

INGLEWHITE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1158000

Details

Other names INGLEWHITE CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-07-25

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES AND USAGES FOR THE TIME BEING OF CONGREGATIONALISM AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOUNDATION TRUSTS. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION RELIEVE NEED AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: As a church we hold regular Sunday and weekday services. We also organise many other weekly activities for people of all ages. All our activities are financed by free will offerings given by attendees. We participate in local community activities, as well as supporting worldwide mission activities, particularly through International Aid Trust.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£174,000	£156,000	-	-
2023-11-30	£158,000	£181,000	-	-
2022-11-30	£177,007	£138,476	-	-
2021-11-30	£123,825	£100,247	-	-
2020-11-30	£138,073	£132,838	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STEPHEN DAVID HARDMAN	Chair	2018-01-25
ANTHONY LEO BROOKS		2025-01-29
JACQUELINE CLARK		2025-01-29
Mark Andrews		2020-11-26
RACHEL Elizabeth GLASCOTT		2025-01-29
STEPHEN FREDERICK GEORGE SLOSS		2025-01-29

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Accounts

Annual Report:

Inglewhite Congregational Church 2024

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity No. 1158000

Charity Name & Address

Inglewhite Congregational Church, Silk Mill Lane, Inglewhite, Preston PR3 2LP (The Church is part of the Congregational Federation)

Charity Trustees

Trustees

The Holding Trustees are the Congregational Federation Limited of 4 Castle Gate, Nottingham NG1 7AS (registered charity number 267469)

The managing trustees are the Minister and deacons who report to the Church Meeting.

Bankers

Our current account and deposit account are held by HSBC

Auditors

Towers & Gornall

Chartered Certified Accountants

Abacus House

The Ropewalk

Garstang

Preston

PR3 1NS

Day to Day Management

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Minister in conjunction with the deacons and Church officers. At 31st December 2024, this team consisted of:

Minister: Vacant at present

Youth, Children and Families Co-ordinator: Louise Clark

Secretary: Mark Andrews

Administrator: Louise Clark

Deacons: Stephen Hardman, Lisa Talbot, Lesley Hardman, Helen Lockley and Mark Andrews

Treasurer: Bill Hardman

Book-keeping Role: Alison Kelsall

2. Structure, governance and management

Governing Constitution

The declaration of the trust adopted by the Congregational Federation Limited on 13th June 2009, adopted by the Church from 23 October 2010.

Risk Management Assessment

In common with all other organisations, the Church is potentially at risk from a number of sources. The trustees are responsible, on behalf of the Church, with the advice of the Health and Safety Team, for ensuring that these risks are managed so as not to expose the Church to undue risk and that the Church is in a position to correctly deal with any situation that may arise. Risks have been assessed and mitigated. Examples of areas that are kept under review include:

Financial Strategy

Ensuring that we have sufficient reserves to meet expenditure and that income levels are maintained. Regular management accounts are supplied to the Church and deacon meetings.

Internal Financial Controls

Expenditure is reported against budget and monies received. Bank statements are reconciled monthly and two signatures are required on all cheques. Cash is banked promptly.

Budget Authority

The Church meeting sets agreed budgets for each financial year and Church groups have authority to work within these budgets. Any expenditure outside the budget must be brought before the treasurer and deacons for agreement.

Accounting Period

The accounting period is 12 months, December – November. The previous accounting period was the 12 months ending 30th November 2024.

Data and Copyright Protection

Ensuring that we comply with all current regulations.

Employment Regulations

Ensuring that current regulations are complied with and contracts are honoured.

Insurance

Insurance levels are reviewed annually.

Property

Buildings are managed and maintained through the maintenance team.

Child Abuse

A policy is in force for the protection of children in the care of the church and its volunteers which is overseen by the child protection team. The Child Protection Officers are appointed by the church meeting and are responsible to advise on the policy and be a point of contact for any issues arising.

Membership of External Bodies

The Church subscribes to the Evangelical Alliance and to the EA Basis of Faith Statement.

Trustee Appointment

Any person on the Church membership may stand for election to the leadership team, having been proposed and seconded by other members according to the rules of faith and practice of the Church. Currently there are 5 who serve as leaders where they serve as both a managing trustee and a Church leader for a period of 3 years. The minister is an ex-officio member of this group. Elections take place at the Annual General Meeting. Please see appendix 1 for thoughts on being a leader to help you consider people to nominate.

3. Objectives and activities

Vision

To be a Church that walks alongside one another and the wider community to make the love of God known to all.

Strap line (aim): Sharing Jesus with neighbours and nations

Application

Membership review

We at present have 100 members and many more who are regular attenders.

Other Church Reports

Leaders Report 2024

As we reflect on 2024 we feel privileged to be part of a vibrant church community.

In January the leadership structure was altered with the aim of better supporting the pastor whilst drawing on the valuable experience of our volunteer ministry leaders & staff team.

Thank you to those that manage finance and give diligent oversight to Child Protection, Health and Safety, fire safety, food hygiene and maintenance of our buildings.

Under the direction of our YCF coordinator we thank everyone that has a heart to make our children and youth programmes exciting, safe and relevant.

Pastoral care and mission are at the heart of Inglewhite Church's passion and we thank everyone for playing their part. Enjoy the reports that give an overview of trips to Moldova & Brazil.

Our connections with a local international, interdenominational bible school allowed us to welcome four students into the church for a ten-day programme of outreach.

While this gave valuable experience to the students our church and wider community gained much from our time together learning about cultural diversity and faith experience.

Sunday morning speakers have been varied, especially in this interim period without a pastor. We thank those who have shared with us and given of their time to lead us.

As a church we have reconsidered our statement of faith, voting to make no amendments to its content at this time. Bible based teaching is shared each week in different settings, prayer is an integral part of church life, thank you to those who facilitate home groups and times for corporate prayer.

The summer months brought challenge and sadness to our church family. Our pastor gave notice of his intention to relocate to London to support his family. Graciously he stayed in post longer than intended to shepherd the church through the loss of a young member. It was incredible to see the church operate as the hands and feet of Jesus, united in compassion. The Congregational Federation also showed great concern and offered kindness and support.

Together we thank Pastor Paul & his wife Alison for all that they brought to us during their ministry and release them into their next chapter of service with our love and blessing.

A recruitment team of seven are currently helping church members navigate the process of finding a replacement pastor.

The church treasurer completed a voluntary term of 30 years service. He was thanked by the church as he retired from this role and moves forward in a supervisory capacity. To begin the new financial year the church appointed a bookkeeper who will work 6 hours/ week managing all the day to day accounting.

An electronic card reader is now in place making giving to church more accessible.

Together we look forward to a new year. As a church we are trusting for the right pastor to lead us. In this time of transition we're also seeking new members to join the leadership team. We seek God's leading as we grow in our understanding of Him, connect with our local communities and support mission causes at home and abroad in practical and financial ways.

We are so grateful to be a diverse group of different ages and backgrounds united in our desire to understand the teachings of the Bible so we can experience Jesus more deeply and share about Him in the year ahead.

Finance Annual Report 2024

CHURCH Accounts v Budget DEC 2024/NOV 2025				
31st December 2024				
INCOME	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Budget	2024/25 Date	To % Budget of
Offerings/ Gift Aids	77832	80000	7177	9
Mission Income	43838	20000	6359	32
Gift Aid Refund	22441	22500	0	0
Rent	16135	15000	1460	10
Use of Hall/Weddings etc	5069	3500	0	0
Interest/Investment Income	2156	2000	141	7
Sundry Income	6317	5000	1712	34
Total	173788	148000	16849	11
EXPENDITURE	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Budget	2024/25 Date	To % Budget of
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	56450	45000	1779	4
Mission Gifts	59557	27000	2185	8
Repairs/Renewals	3646	45000	488	1
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	6299	7500	778	10
Telephone	1046	1200	80	7

Council Tax	2519	500	0	0
Stationary/Books etc.	1016	1500	49	3
Gardening/Cleaning	5549	6000	495	8
Preaching/Trav. Exp	460	2000	0	0
Affiliation Fees	3032	3200	0	0
Pastoral Expenses	2141	2000	0	0
Insurance	2186	2400	0	0
Youthwork	2425	2700	20	1
Training	579	1000	0	0
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	3271	3000	0	0
Outreach & Hospitality	3793	4000	175	4
Sundry	1731	2000	6	0
Total	155700	156000	6055	4
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	18088	-8000	10794	
Accounts		12/1/2024	12/31/2024	Surplus
Treasurer		£3,440.40	£8,093.29	
BMM		£86,777.23	£92,918.57	
Total		£90,217.63	£101,011.86	£10,794.23
2024/25 Income			£16,849.34	
2024/25 Expenditure			£6,055.11	£10,794.23

Health and Safety

All general maintenance and safety tests have been carried out. Thank you to Neil Singleton for all his support in this area. We have had a tenant change in Willow Cottage, it has been painted in every room and we replaced the carpets. Stephen Hardman will give an update for the planned works in 2025 at the AGM.

Missions

Here is the mission report for 2024. This year has been a wonderful year for the work of mission. We have had a variety of speakers from different missionary organisations and charities including:

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Open Doors

The Message Trust

Cedar House

Scripture Union

Food Bank

SAT 7

Christie's Hospital Manchester

Two teams from church have helped with mission abroad. Mission Vision once again visited Maldiva and gave out hundreds of pairs of glasses to both old and young people, helping to positively change their lives as they could now see.

Another team went out to Maldiva in the summer months to help with a holiday club where many children heard the gospel. Both teams went under the mission of International Aid Trust.

Louise Clark visited Brazil with others from The Congregational Federation. She helped in two different Congregational Churches sharing the love of God in a variety of ways.

Thank you for all the support you give to Mission both home and abroad, it really has been a wonderful year.

Ruth MacMurchie

Child Protection

Most of the Sticky Bun Church and Junior Church teams completed their safeguarding training in September and October 2023 with the free online training provided by the Congregational Federation from Thirty-one: Eight, which lasts for 3 years. We also updated all the adults working in the outreach ministries with adults, with the free Adult Safeguarding Course from the Congregational Federation in October 2023.

We had our annual safeguarding update at our Junior Church Meeting in Feb 2024, where I gave out the updated policy and refreshed the key points.

Louise Clark and Jacqui Clark

Toddle In and Pizza Pals

We have enjoyed another great year at Toddlers, with many families, up to 20 regular parents attend each week and have joined us in 2024.

Every Thursday morning, it runs from 9am-11am and we ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family to cover the cost of snacks and art/craft materials.

We have moved the focus slightly towards God by promoting Sticky Bun Church and any outreach events, and sometimes providing a child friendly craft activity linked to the Sticky Bun Church Theme. We always finishing with singing and a short prayer, with the parents asking for prayer requests and celebrating answered prayer.

We always ask all the parents to leave contact details and provide information on any allergies on arrival before the snacks are served. Thank you to the team of volunteers who have supported us, helping us to spread the 'word of God' to as many families as we can every Thursday.

In September 2023 we started a new after school club called Pizza Pals. This was to enable the friendships formed at Toddlers, to continue when the older children started attending Primary school, therefore keeping the strong bonds, we have with the children and their families and not losing contact with them.

Throughout 2024, we regularly have between 10-15 children, encouraging playing with our pals, while eating pizza and always finishing with a prayer session.

It had been encouraging to see some of our parents attend Sticky Bun Church and the children from Pizza Pals joining our cast for the 2024 Christmas Nativity service.

Louise Clark.

Sticky Bun Church

We usually get about 20-30 children with parents, carers, grandparents and friends. Some have connections with Inglewhite Toddlers or Pizza Pals. Others have connections to Inglewhite, but many just see an advert or had been asked, and thought they'd come along. For many when we started it was their first time visiting Inglewhite, and a church setting. They were noticeably nervous on arrival, but we welcomed them warmly and they settled quickly with the aid of Team Sequin activities. We pray that these new friends return.

We continued throughout the whole of 2023 and in 2024 in February, April and June. Holding a summer sports afternoon in June 2024 with ice lollies and races. We had a short break from

September-December 2024, while we had no Pastor and Louise went on a Mission Trip to Brazil but our **next SBC is Sunday 9th February 2025, 4-6pm.**

We are praying as we walk, having lots of fun as we do so with a fantastic team.

Our aim is simple – to let our community know that God loves them.

There's about 20 of us, organised in 4 teams;

- **Team Fishfinger** – A light tea for the children, brew & cake for the grown ups is offered. This enables grown ups to talk, while children eat. Kids (& grown ups) go home happy, rather than cranky, and grown ups can chat about life.
- **Team Sequins** – Craft activities or games around a Bible theme. Simple messages written on artwork, go into homes for families to look at and be reminded of in days and years to come and families spend quality time together.
- **Team TTM (tech, talk & music)** – Paul offers a family friendly talk for the children & grown ups to listen to, together. Any songs we sing, try to be as familiar as possible (think school assembly).
- The all important...**Floaters** – A really important role for people to get alongside others and chat / help.

Please feel free to come along and join in or help in any way you feel you can in 2025!

Junior Church

Junior Church Report 2024

We have had another successful year teaching the children in Junior Church, thanks to the dedication, time and commitment from all the Junior Church volunteer teachers. We welcomed Donna Montgomery and Joanne Roberts onto the Rota in Jan 2024. A very big thank you for all your hard work.

In January 2024 some of the JC team completed the 7-week free online zoom training called "Getting you kids through Church" and fed back to the Junior Church volunteers in the next Junior Church Meeting.

In February 2024 we had our JC Safeguarding Update Meeting, where we looked through our updated Safeguarding Policy and revised the key points.

In March 2024, we joined with Helen Lewis from Blackpool School and Youth Work and visited her “Step into Easter” event, which was a visual, interactive, immersive experience using drama to tell the full Easter story.

In June and July 2024, some of the Junior Church team completed a BRF Parenting Teens for a life of Faith online course with the Congregational Federation. Then in October 2024, we attended an Autism Webinar, on how to make your Church Autism Friendly and joined a working group with the Congregational Federation on boosting Forest Church activities at Church.

