned.

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON

Charity Registration Number 1156833

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the period 6 April 2022 to 5 April 2023

SECTION A Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
General expenses	11,231	-	-	11,231	5,218
Lord's servants		19,892	-	19,892	16,058
Youth work	-	690	-	690	825
Local outreach	-	645	-	645	980
Property costs	-	8,179	-	8,179	14,626
District funds	-	1,235	-	1,235	1,032
Fellowship funds	-	4,134	-	4,134	2,380
Care fund	-	3,251	-	3,251	406
Faith Welfare Trust	-	984	-	984	2,330
Local charity	-	433	-	433	-
S.E.England District	-	5,321	-	5,321	6,632
	11,231	44,764	-	55,995	50,487

A2 Asset and Investment Sales

None	-	-	-	-	-

A3 Payments

General expenses	9,434	-	-	9,434	7,515
Lord's servants.	-	20,009	-	20,009	17,000
Youth work	-	2,996	-	2,996	353
Local outreach	-	916	-	916	1,211
Property costs	-	2,525	-	2,525	2,634
District funds	-	1,185	-	1,185	1,092
Fellowship funds	-	3,809	-	3,809	2,300
Care fund	-	2,084	-	2,084	540
Faith Welfare Trust	-	1,834	-	1,834	2,645
Local charity	-	433	-	433	-
S.E.England District	-	6,426	-	6,426	3,068
	9,434	42,217	-	51,651	38,358

spending

A4 Asset and Investment Purchases

None	-	-	-	-	-

Net of receipts, payments	1,797	2,547	-	4,344	12,129
A5 Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,895	48,114	-	55,009	42,880
	8,692	50,661	-	59,353	55,009

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
B1 Cash funds Cash at bank and in hand	8,692	50,661	-
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the Charity's own use	200,000	-	-
B5 Liabilities	-	-	-

Signed by :		Print name	Date
Capurni	Trustee	COLIN JARVIS	14/2/24
Shaw	Trustee	ROBERT SHAW	1/8/23
AB Scott	Independent Examiner	AB SCOTT	22/7/23

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Church of God in Swindon		
On accounts for the year ended	5th April 2023	**Charity no (if any)**	
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity'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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

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 gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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Signed:	AB Scott	**Date:**	22/7/23
Name:	ALISTAIR BRIAN SCOTT		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	BA(Hons) Accounting, Adv Dip Management Accounting (CIMA)		

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1156833

Accounts

Swindon CIO Return 2021 - 2022

Activities
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The previous year our programme was affected by COVID-19 and the UK government restrictions. We were able to benefit from last year's programme where we gained from technology as well as keeping our members, friends and contacts safe. We learned from this experience - adapting, being flexible - as well as making some tough decisions. As we began to plan for April 2021 onwards, COVID-19 was still with us and we anticipated correctly that national guidelines could vary through the year. As before we made plans with the possibility for adaption and change over the horizon.

Whenever possible, we would welcome the local community to join our countryside church activities at **Christmas**, as well as the **Craft Fayre** and **Bonfire night**, and **Quiz Nights** and **BBQs** through the year. Alongside these, the use of on-line links, that have broadened our activities and welcomed friends who could not be with us in person, offer exciting prospects. Our youth work – at our pre-recorded Sunday Morning Services (**SVS**), which follows our Church Communion service, and Kids Club on Thursdays, when possible, would run as normal, and we would look ahead to our SE district Youth Camps **(SEYC)** in August.

Visitors of all ages are welcome to SMS as they are to the **Wednesday Prayer & Teaching** time. The **Thursday** evening **Youth Club** invites young people to join in sports, crafts, games and a Christian discussion. It enables friendships to develop - between young people and between youth workers and young people - in a safe and secure environment.

Live streaming the Remembrance of Bread & Wine is important to those who have not been able to attend prior to Covid and the technology required will be put in place.***

We determined in March 2021 that we should be more aware of the wellbeing of those who form the church and their families. Lockdown had been tough during the previous year. We agreed that when possible we must share more of our concerns and of our time with each other. Activities together will be even more important – open air events, picnics, walks & sport. consideration was given to the use of technology during a time of government restrictions, giant steps were made.