In November 2024, we celebrated the children of Junior Church with a Prize Giving Service, where all the children received a Bible Quote Bookmark and a Christian Book to keep. We had a Junior Church Meeting to plan Christmas, Youth Alpha and our 200-year anniversary weekend at Scargill House in June 2025. We also had the annual family Bonfire night, with a great bonfire, fireworks, pizza, cakes and hot dogs.

We had a very busy month in December when Dylanne headed up the team, to help us put on an amazing Nativity play, including a wonderful Christmas Party celebrating a great dress rehearsal. We also arranged a visit from Helen Lewis from Blackpool Schools Service to lead out Christmas worship with drama on Sunday 22nd December 2024.

A very big thank you to all the Leaders and volunteers that make all the above possible.

Louise Clark

2024 Youth Report

Inglewhite Youth meet every fortnight on a Sunday evening. A group of about 10-17 young people, aged 11-18, get together for games, fun, food and Bible messages. On some occasions we have seen 20 gather together when we have gathered at Waddecar with Steve Cowles or at the Six Beats Bible House Group with Mark and Fiona Andrews.

In September 2024, we started a new Bible based house group studying the Six Beats study material, they met for 8 sessions and had two social events at the Church Bonfire and then a curling session at the Flower Bowl in Dec 2024. All the Youth who attended received a certificate, book and gift in December 2024.

We have joined St Lukes Church in Blackburn, to attend their Girls Gathering and are hoping to attend this again in 2025, along with their Youth Worship evening in March 2024.

The Youth have started helping as Young Leaders in Sticky Bun Church and Junior Church and we have welcomed back the Puppets this Easter, when the Youth helped to lead the Puppet song in the Easter Service and at Sticky Bun Church.

“Yak n Snack” Group

A group for those living alone in our church and community.

We have continued to meet on the first Friday of each month at our house (with the exception of January and August.) We have met together for friendship, support and food. Our numbers are averaging 25 and we'd love to encourage others to join us when they can. New people have joined us which is lovely. We met at Les and Bill's home/garden in June and also went to Stepping Stones Restaurant in December for our Christmas celebration. The times for February, March and April 2025 are changing. New times 12.45pm for a light lunch, then May, June and July for tea 4pm. This is to help those who prefer not to drive on the dark nights. We are a mixed group and welcome all ages, faiths and of no faith. We aim to show God's love and provide support for those who need it. A BIG THANKYOU to our kind, willing folk who help with food, clearing, serving and washing up!

Geoff and Ruth Woodhall.

Music in me

We have a very good team of committed volunteers, which helps us to meet the needs and aspirations of the service users that come every week. We have between eight to twenty service users every week, the majority of them come from Shared Approach in Garstang, but we do have one young man that comes from the community with his Mum and carer and they are very grateful that we are there for them. If you know of anyone caring for someone with learning disabilities, they would be welcome to come and join us on a Friday morning, 10.30am to 12pm at Music in me.

Our wonderful team of volunteers consist of Angela Kirkham, who sets up everything for us including chairs, lights, percussion instruments & sound system; sets up the kitchen, early every Friday morning, which makes our job much easier. Angela, loves to join in with the service users, dancing and talking to them, she is such

an asset to the team.

Then we have the kitchen team, Janet, Sylvia and Ruth Kirkham who can't always come in person, but sends over a dozen freshly baked scones every Friday. The carers & service users love these and so do we.

In the hall helping to keep everything going, we have Tony on computer, our resident DJ, doing a fantastic job. Julie Cassidy, who joined us about Easter time, Dennis & Linda and when we need a helping hand, Louise comes to our rescue.

We had a Christmas party for them all on Friday 13th Dec. a good time was had by all, Father Christmas was the main attraction, they all had a gift given to them, and Janet & Sylvia put on a lovely spread of food for them, which went down very well.

If anyone is interested in helping on a Friday morning in any way, or come along and find out what we do, you would be very welcome.

Please contact Dennis or Linda Bond on 075342309933. Thank you

Inglewhite Friends

I took over as Chairperson of Inglewhite Friends from Lettice Hardman in January 2024, so this is my first report. We usually have about 30 people at the meetings though on occasions this has risen to 40+. We also tend to attract varying numbers of visitors.

We meet on the third week of each month. During the year we have held nine meetings with speakers giving talks on a range of topics from music and songs to charity and outreach. With the latter we have raised money to support their work. For Christies' Cancer Care we raised £179.50. For the Moldova Mission we raised £115 by selling Mystery Parcels. For Cry we raised £108.30 with donations and a Bric-a-brac stall. The left over goods were donated for their Pop-up shop. In August we hosted an afternoon tea, musical presentation and craft stall and raised £700 for LIV. At the AGM in August the members voted to donate £200 to Longridge Foodbank and £100 to Derian House.

We also joined with Coffee Stop for their Staycation and lunch at Gibbon Bridge in July and had a Christmas meal at Longridge Golf Club in December. We usually have a meal out to celebrate with those who have “Big ‘O ‘birthdays,” but there were none in 2024.

I would like to express our thanks to those who joined the Committee at the AGM in October, and a big thankyou to those who retired after many years of service.

Moya Every

Coffee Stop

Coffee Stop 2024 From Lesley Hardman

Coffee Stop opened in Inglewhite Church Hall as a community cafe in 2005.

In late 2013 it extended its contact and opened on a monthly basis in Catterall.

2024 has been a great year where we have enjoyed meeting together regularly.

Numbers attending at both Catterall & Inglewhite have been positive. It's been very encouraging to welcome new faces from both communities, building friendships & supporting each other through the ups & downs of life.

Pastor Paul and Alison have been wonderful supporters of Coffee Stop and we miss them meeting with us.

At each Coffee Stop event we share an encouraging bible-based thought. It's good to hear individual short stories of personal faith experiences.

Our highlights this year were welcoming the Capernwray students in March then taking our Coffee Stop group to Ellel Grange in June.

Our summer event was a morning workshop with Pastor John Irwin followed by a wonderful lunch and a garden tour at the Gibbon Bridge Hotel.

As a development in Catterall 'Church But Not On A Sunday' was launched in

September 2016. This informal monthly event was developed as a way to explore what having a relationship with Jesus might mean for us & for others in our community.

Throughout this year we've had discussion nights & a great range of visiting speakers telling us about their work locally and abroad.

It is such a privilege to connect with our local community in this way & we look forward to new opportunities in 2025.

Since September 2016 'Church But Not On A Sunday' has run in parallel with a 'connect group' who gathered to share life & explore the bible together.

This group continues monthly, meeting during the daytime in a Catterall home.

All of these community events are run by a fantastic group of enthusiastic volunteers. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

All activities are overseen by our leadership team & underpinned by the prayer support of many. Come along to Coffee Stop during 2025, better still, invite a friend and meet in Catterall or Inglewhite for a Tuesday morning cuppa. It's a friendly meeting place & a non threatening introduction to our wonderful church family.

Conclusion

Thank you to all who contributed to this report, to all who participate in the life of the Church Community here and, with God's help and guidance make it all happen.

Appendix 1

The Leaders

The Bible teaches the 'priesthood of all believers'. All are equal before God and all are equally called to serve God in the local Church. However, we also believe that some are called to serve through leading, taking responsibility and giving oversight to the church in discovering and fulfilling its God-given mission to the world. We call this the leadership team, which at present fulfils the biblical roles of both elders and deacons.

Members of the leadership are by law the managing trustees of our church charity. They are expected to be willing and able to act as trustees, being responsible for the governance of the church under the authority of the church members meeting and giving spiritual and operational leadership generally.

In Scripture, one of the most important qualities to consider in a leader is character. Of course, no one is perfect, but 1 Timothy 3 has a helpful list of personal qualities that are appropriate for leaders including spiritual maturity. Acts 6:5 describes the church as choosing Stephen who was 'a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit'. The church needs people in leadership who are able to get on well with other people and work as part of a team – something that strongly links with good character.

Competency is also important (i.e. spiritual gifting) and those nominated for the church leadership should understand their spiritual gifts. 'We have different gifts according to the grace given us. If a person's gift is ... leadership, let them govern diligently...' (Romans 12:6-8).

We are looking for people who can grasp the 'big picture'. Scripture also says 'They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.' (1 Timothy 3:10) This implies that someone nominated for leadership responsibility should already have demonstrated evidence of good leadership in a ministry of some kind.

Finally, there is the practical question of availability. Leadership meetings now take place every month for around 2 hours and sometimes more frequently if specific issues arise. Members of the leadership also typically undertake church work outside of meetings overseeing various aspects of the wider Church's ministry.

Becoming part of the leadership is not 'being promoted' in church life but fulfilling a vital function. There will be able, gifted and spiritual people who should not be part of the leadership because they are already in the right place and are doing a wonderful job 'operationally', actually delivering ministry that helps achieve our vision. The team should aim to have a good mix of age and gender.

In thinking about possible additions to the team there are probably two extremes to avoid. The first is to see the criteria for leadership as so demanding that no-one feels either able to nominate anyone else or be nominated themselves. The second extreme is to be too anxious to find candidates and so push someone who is either not a good fit or ready. The role of the church in nominating leaders is to discern whom God is calling to this work. It is something to be done prayerfully and thoughtfully.

Nominations and Appointments

There will normally be a maximum of 9 member of the leaders, excluding Ministerial staff, who join to form the full leadership team.

To be eligible for nomination to the leadership an individual must have been a Church Member for at least twelve months (this does not apply to Ministers), be over the age of 18 years, have character and ability (i.e. time, motivation and gifts) as set out above and be able to take responsibility for a specific ministry area or role.

Nominations for the leadership must be submitted in writing to the Church Secretary at least two weeks before the date of the Annual General Church Meeting. Nominations must be made by a church member in writing with the supporting signature of one other Church member and must have prior consent of the nominee.

Elections to the leadership is to be made at a Church Meeting by secret ballot and is usually for a fixed term of 3 years. Individuals may be re-appointed for further terms of office.

Current duties

This is a copy of how we are currently seeking for the leaders to operate in encouraging the Church

1. To clarify the role of oversight, this includes:

Meeting with the leaders of each ministry to:

- a) Encourage the vision with the leader and all those involved. Use the annual reports as a starting place.
- b) Discuss the resources needed: financial, equipment, people and help them to access anything required.
- c) Consider the bigger picture of how this ministry fits in with the wider ministry of the Church:

‘To be a Church that walks alongside one another and the wider community to make the love of God known to all’

d) To represent the ministry to the other leaders.

Really the aim is to champion the ministry in the life of the Church.

2. To meet regularly to discern the Lord's ongoing vision for the fellowship, to discuss current issues in the Church's life and to make recommendations to the Church meeting.

3. To take responsibility as a 'duty deacon' for making sure that for Sunday services the buildings are properly organised, and any quest speakers receive welcome and attention.

Inglewhite Congregational Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 November 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Inglewhite Congregational Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 November 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1158000

Set out on pages

2 & 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2024.

**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:

Jill M Nickson

Date:

2/11/2025.

Name:

Jill Marie Nickson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCCA (Chartered Certified Accountant)

Address:

River View, 96 High Street

Garstang, Preston

PR3 1WZ

Inglewhite Congregational Church
Income and Expenditure Account for the
Year Ended 30 November 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
INCOME		
Offerings/Gift Aids	77,832	71,917
Funerals/Weddings/Use of hall	5,069	3,036
Gift Aid Income Tax Refund	22,441	18,454
Rent	16,135	15,760
Investment Income	639	639
Bank Interest	1,517	1,130
Sundry Income	6,317	9,753
Mission Income	43,838	37,574
Traidcraft		73
	<u>173,788</u>	<u>158,336</u>
 EXPENSES		
Salaries & Pensions etc.	56,450	52,807
Repairs & Renewals	3,646	37,871
Power & Water	6,299	7,884
Telephone	1,046	1,039
Council Tax	2,519	2,460
Printing, Stationery, Website	1,016	1,766
Gardening/Cleaning	5,549	5,181
Preaching Fees	460	310
Affiliation Fees	3,032	2,653
Insurance	2,186	1,952
Mission & Charity Donations	59,557	50,803
Sundry Expenses	1,731	1,021
Junior Church & Youthwork	2,425	2,427
Training	579	311
Worship Group/Tech Support	3,271	5,452
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Pastoral Expenses	2,141	1,951
Hospitality	3,793	5,001
	155,700	180,962
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u><u>18,088</u></u>	<u><u>(22,626)</u></u>

Inglewhite Congregational Church
Balance Sheet at 30 November 2024

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank current account	3,440		2,508	
Money manager deposit account	<u>86,777</u>		<u>69,621</u>	
		90,217		72,129
Trustee investments held by Congregational federation at valuation		15,650		15,525
		<u>105,867</u>		<u>87,654</u>
 REPRESENTED BY				
Special Fund		15,650		15,525
General Fund				
Opening balance	72,129		94,755	
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Inglewhite Congregational Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 November 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Inglewhite Congregational Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 November 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1158000

Set out on pages

2 & 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2024.

**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:

Jill M Nickson

Date:

2/11/2025.

Name:

Jill Marie Nickson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCCA (Chartered Certified Accountant)

Address:

River View, 96 High Street

Garstang, Preston

PR3 1WZ

Inglewhite Congregational Church
Income and Expenditure Account for the
Year Ended 30 November 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
INCOME		
Offerings/Gift Aids	77,832	71,917
Funerals/Weddings/Use of hall	5,069	3,036
Gift Aid Income Tax Refund	22,441	18,454
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INGLEWHITE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1158000

Accounts

Annual Report:

Inglewhite Congregational Church 2023

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity No. 1158000

Charity Name & Address

Inglewhite Congregational Church, Silk Mill Lane, Inglewhite, Preston PR3 2LP (The Church is part of the Congregational Federation)

Charity Trustees

Trustees

The Holding Trustees are the Congregational Federation Limited of 4 Castle Gate, Nottingham NG1 7AS (registered charity number 267469)

The managing trustees are the Minister and deacons who report to the Church Meeting.

Bankers

Our current account and deposit account are held by HSBC

Auditors

Towers & Gornall
Chartered Certified Accountants
Abacus House
The Ropewalk
Garstang
Preston
PR3 1NS

Day to Day Management

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Minister in conjunction with the deacons and Church officers. At 31st December 2023, this team consisted of:

Minister: Paul Davies

Secretary: Vacant

Administrator: Louise Clark

Deacons: Stephen Hardman, Lisa Talbot, Stuart Holden, Lesley Hardman, Helen Lockley and Mark Andrews

Treasurer: Bill Hardman

2. Structure, governance and management

Governing Constitution

The declaration of the trust adopted by the Congregational Federation Limited on 13th June 2009, adopted by the Church from 23 October 2010.

Risk Management Assessment

In common with all other organisations, the Church is potentially at risk from a number of sources. The trustees are responsible, on behalf of the Church, with the advice of the Health and Safety Team, for ensuring that these risks are managed so as not to expose the Church to undue risk and that the Church is in a position to correctly deal with any situation that may arise. Risks have been assessed and mitigated. Examples of areas that are kept under review include:

Financial Strategy

Ensuring that we have sufficient reserves to meet expenditure and that income levels are maintained. Regular management accounts are supplied to the Church and deacon meetings.

Internal Financial Controls

Expenditure is reported against budget and monies received. Bank statements are reconciled monthly. Cash is banked promptly.

Budget Authority

The Church meeting sets agreed budgets for each financial year and Church groups have authority to work within these budgets. Any expenditure outside the budget must be brought before the treasurer and deacons for agreement.

Accounting Period

The accounting period is 12 months, December – November. The previous accounting period was the 12 months ending 30th November 2023.

Data and Copyright Protection

Ensuring that we comply with all current regulations.

Employment Regulations

Ensuring that current regulations are complied with and contracts are honoured.

Insurance

Insurance levels are reviewed annually.

Property

Buildings are managed and maintained through the maintenance team.

Child Abuse

A policy is in force for the protection of children in the care of the church and its volunteers which is overseen by the child protection team. The Child Protection Officers are appointed by the church meeting and are responsible to advise on the policy and be a point of contact for any issues arising.

Membership of External Bodies

The Church subscribes to the Evangelical Alliance and to the EA Basis of Faith Statement.

Trustee Appointment

Any person on the Church membership may stand for election to the leadership team, having been proposed and seconded by other members according to the rules of faith and practice of the Church. Currently there are up to 9 who serve as leaders where they serve as both a managing trustee and a Church leader for a period of 3 years. The minister is an ex-officio member of this group. Elections take place at the Annual General Meeting. Please see appendix 1 for thoughts on being a leader to help you consider people to nominate.

3. Objectives and activities

Vision

To be a Church that walks alongside one another and the wider community to make the love of God known to all.

Strap line (aim): Sharing Jesus with neighbours and nations

Values: Deuteronomy 5:33 Walk in the way that the Lord your God has commanded you

W – Worship and Word

A – All involved

L – Loving relationships, Learning together

K – Kingdom mentality

Explanation

W – We value *worship* which seeks to honour God and place Jesus at the centre of our community whilst reflecting the multi-generational nature of the Church.

We value the truth of *God's Word* in the Bible and hold our beliefs as helpfully reflected in the creed we have adopted as a Church.

A – We value *All* being involved, the ministry and contribution of every member, believing all have gifts to bring for the wider good.

L – We value *Learning* and growing together, depending upon the Bible and the work of the Holy Spirit.

We value *Loving Relationships*; the Church at Inglewhite has a loving, caring soul which is reflected in a strength of relationship and an acceptance of one another which makes all who come feel welcome.

K – We value having a Kingdom mentality, expecting God's Church to grow as it serves the community around. Looking to spread Christ's influence whether in the workplace, study environment, at home or in Church based activities through evangelism and other demonstrations of our faith. This is also reflected in our concern and support for the wider ministry of God through other local Churches and mission agencies.

Application

Membership review

We at present have 111 members and many more who are regular attenders.

Other Church Reports

Finance Annual Report 2023

2023 from a financial point of view has been an interesting year. As you can see from the attached figures, combined Offerings and Mission Income were £109491, which is £5097 up on the previous year. Thank you all for your generous giving. The majority of Income now comes in by standing order or internet banking which really saves time. We have recently purchased a card reader for immediate bank transfers and this is being well used but still the preferred income stream would be by internet banking if possible. The card reader has a transaction charge of 1.69% and is more difficult to trace for Gift Aid. The Gift Aid Refund this year was £18454 so thank you again to everybody for using the Gift Aid Scheme. Interest rate hikes have boosted investment income and Chapel House and Willow Cottage were both fully occupied, optimising rental income. Coffee Stop, Toddlers , Pizza Pals, CBNOS and various trips and events contributed to a Total income for 2023 of £158336.

The £27194 Legacy from Betty Thackeray has been spent on significantly repairing and upgrading our facilities. The unexpected collapsing of the hall floor was the biggest single repair. Redecorating the hall and repainting the outside of the whole building, upgrading much of the lighting, resurfacing carparks, replacing 29 of the window panes in Church, replacing the kitchen cooker, repairs to the steps leading out of the kitchen and the rear door and new chairs in both the youth room and Hall all contributed to the £37574 spent on repairs and renewals. Increased use of our building and inflationary price rises led to increased spending on electricity, fuel and water. Incredibly generous responses to Mission causes (particularly IAT and their continual aid efforts in the Ukraine, Christian Rebuild and their rapid response to aid relief in Syria after the February earthquake and Wyresdale Childrens Homes) led to an incredible mission giving total of £50803 to 21 different causes. Overall expenditure was £180963 resulting in an end of year deficit of £22627 against a planned deficit of £24000.

Also attached to the accounts is the budget for 2024 to be agreed at the AGM. Mark Andrews, Paul Davies, Andy Wright, Andy McKinnell and Bill Hardman have worked through the figures and produced a balanced budget which has been accepted by the deacons.

For those who are responsible for budgets within the Church we ask again that you confirm with the finance team any individual spending over £250 to allow us to plan cash flow efficiently.

The Deacons have recommended a salary increase for our Pastor and Administrator of 5% which needs to be agreed at the AGM.

Thank you once again to everyone who supports the work at Inglewhite so generously. We believe God has really blessed our positive attitude to giving over the years and are in a great financial position to see God's work continue to grow here at Inglewhite, and also support Mission. If you have any queries or require any clarification on either the accounts or future budget then please don't hesitate to ask any one of the Finance Committee before the AGM and we will do our best to help. Bill Hardman

INCOME	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Budget
Offerings/Gift Aids	70845	83849	65704	69545	71917	74000
Gift Aid Refund	16776	17182	14971	17497	18454	20000
Use of Hall/Weddings etc	2203	4554	2540	3708	3036	3000
Sundry Income	7424	2967	3153	7139	9753	10000
Legacy	0	0	0	27194	0	0
Rent	6700	13681	15600	15600	15760	13000
Mission Income	3815	14001	21142	34849	37574	20000
Traidcraft	829	564	408	715	73	0
Interest/Investment Income	908	1275	696	760	1769	2000
Total	109500	138073	124214	177007	158336	142000
EXPENDITURE	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Budget
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	37408	46338	39209	48885	52807	60000
Mission Gifts	28333	44911	31884	48213	50803	25000
Repairs/Renewals	9980	15406	3040	2470	37871	11000
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	5236	4325	3102	6758	7885	8000
Telephone	860	1301	623	961	1039	1100
Council Tax	1645	699	946	1520	2460	2500
Stationary/Books etc.	3096	1768	954	1908	1766	2000
Gardening/Cleaning	3933	3627	3287	4999	5181	5500
Preaching/Trav. Exp	1165	160	620	230	310	500
Affiliation Fees	2155	2718	2551	2553	2653	3000
Pastoral Expenses	1382	723	2776	1189	1951	2000
Insurance	1612	1571	1654	1743	1952	2100
Youthwork	5183	2434	1908	2804	2427	5000
Training	319	1035	300	899	311	2000
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	1099	1928	3711	7137	5452	5000
Traidcraft	744	499	353	635	73	0
Hospitality	3429	2116	1365	4457	5001	6000
Sundry	1046	1279	2354	1115	1021	1300
Total	108625	132838	100637	138476	180963	142000
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	875	5235	23577	38531	-22627	0

CHURCH BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS (DEC 2022/NOV 2023)

30th November 2023

INCOME	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 To Date	% of Budget
Offerings/ Gift Aids	69545	72000	71917	100
Mission Income	34849	20000	37574	188
Gift Aid Refund	17497	16000	18454	115
Rent	15600	13000	15760	121
Use of Hall/Weddings etc	3708	3000	3036	101
Legacy	27194	0	0	N/A
Interest/Investment Income	760	1000	1769	177
Traidcraft	715	500	73	15
Sundry Income	7139	8000	9753	122
Total	177007	133500	158336	119
EXPENDITURE	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 To Date	% of Budget
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	48885	67000	52807	79
Mission Gifts	48213	25000	50803	203
Repairs/Renewals	2470	20000	37871	189
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	6758	9000	7885	88
Telephone	961	1100	1039	94
Council Tax	1520	2300	2460	107
Stationary/Books etc.	1908	2000	1766	88
Gardening/Cleaning	4999	5500	5181	94
Preaching/Trav. Exp	230	500	310	62
Affiliation Fees	2553	2800	2653	95
Pastoral Expenses	1189	1700	1951	115
Insurance	1743	1900	1952	103
Youthwork	2804	5000	2427	49
Training	899	2000	311	16
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	7137	5000	5452	109
Traidcraft	635	400	73	18
Outreach & Hospitality	4457	5000	5001	100
Sundry	1115	1300	1021	79
Total	138476	157500	180963	115
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	38531	-24000	-22627	

Accounts:	01/12/2022	30/11/2023	Deficit
Treasurer	£2,903.11	£2,507.51	
BMM	£91,852.15	£69,621.12	
Total	£94,755.26	£72,128.63	-£22,626.63

2022/23	Income		£158,336.06	
2022/23	Expenditure		£180,962.69	-£22,626.63

Health and Safety Report 2023

All the building work is now completed. We have updated the Health and Safety Policy to restrict the use of ladders in Church for ONLY the use by the Health, Safety and Maintenance team.

Health and Safety Walk Round is planned for January 2024 with Stephen Hardman and Neil Singleton.

Graveyard stones were checked in 2023 and there were no problems and will be carried out again in Spring 2024, at the Men's working breakfast.

New rota for Fire Evacuations to be carried out every six months, in March 2024 on a Friday morning so we can ensure that all the service users at Music and Me in wheelchairs can safely leave the building. Then a whole Church fire evacuation drill will be practised in September 2024. All routes are clearly displayed on the Church notice boards.

We had a Health and Safety Inspection in November 2023, which involved Stephen Hardman and Louise Clark, having a walk around with a lady from the Congregational Federation checking the whole building. We passed, so we now have the 'Safe Church Status' with only two small recommendations:

- an extra Fire Exit sign needed at the back of Church
- a reminder that chairs should NOT be stacked any higher than SIX chairs

We have reviewed all the accidents reported in 2023 and have made a few improvements to keep everyone safe at Church including:

- Providing extra hazard signs marking the Defibrillator on the path and wall, when leaving the Church side door.
- Removing the round chair links, at the bottom of the chair legs, from the front and side rows in Church.
- Changing the liquid that we use to clean the new Church Hall floor to make it less slippy.

Maintenance

Once again thanks to those who help with the maintenance jobs inside and outside in the Church grounds. Just a special mention to Neil Singleton and Gary MacMurchie for all their work with the weekly tests which need to be done. It is really appreciated, thank you.

All servicing and routine tests on properties completed (boiler, electricity, fire/smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, etc).

Missions

Here is the mission report for 2023.

Once again, we have had a wonderful year of mission. Thank you so much for everyone's support and generous giving over the past 12 months.

Last Christmas we supported the work of the Rosemere Cancer Foundation and Open Doors with our gifts. In March we had a visit from Melvyn and Lucy France who told us about the work they do under the heading of Wyresdale Children's Homes. They have set up homes and schools in Thailand, India, Nepal, Burma and Kenya.

We have continued to support the wonderful work of IAT and this year two teams have been abroad, one to Sierra Leone and one to Moldova particularly to test people's eyes and give out life transforming glasses. In September we had a visit from the Nicodemus Charity, they work amongst the poor families in Guatemala and also marginalised families in England and Wales.

Once again we held an afternoon tea in August for the work of LIV in South Africa. This was really well attended and a great time had by all. We have continued to support the work of LIV throughout the year. We have also supported the work of Steve and Debbie Cowles. Steve is the police chaplain in the North West and Debbie works with International students.

If anyone has any mission organisations they would like the church to consider supporting please let us know.

Thankyou

Ruth MacMurchie

Child Protection

We completed our annual children's safeguarding training in September and October 2023 with the free online training provided by the Congregational Federation from Thirtyone: Eight. Pastor Paul also completed the Designated Safeguard Lead course in 2023.

We also updated all the adults working in the outreach ministries with adults, with the free Adult Safeguarding Course from the Congregational Federation in October 2023.

We have also adopted a new safeguarding policy from the Congregational Federation. All the Junior Church team have had a policy update in October 2023 and are ready to start using from January 2024.

Louise Clark

Toddle In and Pizza Pals

We have enjoyed another great year at Toddlers, with many families, up to 20 regular parents attend each week and have joined us in 2023.

Every Thursday morning, it runs from 9am-11am and we ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family to cover the cost of snacks and art/craft materials.

We have moved the focus slightly towards God by promoting Sticky Bun Church and any outreach events, and sometimes providing a child friendly craft activity linked to the Sticky Bun Church Theme of the month. We always finish with singing and a short prayer with Paul before they go home, with the parents asking for prayer requests and celebrating answered prayer.

We always ask all the parents to leave contact details and provide information on any allergies on arrival before the snacks are served. Thank you to the team of volunteers who have supported us, helping us to spread the 'word of God' to as many families as we can every Thursday.

In September 2023 we started a new after school club called Pizza Pals. This was to enable the friendships formed at Toddlers, to continue when the older children started attending Primary school, therefore keeping the strong bonds we have with the children and their families and not losing contact with them.

We regularly have between 10-15 children, encouraging playing kindly with our pals, while eating pizza and always finishing with a prayer session.

It had been encouraging to see some of our parents attend Sticky Bun Church and the Christmas Nativity service.

Louise Clark.