Reaching out to local people in need is now an important aspect of our role in the community and we wanted to build on what we do. Increasing our support for Julia's house, our local Children hospice is important, and being a Samaritan's Purse collection point will be established. Other occasions to benefit friends and visitors should be considered and added to our community activities.

We recorded last year that “the purchase of the Piggery and surrounding land by the church was completed and an established Phase 2 Working Group began pursuing the provision of an additional building.”

The church, led by the Phase 2 group, will continue looking at the possible building arrangements that will improve the provision for ourselves, our neighbours and the community.

Achievements

The continuing challenges this year firstly due to the effects of COVID-19 on ourselves and our community, and then the changing government restriction have been met full on and we have endeavoured to fulfil our core aims and specific goals. In the main this has happened.

Even when restrictions have lifted we have in some cases remained with our alternative arrangements.

SVS (Sunday Virtual Service), previously SMS, continued while restrictions were in place. Over time the viewing numbers reduced and by the time we were able to meet in person, in mid-July, it was appropriate that SMS was restored. The successful use of Youtube proved to be a learning experience for many of us, one that developed personal and collective abilities across the age range.

Our **Wednesday Prayer & Teaching** slot also reverted back to an in-person time. As with the **Remembrance** - our communion service - we were able to live-stream both activities. They continued to give more people the opportunity to be part of the activity – those caring for children or housebound adults and those unable to travel.

Our Sunday evening **Honeycomb**, introduced during the time of the Remembrance lockdown, continued as it had proved beneficial for many people. As well as the broad prayer focus and short talk, it has enabled all present, including those from members of 3 churches, to have an increasingly broad and deeper appreciation of each other.
Our monthly **Bible Studies** and our **Thursday morning prayer** time also remained on-line.

We noted last year that lockdown and isolation could have negative effects and this was still evident. Care for everyone remains essential and common interests have always been natural starting points. There has been evidence of greater awareness and looking out for each. Age and natural interest were seen as less defining boundaries. This is encouraging although more progress can be made.

Some indoor events were cancelled, including, Quiz Nights, Light Lunches and Carols by Candlelight, and the Christmas Charity Craft Fayre, although we held a similar event towards the end of March 2022, with an encouraging attendance.

We continued the youth club for younger children and hoped that some might be old enough to attend summer camp, held locally. However, as in the previous year, it was decided that **CAMP** for younger ones would not be wise in the circumstances, but **ELEVATE,** for teens and twenties, would run at Flaxlands. The campers – 30 maximum – operated as a ‘bubble’. Despite deciding not to receive any visitors and to stay on site, a safe and profitable time was enjoyed.

Our local community contacts were maintained and some progress was made, with the wellbeing of our members and families remaining a priority for us. Some of our members provided personal, valuable help for individual people and we will return to this. Helpful conversations with Royal Wootton Bassett's community link officer. We have established a greater involvement with Julia's House, a local Christian Hospice, as well as Operation Christmas Child.

With the purchase of the Piggery and surrounding land by the church completed, the Phase 2 Working Group continued their work. Resources from central church funds are being pursued in order to enhance and improve the provision for future growth in all areas of church activities.

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON **Charity Registration Number 1156833**

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the period 6 April 2021 to 5 April 2022

SECTION A Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	**Unrestricted funds £**	**Restricted funds £**	**Endowment funds £**	**Total funds £**	**Last year £**
General expenses	5,218	-	-	5,218	5,118
Lord's servants	-	16,058	-	16,058	19,653
Youth work	-	825	-	825	1,010
Local outreach	-	980	-	980.	1,401
Property costs	-	14,626	-	14,626	5,634
District funds	-	1,032	-	1,032	902
Fellowship funds	-	2,380	-	2,380	2,778
Care fund	-	406	-	406	-
Faith Welfare Trust	-	2,330	-	2,330	1,165
Local Charity	-	-	-	-	170
S.E.England District	-	6,632	-	6,632	15,570
	5,218	45,269	-	50,487	53,401
Gift received from Central Gifts Fund of Churches of God	-	-	-	-	200,000
	5,218	45,269	-	50,487	253,401
A2 Asset and Investment Sales					
Sale of minibus	-	-	-	-	6,200
Total receipts	5,218	45,269	-	50,487	259,601
A3 Payments					
General expenses	7,515	-	-	7,515	7,585
Lord's servants	-	17,000	-	17,000	18,500
Youth work	-	353	-	353	630
Local outreach.	-	1,211	-	1,211	546
Property costs	-	2,634	-	2,634	8,262
District funds	-	1,092	-	.1,092	1,192
Fellowship funds	-	2,300	-	2,300	2,818
Care fund	-	540	-	540	-
Faith Welfare Trust	-	2,645	-	2,645	-
Local Charity	-	-	-	-	170
S.E.England District	-	3,068	-	3,068	1,620
	7,515	30,843	-	38,358	41,323

	Unrestricted funds £	**Restricted funds £**	**Endowment funds £**	**Total funds £**	**Last year £**
A4 Asset and Investment Purchases					
Acquisition of 'Flaxlands'.	-	-	-	-	200,000
Total payments	7,515	30,843	-	38,358	241,323
Net of receipts, payments	(2,297)	14,426	-	12,129	18,278
A5 Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
A6. Cash funds last year end	9,192	33,688	-	42,880	24,602
Cash funds this year end	6,895	48,114	-	55,009	42,880

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

	Unrestricted funds £	**Restricted funds £**	**Endowment funds £**
B1 Cash funds			
Cash at bank and in hand	6,895	48,114	-
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the Charity's own use			
'Flaxlands' property	200,000	-	-
B5 Liabilities	-	-	-

Signed by :		Print name	Date
C G Jarvis	Trustee	COLIN GEOFFREY JARVIS	10/10/2022
R I Shaw	Trustee	ROBERT IAN SHAW	31/7/2022
A B Scott	Independent Examiner	ALISTAIR BRIAN SCOTT	25/7/2022

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON

On accounts for the year ended: 5th APRIL 2022 | Charity no (if any): 1156833

Set out on pages: 1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th APRIL 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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Independent examiner's statement

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Signed: A B Scott | Date: 25/7/2022

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THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON

England & Wales - Charity number 1156833

Accounts

Swindon CIO Return 2020 - 2021

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The Trustees, the elders of the Church of God in Swindon, with the church members, aim to achieve the objects through a variety of activities requiring personal, social and spiritual skills. Our aim is to reach out, engage with and support those who live in the community. We do this by offering to the community, services that manifest our Christian faith, together with a variety of innovative activities and events. As we share with the local community, we also provide financial support to those in need by working together with local charities.

As we entered this year it was clear that our draft programme would be affected by COVID-19 and the UK government restrictions. However, we planned in hope but realised that we would have to be adaptable and make some hard decisions. Although it was evident that COVID-19 could affect our personal and church lives we drew up plans as we would normally do.

We would welcome the local community to join our countryside church activities at **Easter** and **Christmas**, and our **Silver Sunday,** a community social event aimed at the over 60s, as well as the **Craft Fayre** and **Bonfire night**, and **Quiz Nights** and **BBQs** through the year. Our youth work – at our Sunday Morning Services (**SMS**), which follows our Church Communion service, and Kids Club on Thursdays – would run as normal, and we would look ahead to our SE district Youth Camps **(SEYC)** in August. These annual camps on the South Downs, Sussex, run for 2 weeks and are an opportunity for our younger youth club members, and then older teens, to enjoy a week together. Many trustees and church members are DBS checked camp workers. It is one of the best examples of combining our two Objects.

We look forward to continuing last year's initiatives include **Church in the Park (CITP),** the **Summer Carnival** and the **Christmas Lights** in RoyalWootton Bassett.