Sticky Bun Church

So, it started off as an idea in March 2022. A nagging-dripping tap-type idea; one that wouldn't go away. Then, it became a frustration, until we acted on the prompt and got the go ahead. Ever since, this ministry has been a privilege to be a part of. Every ounce of SBC is filled with love and joy.

We wanted, literally, to see Jesus lifted high, by our friends, neighbours, family, but the format of regular church, felt like we were inviting them into an alien land – a hidden, mysterious world.

If you've always gone to church, going to a different one, can be quite a facing.

If you've never been to a church, or not been for a long time, it can be even more daunting. Unfamiliar songs, sermons, people, communion, practises...

When you have little people, anxieties magnify.

Post pandemic, we were increasingly aware that our friends and neighbours hadn't been to church for a long time.

If ever.

Yet, at footie practice, on the school run, at work, in Aldi, knowing we went to church, people often ask us about God's response to poverty / the environment / justice etc. People we know, want to see Jesus.

So we prayed. First and foremost, we prayed. Then we asked if anyone else felt the same. And you did. And you prayed. And then you said you'd help. And so Inglewhite Sticky Bun Church began (Dec 22).

Our aim is simple – to let our community know that God loves them.

Numbers, confidence and smiles have increased over the year and in Dec 23, 44 children and their accompanying big people, filled the church (46% increase since Dec 23). We've stopped counting the grown ups (life's too short), but we don't forget their faces. One family brought the team a box of Quality Street to "say thankyou, because we love coming here".

All sorts of people come.

- Some mums arrive on their own, bring 3 kids, 6 wellies, a big buggy & tired eyes. She is visibly revived when someone notices her, makes her a mug of tea & cake and listens to her, while her children colour & stick.

- Some kids arrive on their own, but behind them, hover 4 intrigued grown ups (parents/grandparents/visiting friends). The child's mum says, "He's been waiting all week for this! He's soo excited. Is it ok if we all come in?"

- "Toddler grandparents" bring "their toddlers" who bring their mums & dads (usually at work during the week) "to show them what it's like".

- Dads come and enjoy swapping tales with other dads whilst eating cake.

- New parents come with screaming/sleeping/bemused babies. "Is it ok if we come? We saw your advert on facebook and thought we'd try it".

There are 25 in the SBC wonder team (increase of 25% since Dec 22), organised in 5 teams;

- Team Fishfinger – So grateful to this team who bring so much joy to so many. They offer a light tea for the children, brew & cake for the grown ups, enabling grown ups to talk, while children eat. Kids (& grown ups) go home happy, rather than cranky, and grown ups chat about life. Simple food, simple opportunities.
- Team Sequins – Craft activities or games around a Bible theme. Simple messages written on artwork, go into homes for families to look at and be reminded of in days and years to come and families spend quality time together.
- Prayer support – We pray corporately on a given weekly theme, on our own, about 4 weeks prior to each SBC (ie. safety, kids, grown ups, message to land etc). We also have key prayers who don't attend SBC in person, but pray remotely throughout the preparation, and during the event. Thankyou. We value prayers highly.
- Team TTM (tech, talk & music) – Paul offers a family friendly talk for the children & grown ups to listen to, together. Any songs we sing, try to be as familiar as possible (think school assembly).
- Floaters – A really important role. People who get alongside parents & carers during SBC and make them feel welcome / maybe ask them if they'd like a coffee. More floaters would be welcome.

SBC runs every 2 months. (Next one 4th Feb, 2024).

SBC isn't a replacement for traditional church services and junior church, both of which are loved and enjoyed by so many.

We present the same message, just less formally than the 1045 and so attracts a different crowd.

We are praying as we walk, having lots of fun as we do so with a fantastic team.

The Sticky Bun Team

Junior Church

Junior Church report 2023

We have had another successful year teaching the children in Junior Church, thanks to the dedication, time and commitment from all the Junior Church volunteer teachers. We would also like to welcome Donna Montgomery and Joanne Roberts onto the Rota from Jan 2024. A very big thank you for all your hard work.

We had a very well attended Easter Sunday Service, where the children did an Easter play based on the story of the Three Trees.

We booked onto the free online safeguarding training for the adults involved in Sticky Bun Church and Junior Church, with the Congregation Federation in September and October 2023.

In October we celebrated the children of Junior Church with a Prize Giving Service, where all the children received a Bible Quote Bookmark from Louise Clark and a Christian Book to keep.

In November we had over 100 people attend the family Bonfire night, a great opportunity for the children, youth and families to join together for fellowship around a great bonfire, fireworks, jacket potatoes, cakes and hot dogs.

We had a very busy month in December when Dylanne headed up the team to help us put on an amazing Nativity play, with a 'Sign Language Dance' involving over 25 children, including a wonderful Christmas Party celebrating a great dress rehearsal.

A very big thank you to all the Leaders and volunteers that make all the above possible.

Louise Clark

2022 Youth Report

Inglewhite Youth met every fortnight on a Sunday evening during 2023. A group of about 12 young people, aged 11-18, get together for games, fun, food and Bible messages. On some occasions we have seen 20 gather together and we enjoyed working with the Capernwray Students in Feb/March 2023 for a week.

In September 2023, 20 of us headed to Waddecar with Steve Cowles for bush craft skills and pizza making. We also attended the Flower Bowl for a Crazy Golf evening in July and had a couple of songwriting sessions with Stephen Sloss. All the youth created a painted canvas to decorate the new Youth Room with resident Artist Andy Talbot and we had a guest speaker from America, Kristy Cowles, speaking about her work with International Students.

In September 2023, we started a new House Group for the girls in Year 10 and above, with Abi Hardman, on the first Tuesday of the month 7-9pm.

In October 2023, we joined St Lukes Church in Blackburn, to attend their Girls Gathering and are hoping to attend this again in 2024, along with their Youth Worship evening in March 2024.

The Youth have started helping as Young Leaders in Sticky Bun Church and Junior Church and we have welcomed back the Puppets this Christmas, when the Youth lead the Nativity Puppet song in the Evening Carol Service and December Sticky Bun Church, 2023.

Louise Clark started as our new Youth, Children and Families Coordinator in September 2023 and is now helping Andy and Susie Talbot organise the rota of helpers and activities, to continue this vital work.

"Yak n Snack" Group

This group was formed as a community event, for anyone living alone, to meet together in a home and share chat and food together.

We meet at our house 22 Bowgreave Drive, Catterall. PR31TD at 4pm on the first Friday of the month.
Mob. 07748912146

We welcome any age, ability, faith or no faith, and try to support each other as we have begun to get to know members of our wider community.

Our first group was held on Friday 26th May 2023 when we had 18 people. For the first 3 months the weather was kind to us and we were able to open our garden and share laughter and food together each month.

In the winter months we have gathered together indoors.

Our numbers are growing, and in December, 25 of us should've met together in the Toll Bar Café Broughton for our Christmas meal but sadly this had to be cancelled at very short notice due to a gas leak in the street and the café had to be closed. This was disappointing for us all, but hopefully we can go again when the problem is sorted out.

My sincere thanks to my wonderful helpers, Jacqui, Ann, Sue C. and we will welcome Justine too in the New Year.

We will begin our group again on 2nd Feb 2024 at our home. If you are living alone and would like to join us, please come.

Geoff and Ruth Woodhall

Music in me

'Music in me' has gained in momentum.

Regular service users who now attend number 19, plus their carers. Nine of these service users are wheelchair users.

The people that come to help organise this on a regular basis are Colleen, Dennis & Linda, Tony, Janet, Ian and Julia. Also, thank you to Louise, Ruth K and Jenny S who step in.

It is very helpful to have a list of volunteers we can call on when we need them, i.e., Holidays, sickness etc. Please let a member of the team know if you would like to be added to this list.

Music in me plays a very important part in the lives of all the service users because they have the freedom to express themselves in their own way, in a safe place plus it meets a need in the Community.

They love the music and dancing, some of the wheelchair users enjoy dancing also. We have the words up on the screen for those who want to join in and we do have a couple of Christian songs in the mix. We have a selection of percussion instruments which they can choose from and enjoy.

In the middle of each session, we have Cake & Break time, which everyone enjoys. It is a good time for the carers to get together, mingle and chat as they don't see very much of each other.

During the course of each session, Paul comes in and has a chat with some of the carers and service users, and either Paul or one of the other volunteers will pray God's blessing over everyone and their homes and families.

The highlight of last year once again was the Christmas Party, which included a surprise visit from Father Christmas and lovely buffet which was enjoyed by all.

With lots of helpers the Christmas decorations were brought out of storage and the hall was made very festive for the enjoyment of everyone using it.

On a very sad note in December, we sang a final "See You Later Alligator" to our beautiful Ann Humpage who will be sorely missed.

Inglewhite Friends

Inglewhite Friends meets the third Monday afternoon each month at 2pm.

We have a short devotional time followed by different speakers. Over the past twelve months we have had a good year and enjoyed a varied programme.

We have had two charity meetings, firstly supporting Dr Ronald Rhodes and his work in Africa and then Supporting Dennis and Linda Bond and their work as Street Pastors in Preston.

We joined the Coffee Stop Summer trip to Fleetwood in July and had a lovely day.

In August we held an afternoon tea in support of the charity LIV in South Africa, thanks to the ladies at Inglewhite Church.

We always finish with a good afternoon tea and lots of chat. Everyone is welcome, including men.

At Christmas we enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal at Ferrari's Longridge, where Lettice Hardman was thanked for her roles of Secretary and President for the last 62 years. Ever since she was 26 Years old, she has been supporting Inglewhite Friends.

This year Moya Avery is taking over as President and Sheila Booth is the Treasurer.

It is a happy time when we all get together, please feel free to come along as everyone is welcome.

Thanks,

Let Hardman

Coffee Stop

Coffee Stop 2023 From Lesley Hardman

Coffee Stop opened in Inglewhite Church Hall as a community cafe in 2005.

In late 2013 it extended its contact and opened on a monthly basis in Catterall.

2023 has been a great year where we have enjoyed meeting together regularly.

Numbers attending at both Catterall & Inglewhite seem to be back to pre pandemic levels. It's been very encouraging to welcome new faces from both communities, building friendships & supporting each other through the ups & downs of life.

Celebrating significant birthdays has been fun this year too.

Linking with our local social prescriber gave further opportunity to raise awareness of our regular meetings and make us accessible to all.

At each Coffee Stop event we share an encouraging bible based thought. It's good to hear individual short stories of personal faith experiences.

Our highlights this year include our summer trip to Fleetwood in July & the option for many of us to spend an Autumn day at Ellel Grange. Christmas was a special time when around eighty of us gathered for a church service and lunch.

As a development in Catterall 'Church But Not On A Sunday' was launched in September 2016. This informal monthly event was developed as a way to explore what having a relationship with Jesus might mean for us & for others in our community.

Throughout this year we've had discussion nights, visiting speakers from local

charities eg. Ellel ministries, Sports Reach & Blood Bikes. Our summer social was a canal walk & supper.

It is such a privilege to connect with our local community in this way & we were delighted to have the opportunity to lead a community carol sing in a Catterall pub. Singing carols & sharing a Christian message of Hope with adults & children was wonderful. We look forward to the way forward for 2024

Since September 2016 'Church But Not On A Sunday' has run in parallel with a 'connect group' who gathered to share life & explore the bible together.

This group continues monthly under the leadership of Pastor Paul. A second Sunday evening group has also been running in Catterall on a more ad hoc basis. It's great to connect church members & friends in our own community so we can explore the Christian faith at our own pace & grow together.

All of these community events are run by a fantastic group of enthusiastic volunteers. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

All activities are overseen by our leadership team & underpinned by the prayer support of many. Come along to Coffee Stop during 2024 , better still, invite a friend and meet in Catterall or Inglewhite for a Tuesday morning cuppa. It's a friendly meeting place & a non-threatening introduction to our wonderful church family.

Conclusion

Thank you to all who contributed to this report, to all who participate in the life of the Church Community here and, with God's help and guidance, make it all happen.

Appendix 1

The Leaders

The Bible teaches the 'priesthood of all believers'. All are equal before God and all are equally called to serve God in the local Church. However, we also believe that some are called to serve through leading, taking responsibility and giving oversight to the church in discovering and fulfilling its God-given mission to the world. We call this the leadership team, which at present fulfils the biblical roles of both elders and deacons.

Members of the leadership are by law the managing trustees of our church charity. They are expected to be willing and able to act as trustees, being responsible for the governance of the church under the authority of the church members meeting and giving spiritual and operational leadership generally.

In Scripture, one of the most important qualities to consider in a leader is character. Of course, no one is perfect, but 1 Timothy 3 has a helpful list of personal qualities that are appropriate for leaders including spiritual maturity. Acts 6:5 describes the church as choosing Stephen who was 'a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit'. The church needs people in leadership who are able to get on well with other people and work as part of a team – something that strongly links with good character.

Competency is also important (i.e. spiritual gifting) and those nominated for the church leadership should understand their spiritual gifts. 'We have different gifts according to the grace given us. If a person's gift is ... leadership, let them govern diligently...' (Romans 12:6-8).

We are looking for people who can grasp the 'big picture'. Scripture also says 'They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.' (1 Timothy 3:10) This implies that someone nominated for leadership responsibility should already have demonstrated evidence of good leadership in a ministry of some kind.

Finally, there is the practical question of availability. Leadership meetings now take place every two weeks for around 2 hours and sometimes more frequently if specific issues arise. Members of the leadership also typically undertake church work outside of meetings overseeing various aspects of the wider Church's ministry.

Becoming part of the leadership is not 'being promoted' in church life but fulfilling a vital function. There will be able, gifted and spiritual people who should not be part of the leadership because they are already in the right place and are doing a wonderful job 'operationally', actually delivering ministry that helps achieve our vision. The team should aim to have a good mix of age and gender.

In thinking about possible additions to the team there are probably two extremes to avoid. The first is to see the criteria for leadership as so demanding that no-one feels either able to nominate anyone else or be nominated themselves. The second extreme is to be too anxious to find candidates and so push someone who is either not a good fit or ready. The role of the church in nominating leaders is to discern whom God is calling to this work. It is something to be done prayerfully and thoughtfully.

Nominations and Appointments

There will normally be a maximum of 9 member of the leaders, excluding Ministerial staff, who join to form the full leadership team.

To be eligible for nomination to the leadership an individual must have been a Church Member for at least twelve months (this does not apply to Ministers), be over the age of 18 years, have character and ability (i.e. time, motivation and gifts) as set out above and be able to take responsibility for a specific ministry area or role.

Nominations for the leadership must be submitted in writing to the Leaders at least two weeks before the date of the Annual General Church Meeting. Nominations must be made by a church member in writing with the supporting signature of one other Church member and must have prior consent of the nominee.

Elections to the leadership are to be made at a Church Meeting by secret ballot and are usually for a fixed term of 3 years. Individuals may be re-appointed for further terms of office.

Current duties

This is a copy of how we are currently seeking for the leaders to operate in encouraging the Church

1. To clarify the role of oversight, this includes:

Meeting with the leaders of each ministry to:

- a) Encourage the vision with the leader and all those involved. Use the annual reports as a starting place.
- b) Discuss the resources needed: financial, equipment, people and help them to access anything required.
- c) Consider the bigger picture of how this ministry fits in with the wider ministry of the Church:

‘To be a Church that walks alongside one another and the wider community to make the love of God known to all’

- d) To represent the ministry to the other leaders.

Really the aim is to champion the ministry in the life of the Church.

2. To meet regularly to discern the Lord’s ongoing vision for the fellowship, to discuss current issues in the Church’s life and to make recommendations to the Church meeting.

3. To take responsibility as a ‘duty deacon’ for making sure that for Sunday services the buildings are properly organised, and any guest speakers receive welcome and attention.

CHURCH BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS (DEC 2022/NOV 2023)

30th November 2023

INCOME	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 To Date	% of Budget
Offerings/ Gift Aids	69545	72000	71917	100
Mission Income	34849	20000	37574	188
Gift Aid Refund	17497	16000	18454	115
Rent	15600	13000	15760	121
Use of Hall/Weddings etc	3708	3000	3036	101
Legacy	27194	0	0	N/A
Interest/Investment Income	760	1000	1769	177
Traidcraft	715	500	73	15
Sundry Income	7139	8000	9753	122
Total	177007	133500	158336	119
EXPENDITURE	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 To Date	% of Budget
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	48885	67000	52807	79
Mission Gifts	48213	25000	50803	203
Repairs/Renewals	2470	20000	37871	189
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	6758	9000	7885	88
Telephone	961	1100	1039	94
Council Tax	1520	2300	2460	107
Stationary/Books etc.	1908	2000	1766	88
Gardening/Cleaning	4999	5500	5181	94
Preaching/Trav. Exp	230	500	310	62
Affiliation Fees	2553	2800	2653	95
Pastoral Expenses	1189	1700	1951	115
Insurance	1743	1900	1952	103
Youthwork	2804	5000	2427	49
Training	899	2000	311	16
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	7137	5000	5452	109
Traidcraft	635	400	73	18
Outreach & Hospitality	4457	5000	5001	100
Sundry	1115	1300	1021	79
Total	138476	157500	180963	115
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	38531	-24000	-22627	

Accounts:		01/12/2022	30/11/2023	Deficit
Treasurer		£2,903.11	£2,507.51	
BMM		£91,852.15	£69,621.12	
Total		£94,755.26	£72,128.63	-£22,626.63

2022/23	Income		£158,336.06	
2022/23	Expenditure		£180,962.69	-£22,626.63

Inglewhite Congregational Church

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 November 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Inglewhite Congregational Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 November 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1158000

Set out on pages

2 & 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2023.

**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").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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.

Signed:

Jill M Nickson

Date:

15/01/2024.

Name:

Jill Marie Nickson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCCA (Chartered Certified Accountant)

Address:

River View, 96 High Street

Garstang, Preston

PR3 1WZ

Inglewhite Congregational Church
Income and expenditure account for the
year ended 30 November 2023

		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Offerings/Gift Aids		71,917		69,545
Funerals/Weddings/Use of hall		3,036		3,754
Gift Aid Income Tax Refund		18,454		17,497
Legacy				27,148
Rent		15,760		15,600
Investment Income		639		639
Bank Interest		1,130		121
Sundry Income		9,753		7,139
Mission Income		37,574		34,849
Traidcraft		73		715
		158,336		177,007
 EXPENSES				
Salaries & Pensions etc.	52,807		48,885	
Repairs & Renewals	37,871		2,470	
Power & Water	7,884		6,759	
Telephone	1,039		961	
Council Tax	2,460		1,520	
Printing, Stationery, Website	1,766		1,908	
Gardening/Cleaning	5,181		4,999	
Preaching Fees	310		230	
Affiliation Fees	2,653		2,553	
Insurance	1,952		1,743	
Mission & Charity Donations	50,803		48,213	
Sundry Expenses	1,021		1,115	
Junior Church & Youthwork	2,427		2,804	
Training	311		899	
Worship Group/Tech Support	5,452		7,137	
Traidcraft	73		635	
Pastoral Expenses	1,951		1,189	
Hospitality	5,001		4,457	
		180,962		138,477
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(22,626)		38,530

**Inglewhite Congregational Church
Balance Sheet at 30 November 2023**

		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank current account	2,508			2,903	
Money manager deposit account	<u>69,621</u>			<u>91,852</u>	
		72,129			94,755
Trustee investments held by Congregational federation at valuation		15,525			16,295
		<u>87,654</u>			<u>111,050</u>
 REPRESENTED BY					
Special Fund		15,525			16,295
General Fund					
Opening balance	94,755			56,225	
(Deficit)/Surplus	<u>(22,626)</u>			<u>38,530</u>	
		72,129			94,755
		<u>87,654</u>			<u>111,050</u>

INGLEWHITE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1158000

Accounts

Finance Annual Report 2022

2022 from a financial point of view has been another great year. As you can see from the attached figures, combined Offerings and Mission Income were £104394, which is £17548 up on the previous year. Offerings were £3841 up on the previous year but Mission Giving was an incredible £13707 up. Thank you all for your amazing generosity. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to give by standing order or internet banking, it really contributes and also saves time. Chapel House and Willow Cottage were both fully occupied, boosting rental income. The Gift Aid Refund this year was £17497 so thank you again to everybody for using the Gift Aid Scheme. Betty Thackeray, a loyal supporter and member of Inglewhite for many years, generously bequeathed a legacy of £27194. Coffee Stop, Toddle In and various trips all returning after Covid restrictions were lifted, contributed to a record Total income for 2022 of £177007.

The lifting of Covid restrictions led to significant increases in expenditure. Increased use of our building and inflationary price rises led to increased spending on electricity, fuel and water. Being able to run trips once again led to increased spending on youth and hospitality. Incredibly generous responses to Mission causes (particularly IAT and their continual aid efforts in the Ukraine) led to significant mission giving of £48213 to 16 different causes. Spending on repairs and renewals was again significantly reduced. Overall expenditure was £138476 resulting in an end of year surplus of £38531.

Nine years ago it was agreed at the AGM that any surplus at the end of the financial year over £30000 would be given away. We voted to discontinue this principle three years ago and so will commence the next financial year with £94755 in the bank, a great start for a new chapter.

Also attached to the accounts is the budget for 2023 to be agreed at the AGM. Mark Andrews, Paul Davies, Andy Wright, Andy McKinnell and Bill Hardman have worked through the figures and attempted to come up with a sensible budget. Repairs to the Church Hall floor, upgrading of the kitchen facilities, and 6 months salary for a new employee have all been included in the budget. A large increase in the cost of electricity has been allowed for and general inflationary pressures taken into account. We have budgeted for a loss of £24000 over the next 12 months which is manageable with our current bank balance but giving will need to increase in future years if a suitable new employee is found and costs continue to increase. We will probably have to re-budget during the year as new projects, employees and vision become apparent.

For those who are responsible for budgets within the Church we ask again that you confirm with the finance team any individual spending over £250 to allow us to plan cash flow efficiently.

The Deacons have recommended a salary increase for our Pastor and Administrator of 5% which needs to be agreed at the AGM.

Thank you once again to everyone who supports the work at Inglewhite so generously. Not many Churches will be able to produce such positive accounts in this difficult financial time. We believe God has really blessed our positive attitude to giving over the years and are in a great financial position to see God's work continue to grow here at Inglewhite, and also support Mission. If you have any queries or require any clarification on either the accounts or future budget

then please don't hesitate to ask any one of the Finance Committee before the AGM and we will do our best to help.

On behalf of the Finance Team,

Bill Hardman

CHURCH BUDGET DEC 2021/NOV 2022

30th November 2022

INCOME	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 To Date	% of Budget
Offerings/ Gift Aids	65704	72000	69545	97
Mission Income	21142	14000	34849	249
Gift Aid Refund	14971	12800	17497	137
Rent	15600	13000	15600	120
Use of Hall/Weddings etc	2540	2000	3708	185
Legacy	0	0	27194	N/A
Interest/Investment Income	696	700	760	109
Traidcraft	408	500	715	143
Sundry Income	3153	2000	7139	357
Total	124214	117000	177007	151
EXPENDITURE	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 To Date	% of Budget
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	37274	52800	48885	93
Mission Gifts	31884	20000	48213	241
Repairs/Renewals	3040	10000	2470	25
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	3102	5000	6758	135
Telephone	623	1200	961	80
Council Tax	946	2300	1520	66
Stationary/Books etc.	954	1500	1908	127
Gardening/Cleaning	3287	4000	4999	125
Preaching/Trav. Exp	620	1000	230	23
Affiliation Fees	2551	2700	2553	95
Pastoral Expenses	4711	2000	1189	59
Insurance	1654	2000	1743	87
Youthwork	1908	3000	2804	93
Training	300	1000	899	90
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	3711	3000	7137	238
Traidcraft	353	500	635	127
Outreach & Hospitality	1365	3000	4457	149
Sundry	2354	2000	1115	56
Total	100637	117000	138476	118
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	23577	0	38531	

Accounts	12/1/2021	11/30/2022	Surplus
Treasurer	£2,132.78	£2,903.11	
BMM	£54,092.11	£91,852.15	
Total	£56,224.89	£94,755.26	£38,530.37

2021/22	Income		£177,006.82	
2021/22	Expenditure		£138,476.45	£38,530.37

Annual Report:

Inglewhite Congregational Church 2022

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity No. 1158000

Charity Name & Address

Inglewhite Congregational Church, Silk Mill Lane, Inglewhite, Preston PR3 2LP (The Church is part of the Congregational Federation)

Charity Trustees

Trustees

The Holding Trustees are the Congregational Federation Limited of 4 Castle Gate, Nottingham NG1 7AS (registered charity number 267469)

The managing trustees are the Minister and deacons who report to the Church Meeting.

Bankers

Our current account and deposit account are held by HSBC

Auditors

Towers & Gornall
Chartered Certified Accountants
Abacus House
The Ropewalk
Garstang
Preston
PR3 1NS

Day to Day Management

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Minister in conjunction with the deacons and Church officers. At 31st December 2022, this team consisted of:

Minister: Paul Davies

Secretary: Vacant

Administrator: Louise Clark

Deacons: Stephen Hardman, Lisa Talbot, Stuart Holden, Lesley Hardman, Helen Lockley and Mark Andrews

Treasurer: Bill Hardman

2. Structure, governance and management

Governing Constitution

The declaration of the trust adopted by the Congregational Federation Limited on 13th June 2009, adopted by the Church from 23 October 2010.

Risk Management Assessment

In common with all other organisations, the Church is potentially at risk from a number of sources. The trustees are responsible, on behalf of the Church, with the advice of the Health and Safety Team, for ensuring that these risks are managed so as not to expose the Church to undue risk and that the Church is in a position to correctly deal with any situation that may arise. Risks have been assessed and mitigated. Examples of areas that are kept under review include:

Financial Strategy

Ensuring that we have sufficient reserves to meet expenditure and that income levels are maintained. Regular management accounts are supplied to the Church and deacon meetings.

Internal Financial Controls

Expenditure is reported against budget and monies received. Bank statements are reconciled monthly and two signatures are required on all cheques. Cash is banked promptly.

Budget Authority

The Church meeting sets agreed budgets for each financial year and Church groups have authority to work within these budgets. Any expenditure outside the budget must be brought before the treasurer and deacons for agreement.

Accounting Period

The accounting period is 12 months, December – November. The previous accounting period was the 12 months ending 30th November 2022.

Data and Copyright Protection

Ensuring that we comply with all current regulations.

Employment Regulations

Ensuring that current regulations are complied with and contracts are honoured.

Insurance

Insurance levels are reviewed annually.

Property

Buildings are managed and maintained through the maintenance team.

Child Abuse

A policy is in force for the protection of children in the care of the church and its volunteers which is overseen by the child protection team. The Child Protection Officers are appointed by the church meeting and are responsible to advise on the policy and be a point of contact for any issues arising.

Membership of External Bodies

The Church subscribes to the Evangelical Alliance and to the EA Basis of Faith Statement.

Trustee Appointment

Any person on the Church membership may stand for election to the leadership team, having been proposed and seconded by other members according to the rules of faith and practice of the Church. Currently there are up to 9 who serve as leaders where they serve as both a managing trustee and a Church leader for a period of 3 years. The minister is an ex-officio member of this group. Elections take place at the Annual General Meeting. Please see appendix 1 for thoughts on being a leader to help you consider people to nominate.

3. Objectives and activities

Vision

To be a Church that walks alongside one another and the wider community to make the love of God known to all.

Strap line (aim): Sharing Jesus with neighbours and nations

Values: Deuteronomy 5:33 Walk in the way that the Lord your God has commanded you

W - Worship and Word

A - All involved

L - Loving relationships, Learning together

K - Kingdom mentality

Explanation

W - We value *worship* which seeks to honour God and place Jesus at the centre of our community whilst reflecting the multi-generational nature of the Church.

We value the truth of *God's Word* in the Bible and hold our beliefs as helpfully reflected in the creed we have adopted as a Church.

A - We value *All* being involved, the ministry and contribution of every member, believing all have gifts to bring for the wider good.

L - We value *Learning* and growing together, depending upon the Bible and the work of the Holy Spirit.

We value *Loving Relationships*; the Church at Inglewhite has a loving, caring soul which is reflected in a strength of relationship and an acceptance of one another which makes all who come feel welcome.