Visitors of all ages are welcome to SMS as they are to the **Wednesday Prayer & Teaching** time. The **Thursday** evening **Youth Club** invites young people to join in sports, crafts, games and a Christian discussion. It enables friendships to develop - between young people and between youth workers and young people - in a safe and secure environment. Opportunities are still available for older students at our SE Young Christian meetings (**YCs**).

During March 2020, when much consideration was given to the use of technology during a time of government restrictions, giant steps were made. Following a review of our church-based activities, we looked at whether we could adapt them and if so how. With the benefit of church members who understood the use of on-line platforms, including Google Meet, YouTube and Zoom, and with the guidance our health & safety team, we were able to draft a programme to gain the most from technology as well as keeping our members, friends and contacts safe. COVID-19 brought organisational challenges in every aspect of our lives. Church leaders endeavoured to strike the right balance as did all other responsible groups. It seemed likely that our Communion service would not be able to take place as normal and this provided one of our most difficult discussions.

Reaching out to local people in need was still an important aspect of out role in the community and we wanted to build on what we already do. We would seek out organisations that may be helpful in this respect.

Despite all, we have continued our plans for growth and have determined to purchase the building and surrounding land that we currently use for many of the activities. This has been enabled by a grant of funds from the Central Gifts Committee of The Churches of God and should be completed in the next few months.

Achievements

Although this year has been one of varying government guidance, we are very thankful that many of our plans could take place. Immediately we were able to produce our SMS services on-line, now titled **SVS** (Sunday Virtual Service). Pre-recorded on YouTube, they were able to be viewed at our regular time on Sunday and selected at any other time. After a slow start the number of views topped 300. Their attendance time is unknown, but this is considerably more than our SMS audience of about 30. Our band and tech team gave time and energy and were a significant reason for this take-up. Church members and the children also played important roles in SVS, providing engaging activities, and the speakers adapted to talking to a screen rather than an audience.

Our **Wednesday Prayer & Teaching** went on-line. This also gave more people the opportunity to be fully engaged – those caring for children or housebound adults and those unable to travel.

We had already been using individual cups and broke bread safely for each person. As restrictions tightened we could not take part in the **Remembrance**, our communion service. To compensate we offered a **Thanksgiving** time, using Zoom, on Sunday evening. Individual prayers were offered, similar to those in the Remembrance and the social time was valued. By July we were able to break bread once more, adopting recommended safety measures. Over time, those choosing to or not able to attend could observe on-line.

We continued our Sunday evening slot as it had proved beneficial for many people. Renamed **Honeycomb**, we broadened the prayer focus and included a 10 minute talk.

Our monthly **Bible Studies** remained on-line and we adopted Zoom to enable breakout groups successfully. We will continue this, and our **Thursday morning prayer** time, on-line.

Lockdown and isolation could have negative effects. Care for everyone was essential and we were all alerted to look out for each other, and to maintain regular contact, especially when we could not meet physically.

Some other indoor events were cancelled, including the Craft Fayre, Quiz Nights, Light Lunches, Carols by Candlelight, as well as the 2nd CITP initiative.

We still plan to run the new youth club, with a nucleus of a dozen children, when it is safe to do so.

One of our two **SE Youth Camps – CAMP** for younger one, restricted by COVID - did not take place. Relocation of equipment to Flaxlands enabled **ELEVATE,** for older ones, to take place.

We have a few searching visitors at our weekly Remembrance Service, often drawn by information on the **church website** and the sale of Bibles increased noticeably.

We maintained the local community contacts but progress was difficult. Some of our members provided personal, valuable help for individual people and we will return to this. Helpful conversations with Royal Wootton Bassett’s community link officer. We will establish a greater involvement with Julia’s House, a local Christian Hospice, as well as Operation Christmas Child. Looking inwards the wellbeing of our members and families must remain a concern for us.