K - We value having a Kingdom mentality, expecting God's Church to grow as it serves the community around. Looking to spread Christ's influence whether in the workplace, study environment, at home or in Church based activities through evangelism and other demonstrations of our faith. This is also reflected in our concern and support for the wider ministry of God through other local Churches and mission agencies.

Application

Membership review

We at present have 100 members and many more who are regular attenders.

Other Church Reports

Finance Annual Report 2022

2022 from a financial point of view has been another great year. As you can see from the attached figures, combined Offerings and Mission Income were £104394, which is £17548 up on the previous year. Offerings were £3841 up on the previous year but Mission Giving was an incredible £13707 up. Thank you all for your amazing generosity. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to give by standing order or internet banking, it really contributes and also saves time. Chapel House and Willow Cottage were both fully occupied, boosting rental income. The Gift Aid Refund this year was £17497 so thank you again to everybody for using the Gift Aid Scheme. Betty Thackeray, a loyal supporter and member of Inglewhite for many years, generously bequeathed a legacy of £27194. Coffee Stop, Toddle In and various trips all returning after Covid restrictions were lifted, contributed to a record Total income for 2022 of £177007.

The lifting of Covid restrictions led to significant increases in expenditure. Increased use of our building and inflationary price rises led to increased spending on electricity, fuel and water. Being able to run trips once again led to increased spending on youth and hospitality. Incredibly generous responses to Mission causes (particularly IAT and their continual aid efforts in the Ukraine) led to significant mission giving of £48213 to 16 different causes. Spending on repairs and renewals was again significantly reduced. Overall expenditure was £138476 resulting in an end of year surplus of £38531.

Nine years ago it was agreed at the AGM that any surplus at the end of the financial year over £30000 would be given away. We voted to discontinue this principle three years ago and so will commence the next financial year with £94755 in the bank, a great start for a new chapter.

Also attached to the accounts is the budget for 2023 to be agreed at the AGM. Mark Andrews, Paul Davies, Andy Wright, Andy McKinnell and Bill Hardman have worked through the figures and attempted to come up with a sensible budget. Repairs to the Church Hall floor, upgrading of the kitchen facilities, and 6 months salary for a new employee have all been included in the budget. A large increase in the cost of electricity has been allowed for and general inflationary pressures taken into account. We have budgeted for a loss of £24000 over the next 12 months which is manageable with our current bank balance but giving will need to increase in future years if a suitable new employee is found and costs continue to increase. We will probably have to re-budget during the year as new projects, employees and vision become apparent.

For those who are responsible for budgets within the Church we ask again that you confirm with the finance team any individual spending over £250 to allow us to plan cash flow efficiently.

The Deacons have recommended a salary increase for our Pastor and Administrator of 5% which needs to be agreed at the AGM.

Thank you once again to everyone who supports the work at Inglewhite so generously. Not many Churches will be able to produce such positive accounts in this difficult financial time. We believe God has really blessed our positive attitude to giving over the years and are in a great financial position to see God's work continue to grow here at Inglewhite, and also support Mission. If you have any queries or require any clarification on either the accounts or future budget then please don't hesitate to ask any one of the Finance Committee before the AGM and we will do our best to help.

On behalf of the Finance Team,

Bill Hardman

CHURCH BUDGET DEC 2021/NOV 2022

30th November 2022

INCOME	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 To Date	% of Budget
Offerings/ Gift Aids	65704	72000	69545	97
Mission Income	21142	14000	34849	249
Gift Aid Refund	14971	12800	17497	137
Rent	15600	13000	15600	120
Use of Hall/Weddings etc	2540	2000	3708	185
Legacy	0	0	27194	N/A
Interest/Investment Income	696	700	760	109
Traidcraft	408	500	715	143
Sundry Income	3153	2000	7139	357
Total	124214	117000	177007	151
EXPENDITURE	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 To Date	% of Budget
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	37274	52800	48885	93
Mission Gifts	31884	20000	48213	241
Repairs/Renewals	3040	10000	2470	25
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	3102	5000	6758	135
Telephone	623	1200	961	80
Council Tax	946	2300	1520	66
Stationary/Books etc.	954	1500	1908	127
Gardening/Cleaning	3287	4000	4999	125
Preaching/Trav. Exp	620	1000	230	23
Affiliation Fees	2551	2700	2553	95
Pastoral Expenses	4711	2000	1189	59
Insurance	1654	2000	1743	87
Youthwork	1908	3000	2804	93
Training	300	1000	899	90
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	3711	3000	7137	238
Traidcraft	353	500	635	127
Outreach & Hospitality	1365	3000	4457	149
Sundry	2354	2000	1115	56
Total	100637	117000	138476	118
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	23577	0	38531	
Accounts		01/12/2021	30/11/2022	Surplus
Treasurer		£2,132.78	£2,903.11	
BMM		£54,092.11	£91,852.15	

Total		£56,224.89	£94,755.26	£38,530.37
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2021/22	Income		£177,006.82	
2021/22	Expenditure		£138,476.45	£38,530.37

CHURCH BUDGET DEC 2022/NOV 2023

1st December 2022

INCOME	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 To Date	% of Budget
Offerings/ Gift Aids	69545	72000		0
Mission Income	34849	20000		0
Gift Aid Refund	17497	16000		0
Rent	15600	13000		0
Use of Hall/Weddings etc	3708	3000		0
Legacy	27194	0		N/A
Interest/Investment Income	760	1000		0
Traidcraft	715	500		0
Sundry Income	7139	8000		0
Total	177007	133500		0

EXPENDITURE	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 To Date	% of Budget
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	48885	67000		0
Mission Gifts	48213	25000		0
Repairs/Renewals	2470	20000		0
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	6758	9000		0
Telephone	961	1100		0
Council Tax	1520	2300		0
Stationary/Books etc.	1908	2000		0
Gardening/Cleaning	4999	5500		0
Preaching/Trav. Exp	230	500		0
Affiliation Fees	2553	2800		0
Pastoral Expenses	1189	1700		0
Insurance	1743	1900		0
Youthwork	2804	5000		0
Training	899	2000		0
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	7137	5000		0
Traidcraft	635	400		0
Outreach & Hospitality	4457	5000		0
Sundry	1115	1300		0
Total	138476	157500	0	0
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	38531	-24000	0	

Accounts		01/12/2022	01/12/2022	Surplus
Treasurer		£2,903.11	£2,903.11	
BMM		£91,852.15	£91,852.15	
Total		£94,755.26	£94,755.26	£0.00

2022/23	Income		£0.00	
2022/23	Expenditure		£0.00	£0.00

Health and Safety

Health and Safety Walk Round Tuesday 17th January 2023. Present: Stephen Hardman and Neil Singleton.

Stores

Improvements Made

- Regular clear outs and reorganisation of items are being done
- Covers put over the lights to prevent glass breaking when putting up step ladders
- Sign up to store heavy stuff at the bottom of the shelves
- The shelf is fixed to the wall to prevent toppling over
- Tables moved to other end, and the door opens the other way to make getting tables out of the cupboard easier
- The television, the OHP have now gone, so there is more space.
- The tables have been rotated to prevent them sliding out and squashing someone – This arrangement is sufficient.
- More shelving has been put in and this has helped to store the toys better.
- 3 heavy boxes have been removed from the top shelf
- Hinge cover fitted on door into hall

Hall: Action done

- Remove carpet by store door as this is a trip hazard
- Emergency light should work when the lights are switched on.
- Light flickering has been fixed.
- Both doors fitted on the hinges with hinge protectors
- Socket cover replaced. The dividers have been removed and replaced by 1 set of folding panels.
- The dividing screen has been repaired.

Loft

Loft step: There have been several instances where the loft step has moved when someone has been on the in going up into the loft: No obvious solution was found, except to ensure that all users of the loft ladder are careful – continue to monitor.

Kitchen

Improvements made

-hatch installed in kitchen has made the serving of hot drinks much safer

-Knives and scissors are kept out of the children's reach

- Fridge temp monitored and checked weekly

Pipes are made of copper and are likely to corrode- Monitor and change to stainless when needed

A lot of condensation is causing damp under the sink – decided to leave this as not a food contact area

Cutlery stored in an open tray, currently covered by a tray – now stored in a cupboard.

Dishwasher chemical dispenser is working more effectively.

Temperature probe and fridge thermometer have been replaced

Corner cupboards smell mouldy – investigations suggest this is due to the storage of damp teapots and cafetiere. Monitor this and come back to maintenance team if issue

The trays are dropping through in the dishwasher -trays modified to prevent this.

The control for the window opening does not work – fixed.

Food safety and allergy awareness training – 4 people trained on level 2 NCASS training

No heavy items are stored on top of the cupboards.

Glasses have been replaced with polycarbonate glasses.

COSHH data for the dishwasher has been updated.

Missing door fronts issue has been resolved.

Entrance Hall

The hinge protectors are completed on the hall entrance door

The cupboard with the first aid box in now has a sign –

Mats have been removed –

Tables in the hallway are now not blocking fire escape access

Office

Extinguisher needs putting back up – done.

Chapel

Actions done

Procedure for fire evacuation has been redone

Issues with alarm points resolved -

2 more extinguishers put in place

A magnet is required to hold open the balcony door to enable people to exit quickly in the event of a fire - this has been resolved by removing the door shutter on the top of the door

Emergency lighting issues resolved by putting in more emergency lights.

Falling risk: The risk of tripping and falling over the balcony has been reduced by increasing the capacity of the church, and therefore reducing the usage of the balcony.

Still a risk of books falling over the side of the balcony - needs a small lip to prevent this happening - Currently the balcony is being used much less and books are also not being used. So, the risk of this happening is much lower than previously: Renew annually

Church door does not shut smoothly - Sourced 'arm' to resolve this problem

The carpet on the balcony has been changed and fitted.

Redecorating has been done.

Toilets: Actions complete

Hinge cover fitted

There have been issues with the plug being left in and the taps left on, resulting in considerable floods. The water pressure is to be reduced and if really necessary the plugs to be removed. No more flooding has occurred.

The timing on the lights has been altered as several people have been plunged into darkness whilst on the toilet in the ladies.

Duty Deacon or Leader to be responsible for medical emergencies.

Youth room

Hinge cover fitted to the door in the passageway

No further hazards identified

The old frame has been put into the shed.

Outside

Actions completed

The new shed that has been recently constructed is a big improvement

Improved lighting from the back carpark has been installed to easily see the path when they are entering the building from the car park.

Deacons need to make sure the back lights are switched on and off for evening meetings.

Drain cover covered and painted yellow following an accident

A step has been requested from the path to the field - This is difficult to do due to a water pipe running under the wall - and a step sticking out will cause a trip hazard and reduce access by vehicles round the back of church. However, parts of the stage which are stored in the shed could be used as a temporary step, and then stored back in the shed afterwards.

Slabs on the top of the wall are loose - done

Maintenance

Once again thanks to those who help with the maintenance jobs inside and outside in the Church grounds. Just a special mention to Neil Singleton and Gary MacMurchie for all their work with the weekly tests which need to be done. It is really appreciated, thank you.

All servicing and routine tests on properties completed (boiler, electricity, fire/smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, etc).

We are beginning building work on the Hall floor on Monday 30th January 2023 so this will be out of use of a while, plus general maintenance on all properties as and when needed, Stephen Hardman.

Missions

We have enjoyed another good year supporting various missions.

January - Bernard Cocker shared about the work of International Aid Trust, what an amazing work they continue to do particularly in Ukraine.

April - we had a visit from the Message Trust who are based in Manchester. It is wonderful to hear about their work among young people in schools, prisons and amongst struggling families at Community Groceries.

July - some of our own church folks are involved in the work of Street Pastors and it was great to have them share about this challenging work on the streets of Preston. Paul Blackett who leads Preston Street Pastors also spoke and gave an update about the work.

September- Abi Hardman visited Grahamstown South Africa in summer and she shared about the amazing work of LIV working with orphaned and vulnerable children. We also held an afternoon tea in August to support LIV.

November- Josh and Sarah Cowles came and shared about their plans to work with African Inland Mission, they will be based in Kenya and Josh is a pilot.

In December our Christmas offerings went towards the work of The Rosemere Cancer Unit and Open Doors.

Thank you for your generosity over the past twelve months, we are literally helping to spread the Christian message all over the world.

Ruth MacMurchie

Child Protection

We completed our annual safeguarding training in September 2022 with Mary-Jayne Carter, and I completed the Designated Safeguard Lead course in June 2022. Some of the Sticky Bun Church team are completing a free online safeguarding course with the Congregational Federation in January and February 2023. Paul Davies, Jacqui Clark and Louise Clark are booked onto the free Adult Safeguarding Course with the Congregational Federation in January 2023.

The team will meet in February 2023 to look at appropriate training for this year.

Louise Clark

Toddle In

The good news spread that we were restarting on Thursday 13th January 2022, many families, up to 15 regular parents attend each week and have joined us in 2022.

We changed the day to Thursday to accommodate more volunteer helpers and now have a strong team of support. It runs from 9-11am and we ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family to cover the cost of snacks and art/craft materials.

We are hoping to move the focus towards God by providing a child friendly craft activity linked to the Sticky Bun Church Theme of the month and finishing with singing and a short prayer with Paul before they go home.

We will also ask all parents to leave contact details and provide information on any allergies on arrival before the snacks are served. Exciting times ahead, spreading the 'word of God' to as many families as we can.

Louise Clark.

Sticky Bun Church

When did you last attend a *different* church? *How did you feel?*

When you've got a small person with you who has the unknown potential to be (a) angelic, (b) partially wild or (c) outright explosive, no matter how intrigued you are about God & church, it's not that difficult to find something else to do on a Sunday morning.

- *CHILD - Where's my mummy? Why has she left me here (in JC) with other children I don't know? Why does everyone else know the stories and I don't? I feel silly. How many biscuits can I have?*
- *GROWN UP - Who are these people? What will they say to little Jonny? Will he be alright? What will Jonny say about me? Where have the Bibles all gone and what am I reading on the screen? I have no idea what this man is on about or what that last song was about.... What if Jonny has eaten all the biscuits?*

If you've always gone to church, going to a different one on your own or with little people, can be quite a facing.