The purchase of the Piggery and surrounding land by the church was completed and an established Phase 2 Working Group began pursuing the provision of an additional building.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON		
On accounts for the year ended	5th April 2021	**Charity no (if any)**	1156833
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

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Section B Disclosure

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THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON Charity Registration No 1156833

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the period 6 April 2020 to 5 April 2021

Section A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts	£	£	£	£	£
General expenses	5,118	-	-	5,118	7,874
Lord's servants	-	19,653	-	19,653	18,172
Youth work	-	1,010	-	1,010	1,720
Local outreach	-	1,401	-	1,401	530
Property costs	-	5,634	-	5,634	2,555
District funds	-	902	-	902	2,002
Fellowship funds	-	2,778	-	2,778	1,358
Care fund	-	-	-	-	-
Faith Welfare Trust	-	1,165	-	1,165	905
Local Charity	-	170	-	170	-
S.E.England District	-	15,570	-	15,570	-
	5,118	48,283	-	53,401	35,116
Gift received from Central Gifts fund of Churches of God	200,000	-	-	200,000	-
	205,118	48,283	-	253,401	35,116
A2 Asset and investment Sales					
Sale of minibus	6,200	-	-	6,200	-
Total receipts	211,318	48,283	-	259,601	35,116
A3 Payments					
General expenses	7,585	-	-	7,585	7,165
Lord's servants	-	18,500	-	18,500	18,400
Youth work	-	630	-	630	796
Local outreach	-	546	-	546	112
Property costs	-	8,262	-	8,262	3,747
District funds	-	1,192	-	1,192	1,712
Fellowship funds	-	2,818	-	2,818	1,822
Care fund	-	-	-	-	-
Faith Welfare Trust	-	-	-	-	905
Local Charity	-	170	-	170	-
S.E.England District	-	1,620	-	1,620	-
	7,585	33,738	-	41,323	34,659

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A4 Asset and Investment purchases	£	£	£	£	£
Acquisition of 'Flaxlands' property	200,000	-	-	200,000	-
Total payments	207,585	33,738	-	241,323	34,659
Net of receipts (payments)	3,733	14,545	-	18,278	457
A5 Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,459	19,143	-	24,602	24,145
Cash funds this year end	9,192	33,688	-	42,880	24,602

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	£	£	£
B1 Cash funds			
Cash at bank and in hand	9,192	33,688	-
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
'Flaxlands' property	200,000	-	-
B5 Liabilities	-	-	-

Signed by :		**Print name**	**Date**
Colin Jarvis	Trustee	C G JARVIS	29/10/2021
	Trustee	ROBERT IAN SHAW	29/10/2021
AB Scott	Independent Examiner	ALISTAIR BRIAN SCOTT	20.10.2021

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SWINDON

Receipts & Payments Account for year to 5 April 2021

	General Expenses £	Lord's Servants £	Youth Work £	Local Outreach £	Property Costs £	District Funds £	Fellowship Funds £	Care Fund £	FWT £	Local Charity £	Sub-Total £	SEED £	TOTAL £
Brought forward	5459	211	3695	418	13929	350	40	500	-	-	24602	-	24602
Collections	853	2200	50	500	500	-	100	-	240	170	4613	5350	9963
Gift Aid	4235	17453	960	901	5134	902	2678	-	925	-	33188	-	33188
	10547	19864	4705	1819	19563	1252	2818	500	1165	170	62403	5350	67753
Expenditure	7585	18500	630	546	11912	1192	2818	-	-	170	43353	1620	44973
	2962	1364	4075	1273	7651	60	-	500	1165	-	19053	3730	22780
Bank interest	30										30		30
Sale of minibus	6200										6200		6200
Transfer of SEED												10220	10220
Contribution from Central Gifts Fund to legal costs re property acquisition					3650						3650		3650
	9192	1364	4075	1273	11301	60	-	500	1165	-	28983	13950	42880
2020													
Collections	7874	18172	1720	530	2555	2002	1358	-	905	-	35116	-	35116
Expenses	7165	18400	796	112	3747	1712	1435	-	905	-	34272	-	34272

Bank balances :

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Current account	30,383	
Savings account	12,497	
		42,880

NOTE: The acquisition of the property at Flaxlands, costing £200,000, was financed by funds from Central Gifts Fund and is not shown in these internal accounts.