If you've never been to a church, or not been for a long time, it can be even more daunting. Unfamiliar songs, sermons, people, communion, practises...

Post pandemic, we were increasingly aware that our friends and neighbours hadn't been to church for a long time.

If ever.

Yet, at Rainbows, footie practice, on the school run, at work, in Aldi, knowing we went to church, people asked us about God's response to the war / Covid / poverty / the environment / children etc. We've invited friends & family to church, and some have been once or twice. Others are yet to venture.

So we prayed. First and foremost, we prayed. Then we asked if anyone else felt the same. And you did. And you prayed. And then you said you'd help. And so Inglewhite Sticky Bun Church began.

Our aim is simple - to let our community know that God loves them.

There's about 20 of us, organised in 4 teams;

- **Team Fishfinger** – A light tea for the children, brew & cake for the grown ups is offered. This enables grown ups to talk, while children eat. Kids (& grown ups) go home happy, rather than cranky, and grown ups can chat about life.
- **Team Sequins** – Craft activities or games around a Bible theme. Simple messages written on artwork, go into homes for families to look at and be reminded of in days and years to come and families spend quality time together.
- **Team TTM (tech, talk & music)** – Paul offers a family friendly talk for the children & grown ups to listen to, together. Any songs we sing, try to be as familiar as possible (think school assembly).
- The all important...**Floaters** – A really important role for people to get alongside others and chat / help.

We had our 1st SBC in Dec 2022. Approx 30 children, and 50 adults came. Parents, carers, grandparents, friends. Some had connections with Inglewhite toddlers (highly praised). Others had connections to Inglewhite, but many had seen an advert or had been asked, and thought they'd come along. For many, Dec 2022 SBC was their first time visiting Inglewhite, and a church setting. They were noticeably nervous on arrival, but Louise & others welcomed them warmly and they settled quickly with the aid of Team Sequin activities. We pray that these new friends return.

One feedback from a mum; *Thank you so much for having us. We've really enjoyed it. xxx has loved it. I was really worried about xxx when we went into church, as he doesn't sit still. But that man (Pastor Paul), just let him wander and he (Paul) didn't mind and just carried on talking. Xxx really wanted to see baby Jesus.. And he (Paul) let him look into the crib, and see baby Jesus. And it was ok. Thankyou for having us. We'd love to come again.*

We aim to run a SBC every 2 months. (Next one 5th Feb).

SBC isn't a replacement for traditional church services and junior church, both of which are loved and enjoyed by all. We present the same message, just less formally than the 1045. In short, it's a simple Messy Church.

We are praying as we walk, having lots of fun as we do so with a fantastic team.

The Sticky Bun Team

Junior Church

Junior Church report 2022

We have had another successful year teaching the children in Junior Church, thanks to some new additions to the leaders' team from Helen McKinnell, Ling Lee, Wendy Layhe and Alexia Gargrave.

We had a very busy month in December when Dylanne helped us to put on an amazing Nativity play and Dance involving over 20 children, including a wonderful Christmas Party celebrating a great dress rehearsal.

In July we took 25 Youth to Quinta, a team of leaders, led by Bill Hardman spent the weekend with the youth and they all enjoyed the time together and exciting activities.

In October we celebrated the children of Junior Church with a Prize Giving Service, where all the children received a certificate from Pastor Paul and a Christian Book to keep.

We held a very well attended Easter Scavenger Hunt, looking for all the things that God had blessed us with around Beacon Fell.

We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with an afternoon garden party on Friday 3rd June, as a Church Family, providing games and activities for the children attending to be involved in.

We held our annual safeguarding training in September that was very well attended, and we have booked in free safeguarding training for the adults involved in the new Sticky Bun Church for January 2023, with the Congregation Federation.

A very big thank you to all the Leaders and volunteers that make all the above possible.

Louise Clark

2022 Youth Report

Inglewhite Youth met every fortnight on a Sunday evening during 2022. A solid group of approx 12 young people, aged 11-18, get together for games, fun, food and Bible messages. On some occasions we have seen about 18 gather together.

Spring saw 20 of us head to Quinta, where Abi Hardman, Lisa Talbot and Steve Cowles shared about the armour of God and some outdoor survival skills were practised. Times away like this really help to cement friendships and build faith.

In Autumn, we visited some members of the congregation in their homes who gave their life stories, and the youth enjoyed asking questions and building connections with them. We also had a good family night out at Blackpool lights.

Helen and Stephen have now handed over the youth to Andy and Susie Talbot who organise a rota of helpers to continue this vital work.

Music in me

'Music in me' restarted after the break for COVID, on May 20th, 2022.

The number of service users that now attend is 19, which used to be 6 on a regular basis + now we have 19 + 19 Carers, nine of these service users are wheelchair users.

The people that come to help organise this on a regular basis are Colleen, Dennis & Linda, Tony & Denise and Julie. Also, thank you to Louise who steps in when we need her.

It would be very helpful if we could have a list of volunteers we could call on when we need them, i.e., Holidays, sickness etc.

Music in me plays a very important part in the lives of all the Service users because they have the freedom to express themselves in their own way, plus it meets a need in the Community. They love the music and dancing, some of the wheelchair users enjoy dancing also. We have the words up on the screen for those who want to join in, we do have some Christian songs in the mix. We also have a selection of percussion instruments which they can choose from.

In the middle of each session, we have Cake & Break time, which everyone enjoys. It is a good time for the Carers to get together as they don't see very much of each other.

At the end of each session, Paul comes in and has a chat with some of the Carers and service users, sometimes gets taken by the hand to join in with the dancing.

Paul always finishes the session by praying over them and sharing God's blessing.

The highlight of last year was the Christmas Party, which included a lovely buffet lunch, provided by Julie which we all enjoyed. Then Father Christmas arrived on the scene, all very exciting!

We decorated the hall with the help of Louise, this was for the enjoyment of everyone using the hall over the Christmas period. The cost of this was met by the Church, and the decorations have all been put away in the attic for next Christmas.

Inglewhite Friends

Inglewhite Friends meets the third Monday afternoon each month at 2pm.

We have a short devotional time followed by different speakers. Over the past twelve months we have enjoyed a good variety.

We always finish with a good afternoon tea and lots of chat. Everyone is welcome including men.

At Christmas we enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal at Longridge Golf Club.

It is a happy time when we all get together, please feel free to come along as everyone is welcome.

Thanks,

Let Hardman

Coffee Stop

Coffee Stop opened in Inglewhite Church Hall as a community cafe in 2005. In late 2013 it extended its contact and opened on a monthly basis in Catterall. 2022 has been a great year, perhaps as a result of the recent restrictions we have come to value our church family more than ever. It was wonderful to revert back to physical gatherings in September 21. Numbers attending at both Catterall & Inglewhite have been building again slowly. It's been very encouraging to welcome new faces from both communities, building friendships & supporting each other through the ups & downs of life. We have experienced sadness, losing regular members & friends but are thankful for our many happy memories. At each Coffee Stop event we share an encouraging bible based thought. It's good to hear individual short stories of personal faith experiences. Our highlights this year include an Easter craft event in Catterall & our summer trip to Grassington in July. Christmas was a special time when around seventy of us gathered for a church service and lunch. As a development in Catterall 'Church But Not On A Sunday' was launched in September 2016. This informal monthly event was developed as a way to explore what having a relationship with Jesus might mean for us & for others in our community. In September 21 we relaunched our gathering & met for supper at Garstang Fish & Chips where the owner shared some personal testimony with us. Throughout the year we've had discussion nights, visiting speakers from the hospital chaplaincy team & Lancashire constabulary as well as others. Our summer social was a treasure hunt & supper. It is such a privilege to connect with our local community in this way & we were delighted to be invited to share in the Catterall Christmas tree switch on. Singing carols & sharing a Christian message of Hope with adults & lots of children was wonderful. We look forward to the way forward for 2023. Since September 2016 Church But Not On A Sunday has run in parallel with a 'connect group' who gathered to share life & explore the bible together. This group has restarted under the leadership of Pastor Paul. A second Sunday evening group is established & meeting together every two weeks. It's great to connect church members & friends in our own community so we can explore at our own pace & grow together. All of these community events are run by a fantastic group of enthusiastic volunteers. A huge thank you to everyone involved. All activities are overseen by our leadership team & underpinned by the prayer support of many. Come along to Coffee Stop during 2023, better still, invite a friend and meet in Catterall or Inglewhite for a Tuesday morning cuppa. It's a friendly meeting place & a non-threatening introduction to our wonderful church family.

Conclusion

Thank you to all who contributed to this report, to all who participate in the life of the Church Community here and, with God's help and guidance make it all happen.

Appendix 1

The Leaders

The Bible teaches the 'priesthood of all believers'. All are equal before God and all are equally called to serve God in the local Church. However, we also believe that some are called to serve through leading, taking responsibility and giving oversight to the church in discovering and fulfilling its God-given mission to the world. We call this the leadership team, which at present fulfils the biblical roles of both elders and deacons.

Members of the leadership are by law the managing trustees of our church charity. They are expected to be willing and able to act as trustees, being responsible for the governance of the church under the authority of the church members meeting and giving spiritual and operational leadership generally.

In Scripture, one of the most important qualities to consider in a leader is character. Of course, no one is perfect, but 1 Timothy 3 has a helpful list of personal qualities that are appropriate for leaders including spiritual maturity. Acts 6:5 describes the church as choosing Stephen who was 'a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit'. The church needs people in leadership who are able to get on well with other people and work as part of a team - something that strongly links with good character.

Competency is also important (i.e. spiritual gifting) and those nominated for the church leadership should understand their spiritual gifts. 'We have different gifts according to the grace given us. If a person's gift is ... leadership, let them govern diligently...' (Romans 12:6-8).

We are looking for people who can grasp the 'big picture'. Scripture also says 'They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.' (1 Timothy 3:10) This implies that someone nominated for leadership responsibility should already have demonstrated evidence of good leadership in a ministry of some kind.

Finally, there is the practical question of availability. Leadership meetings now take place every month for around 2 hours and sometimes more frequently if specific issues arise.

Members of the leadership also typically undertake church work outside of meetings overseeing various aspects of the wider Church's ministry.

Becoming part of the leadership is not 'being promoted' in church life but fulfilling a vital function. There will be able, gifted and spiritual people who should not be part of the leadership because they are already in the right place and are doing a wonderful job 'operationally', actually delivering ministry that helps achieve our vision. The team should aim to have a good mix of age and gender.

In thinking about possible additions to the team there are probably two extremes to avoid. The first is to see the criteria for leadership as so demanding that no-one feels either able to nominate anyone else or be nominated themselves. The second extreme is to be too anxious to find candidates and so push someone who is either not a good fit or ready. The role of the church in nominating leaders is to discern whom God is calling to this work. It is something to be done prayerfully and thoughtfully.

Nominations and Appointments

There will normally be a maximum of 9 member of the leaders, excluding Ministerial staff, who join to form the full leadership team.

To be eligible for nomination to the leadership an individual must have been a Church Member for at least twelve months (this does not apply to Ministers), be over the age of 18 years, have character and ability (i.e. time, motivation and gifts) as set out above and be able to take responsibility for a specific ministry area or role.

Nominations for the leadership must be submitted in writing to the Church Secretary at least two weeks before the date of the Annual General Church Meeting. Nominations must be made by a church member in writing with the supporting signature of one other Church member and must have prior consent of the nominee.

Elections to the leadership is to be made at a Church Meeting by secret ballot and is usually for a fixed term of 3 years. Individuals may be re-appointed for further terms of office.

Current duties

This is a copy of how we are currently seeking for the leaders to operate in encouraging the Church

1. To clarify the role of oversight, this includes:

Meeting with the leaders of each ministry to:

- a) Encourage the vision with the leader and all those involved. Use the annual reports as a starting place.
- b) Discuss the resources needed: financial, equipment, people and help them to access anything required.
- c) Consider the bigger picture of how this ministry fits in with the wider ministry of the Church:

'To be a Church that walks alongside one another and the wider community to make the love of God known to all'

- d) To represent the ministry to the other leaders.

Really the aim is to champion the ministry in the life of the Church.

2. To meet regularly to discern the Lord's ongoing vision for the fellowship, to discuss current issues in the Church's life and to make recommendations to the Church meeting.

3. To take responsibility as a 'duty deacon' for making sure that for Sunday services the buildings are properly organised, and any quest speakers receive welcome and attention.

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2021 has once again been a challenging year in so many ways. COVID restrictions and both pastoral and administration changes have brought heavy workloads particularly for our Leadership team. God has really blessed all the hard work and prayers and we are excited to begin a new chapter with our new team. Our new Pastor Paul and his wife Alison were welcomed into ministry on the 1st November and our new administrator Louise will be up and running in the New Year.

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Traidcraft	564	500	408
Interest/Investment Income	1275	1000	696
Sundry Income	2967	5000	3153
Total	138073	131000	124214
EXPENDITURE	2019/20	2020/21 Budget	2020/21
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	46338	67000	37274
Mission Gifts	44911	22400	31884
Repairs/Renewals	15406	10000	3040
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	4325	5000	3102
Telephone	1301	1300	623
Council Tax	699	0	946
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Youthwork	2434	5000	1908
Training	1035	1000	300
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	1928	1000	3711
Outreach & Hospitality	2116	3000	1365
Traidcraft	499	500	353
Sundry	1279	1300	2354
Total	132838	131000	100637
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	5235	0	23577
Accounts		12/01/2020	11/30/2021
Treasurer		£2,250.92	£2,132.78
BMM		£30,395.84	£54,092.11
Total		£32,646.76	£56,224.89
2020/21	Income		£124,215.24
2020/21	Expenditure		£100,637.11

% of Budget
84
141
100
120
85
82
70
63
95
% of Budget
56
142
30
62
48
N/A
48
82
62
91
236
97
38
30
371
46
71
181
77

Surplus
£23,578.13

£23,578.13

Annual Report:

Inglewhite Congregational Church 2021

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity No. 1158000

Charity Name & Address

Inglewhite Congregational Church, Silk Mill Lane, Inglewhite, Preston PR3 2LP (The Church is part of the Congregational Federation)

Charity Trustees

Trustees

The Holding Trustees are the Congregational Federation Limited of 4 Castle Gate, Nottingham NG1 7AS (registered charity number 267469)

The managing trustees are the Minister and deacons who report to the Church Meeting.