The above account statement for the period to 5th April 2021 has been prepared in accordance with the bank statements and records and has been audited and found to be in accordance therewith.

Independent examiner: AHScott Alistair Scott 20th October 2021

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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Care fund	-	-	-	-	-
Faith Welfare Trust	-	1,165	-	1,165	905
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A2 Asset and investment Sales					
Sale of minibus	6,200	-	-	6,200	-
Total receipts	211,318	48,283	-	259,601	35,116
A3 Payments					
General expenses	7,585	-	-	7,585	7,165
Lord's servants	-	18,500	-	18,500	18,400
Youth work	-	630	-	630	796
Local outreach	-	546	-	546	112
Property costs	-	8,262	-	8,262	3,747
District funds	-	1,192	-	1,192	1,712
Fellowship funds	-	2,818	-	2,818	1,822
Care fund	-	-	-	-	-
Faith Welfare Trust	-	-	-	-	905
Local Charity	-	170	-	170	-
S.E.England District	-	1,620	-	1,620	-
	7,585	33,738	-	41,323	34,659

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A4 Asset and Investment purchases	£	£	£	£	£
Acquisition of 'Flaxlands' property	200,000	-	-	200,000	-
Total payments	207,585	33,738	-	241,323	34,659
Net of receipts (payments)	3,733	14,545	-	18,278	457
A5 Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,459	19,143	-	24,602	24,145
Cash funds this year end	9,192	33,688	-	42,880	24,602

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	£	£	£
B1 Cash funds			
Cash at bank and in hand	9,192	33,688	-
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
'Flaxlands' property	200,000	-	-
B5 Liabilities	-	-	-

Signed by :		**Print name**	**Date**
Colin Jarvis	Trustee	C G JARVIS	29/10/2021
	Trustee	ROBERT IAN SHAW	29/10/2021
AB Scott	Independent Examiner	ALISTAIR BRIAN SCOTT	20.10.2021

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Receipts & Payments Account for year to 5 April 2021

	General Expenses £	Lord's Servants £	Youth Work £	Local Outreach £	Property Costs £	District Funds £	Fellowship Funds £	Care Fund £	FWT £	Local Charity £	Sub-Total £	SEED £	TOTAL £
Brought forward	5459	211	3695	418	13929	350	40	500	-	-	24602	-	24602
Collections	853	2200	50	500	500	-	100	-	240	170	4613	5350	9963
Gift Aid	4235	17453	960	901	5134	902	2678	-	925	-	33188	-	33188
	10547	19864	4705	1819	19563	1252	2818	500	1165	170	62403	5350	67753
Expenditure	7585	18500	630	546	11912	1192	2818	-	-	170	43353	1620	44973
	2962	1364	4075	1273	7651	60	-	500	1165	-	19053	3730	22780
Bank interest	30										30		30
Sale of minibus	6200										6200		6200
Transfer of SEED												10220	10220
Contribution from Central Gifts Fund to legal costs re property acquisition					3650						3650		3650
	9192	1364	4075	1273	11301	60	-	500	1165	-	28983	13950	42880
2020													
Collections	7874	18172	1720	530	2555	2002	1358	-	905	-	35116	-	35116
Expenses	7165	18400	796	112	3747	1712	1435	-	905	-	34272	-	34272

Bank balances :

	£	
SANTANDER -		
Current account	30,383	
Savings account	12,497	
		42,880

NOTE: The acquisition of the property at Flaxlands, costing £200,000, was financed by funds from Central Gifts Fund and is not shown in these internal accounts.

The above account statement for the period to 5th April 2021 has been prepared in accordance with the bank statements and records and has been audited and found to be in accordance therewith.

Independent examiner: AHScott Alistair Scott 20th October 2021