Bankers

Our current account and deposit account are held by HSBC

Auditors

Towers & Gornall
Chartered Certified Accountants
Abacus House
The Ropewalk
Garstang
Preston
PR3 1NS

Day to Day Management

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Minister in conjunction with the deacons and Church officers. At 31st December 2020, this team consisted of:

Minister: Paul Davies

Secretary: Mark Andrews

Administrator: Louise Clark

Deacons: Stephen Hardman, Lisa Talbot, Dennis Bond, Mandy Wallace, Helen Lockley, Mark Andrews, Neil Ashworth

Treasurer: Bill Hardman

2. Structure, governance and management

Governing Constitution

The declaration of the trust adopted by the Congregational Federation Limited on 13th June 2009, adopted by the Church from 23 October 2010.

Risk Management Assessment

In common with all other organisations, the Church is potentially at risk from a number of sources. The trustees are responsible, on behalf of the Church, with the advice of the Health and Safety Team, for ensuring that these risks are managed so as not to expose the Church to undue risk and that the Church is in a position to correctly deal with any situation that may arise. Risks have been assessed and mitigated. Examples of areas that are kept under review include:

Financial Strategy

Ensuring that we have sufficient reserves to meet expenditure and that income levels are maintained. Regular management accounts are supplied to the Church and deacon meetings.

Internal Financial Controls

Expenditure is reported against budget and monies received. Bank statements are reconciled monthly and two signatures are required on all cheques. Cash is banked promptly.

Budget Authority

The Church meeting sets agreed budgets for each financial year and Church groups have authority to work within these budgets. Any expenditure outside the budget must be brought before the treasurer and deacons for agreement.

Accounting Period

The accounting period is 12 months, December – November. The previous accounting period was the 12 months ending 30th November 2021.

Data and Copyright Protection

Ensuring that we comply with all current regulations.

Employment Regulations

Ensuring that current regulations are complied with and contracts are honoured.

Insurance

Insurance levels are reviewed annually.

Property

Buildings are managed and maintained through the maintenance team.

Child Abuse

A policy is in force for the protection of children in the care of the church and its volunteers which is overseen by the child protection team. The Child Protection Officers are appointed by the church meeting and are responsible to advise on the policy and be a point of contact for any issues arising.

Membership of External Bodies

The Church subscribes to the Evangelical Alliance and to the EA Basis of Faith Statement.

Trustee Appointment

Any person on the Church membership may stand for election to the leadership team, having been proposed and seconded by other members according to the rules of faith and practice of the Church. Currently there are up to 9 who serve as leaders where they serve as both a managing trustee and a Church leader for a period of 3 years. The minister is an ex-officio member of this group. Elections take place at the Annual General Meeting. Please see appendix 1 for thoughts on being a leader to help you consider people to nominate.

3. Objectives and activities

Vision

To be a Church that walks alongside one another and the wider community to make the love of God known to all.

Strap line (aim): To Walk with Christ, alongside you

Values: Deuteronomy 5:33 Walk in the way that the Lord your God has commanded you

W - Worship and Word

A - All involved

L - Loving relationships, Learning together

K - Kingdom mentality

Explanation

W - We value *worship* which seeks to honour God and place Jesus at the centre of our community whilst reflecting the multi-generational nature of the Church.

We value the truth of *God's Word* in the Bible and hold our beliefs as helpfully reflected in the creed we have adopted as a Church.

A - We value *All* being involved, the ministry and contribution of every member, believing all have gifts to bring for the wider good.

L - We value *Learning* and growing together, depending upon the Bible and the work of the Holy Spirit.

We value *Loving Relationships*; the Church at Inglewhite has a loving, caring soul which is reflected in a strength of relationship and an acceptance of one another which makes all who come feel welcome.

K - We value having a Kingdom mentality, expecting God's Church to grow as it serves the community around. Looking to spread Christ's influence whether in the workplace, study environment, at home or in Church based activities through evangelism and other demonstrations of our faith. This is also reflected in our concern and support for the wider ministry of God through other local Churches and mission agencies.

Application

Pastor's 2021 Report

July saw Pastor John Irwin move on from Inglewhite Church to seek what the Lord has for him in the coming years. For over 15 years John had done a great job pastoring and leading Inglewhite Church.

I Paul Davies took up the role of pastor at Inglewhite Church on 1st November this year.

As I write this, I have only been in post for a number of weeks but already feel very much at home here.

We have less Covid restrictions in the church at this point but are aware that this could change at any point. Our services have been relatively full on a few weeks more recently which is very encouraging but there are still several vulnerable people who make use of the live streamed Zoom services that happen each Sunday morning.

The last two years have been difficult for the church because of the virus situation. There have been several bereavements for the church to face and an increase sense of isolation. This has especially hit Inglewhite Church as it is obviously a very close family church who have done many things together over the years.

People are still looking out for each other and bringing care where this has been needed.

Regarding the leadership team we are looking forward to a few new people from the congregation joining us on the leadership team. As we seek together the plan and purpose God has for Inglewhite as move into a new year and beyond.

We rejoice as the church is still in a strong position spiritually and financially as we look ahead.

We have a lot to be thankful for as we are aware that God is still with us whatever we may go through as individuals and as a church.

Membership review

We at present have 112 members and many more who are regular attenders.

We are encouraged as a number of people have expressed interest in becoming members in the new year.

Other Church Reports

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Traidcraft	564	500	408	82
Interest/Investment Income	1275	1000	696	70
Sundry Income	2967	5000	3153	63
Total	138073	131000	124214	95
EXPENDITURE	2019/20	2020/21 Budget	2020/21	% of Budget
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	46338	67000	37274	56
Mission Gifts	44911	22400	31884	142
Repairs/Renewals	15406	10000	3040	30
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	4325	5000	3102	62
Telephone	1301	1300	623	48
Council Tax	699	0	946	N/A
Stationary/Books etc.	1768	2000	954	48
Gardening/Cleaning	3627	4000	3287	82
Preaching/Trav. Exp	160	1000	620	62
Affiliation Fees	2718	2800	2551	91
Pastoral Expenses	723	2000	4711	236
Insurance	1571	1700	1654	97
Youthwork	2434	5000	1908	38
Training	1035	1000	300	30
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	1928	1000	3711	371
Outreach & Hospitality	2116	3000	1365	46
Traidcraft	499	500	353	71
Sundry	1279	1300	2354	181
Total	132838	131000	100637	77
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	5235	0	23577	

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2020/21			£124,215.24
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Income				
2020/21				
Expenditure			£100,637.11	£23,578.13

CHURCH ACCOUNTS & BUDGET Comparison 2015/2022							
Date: 30th November 2021							
INCOME	2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Budget
Offerings/Gift Aids	65183	60930	59769	70845	83849	65704	72000
Gift Aid Refund	18014	15568	14974	16776	17182	14971	12800
Use of Hall/Weddings etc	2849	3585	1781	2203	4554	2540	2000
Sundry Income	6107	5083	4529	7424	2967	3153	2000
Rent	2933	6000	6000	6700	13681	15600	13000
Mission Income	5367	7608	9924	3815	14001	21142	14000
Traidcraft	1268	1254	1084	829	564	408	500
Interest/Investment Income	866	864	880	908	1275	696	700
Total	102587	100892	98941	109500	138073	124214	117000
EXPENDITURE	2015/16 Actual	Actual 2016/17	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Budget
Salary/Pension/ NI cont.	37297	33478	34227	37408	46338	37274	42000
Mission Gifts	24930	30619	37049	28333	44911	31884	20000
Rent	0	0	0	0	0	1935	10800
Repairs/Renewals	4918	5082	9363	9980	15406	3040	10000
Heat/ Light/ Fuel/Water	2890	3281	4426	5236	4325	3102	5000
Telephone	896	762	980	860	1301	623	1200
Council Tax	2004	1748	2287	1645	699	946	2300
Stationery/Books etc.	1645	1638	1210	3096	1768	954	1500
Gardening/Cleaning	3800	3548	3272	3933	3627	3287	4000
Preaching/Trav. Exp	388	610	305	1165	160	620	1000
Affiliation Fees	1616	1687	1919	2155	2718	2551	2700
Pastoral Expenses	1341	1149	1968	1382	723	2776	2000
Insurance	1352	1454	1530	1612	1571	1654	2000
Youthwork	4540	5695	3825	5183	2434	1908	3000
Training	716	863	360	319	1035	300	1000
Worship Group/ Tech Supp.	561	990	255	1099	1928	3711	3000
Traidcraft	1106	1101	939	744	499	353	500
Hospitality	3852	3614	3425	3429	2116	1365	3000
Sundry	760	1136	525	1046	1279	2354	2000
Total	94612	98455	107865	108625	132838	100637	117000
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	7975	2437	-8924	875	5235	23577	0

INGLEWHITE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1158000

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1 st	Month December	Year 2019		Day 30 th	Month November	Year 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Silk Mill Lane	
Inglewhite	
Preston	
Postcode	PR3 2LP

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	John Irwin	Chair		Ex-officio
2	Stephen Kelsall			Annual General Meeting
3	Helen Lockley			Annual General Meeting
4	Stephen Hardman			Annual General Meeting
5	Lisa Talbot			Annual General Meeting
6	Amanda Wallace			Annual General Meeting
7	Dennis Bond			Annual General Meeting
8	Neil Ashworth		Appointed Nov 2020	Annual General Meeting
9	Mark Andrews		Appointed Nov 2020	Annual General Meeting
10	Andy Foot		Resigned March 2020	
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20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Declaration of Trust dated 16/09/2010
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Trustees are elected from membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Any person on the Church membership may stand for election to the leadership team, having been proposed and seconded by other members according to the rules of faith and practice of the church.

The Church subscribes to the Evangelical Alliance.

Risks are discussed at the Church meeting.
Legal and professional advice is taken, as required, from the Congregational Federation.
Safeguarding policy and procedures in place and reviewed annually.
Health and safety policy in place and reviewed annually.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The principle purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles and usages for the time being of congregationalism and in accordance with any specific requirements in the foundation trusts.

The church may also advance education, relieve need and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

As a church we hold regular Sunday and weekday activities for people of all ages.

We also organise many other weekly activities for people of all ages.

All our activities are financed by freewill offerings given by attendees.

We participate in local community activities, as well as supporting worldwide mission activities, particularly through International Aid Trust.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The following activities took place until the closure of the church 17th March 2020 due to the COVID pandemic:

As a church we have held regular Sunday and weekday services, including creche and junior church which are open to all.

We have also held many other regular activities for people of all ages: -

Toddle-In – weekly session for pre-school children and carers.

Messy Church – monthly activities and church service for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality.

Pancake Party – bi-monthly group for primary school aged children including breakfast treats, chat, songs, games, Bible stories, prayer and crafts.

Brunch Club – bi-monthly club aimed at young people in school years 6 and above; includes brunch, games, contemporary worship, drama, interactive Bible study and creative prayer.

Youth activities – regular get togethers for bible study, discussion, and social activities.

Coffee Stop – fortnightly get together for light refreshments and a 'thought for the day'.

Inglewhite Friends – monthly meeting with a guest speaker, short devotional time, and a supper.

Music in Me – fortnightly get together for adults with learning difficulties and people living with dementia.

Small connect groups meet fortnightly and men's and ladies' prayer meetings are held monthly.

Activities are financed by free will offerings given by attendees.

We closed the church on 17th March 2020 due to the COVID pandemic and many of our regular activities were stopped.

During the closure we produced an online service each Sunday morning using Zoom and it was also available on YouTube. Weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies took place using Zoom. Junior Church and Youth meetings also took place on Zoom.

A phone buddy list was introduced to help everyone keep in contact during lockdown and regular communications were sent out by email and through the post.

We reopened church in August 2020 with the Sunday service being held outdoors on the church field. In September we moved back into the church building with the appropriate safety measures in place following Government guidelines. Junior Church and youth meetings were held in tents on the church field. Attendees were requested to book in advance using ChurchSuite.

We have continued to support local and worldwide mission activities, supporting SportsReach in their work with children and young people in the UK and around the world, and, through International Aid Trust, supporting a nurse in Sierra Leone.

A total of £44911 was donated to 28 different causes throughout the year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have agreed to maintain the charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to six months' operational expenditure and have done so having regards to its manner of operation of likely funding streams.

At the end of the financial year any funds held in excess of the agreed reserves level will be donated to other worthwhile causes as agreed at the Annual General Meeting by the church members.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In the financial year ending 30 November 2020:

73% of the Church income was received from freewill offerings and Gift Aid refunds.

35% of expenditure was on pay and related costs and 34% on gifts to missions and charity donations.

Section F

Other optional information

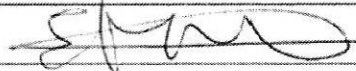
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

STEPHEN HARDMAN

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date

26.09.21

Inglewhite Congregational Church
Income and expenditure account for the
year ended 30 November 2020

		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Offerings/Gift Aids		83,849		70,845
Funerals/Weddings/Use of hall		4,554		2,203
Gift Aid Income Tax Refund		17,182		16,776
Rent		13,681		6,700
Investment Income		1,247		852
Bank Interest		28		56
Sundry Income		2,967		7,149
Mission Income		14,001		3,815
Traidcraft		564		829
		138,073		109,225
 EXPENSES				
Salaries & Pensions	46,338		37,202	
Repairs & Renewals	15,406		9,855	
Power & Water	4,325		5,334	
Telephone	1,301		860	
Council Tax	699		1,397	
Printing, Stationery, Website	1,768		3,096	
Gardening/Cleaning	3,627		4,139	
Preaching Fees	160		1,165	
Affiliation Fees	2,718		2,155	
Insurance	1,571		1,612	
Mission & Charity Donations	44,911		28,333	
Sundry Expenses	1,279		1,046	
Junior Church & Youthwork	2,434		5,183	
Training	1,035		319	
Worship Group/Tech Support	1,928		1,099	
Traidcraft	499		744	
Pastoral Expenses	723		1,382	
Hospitality	2,116		3,429	
		132,838		108,350
Surplus for the year		5,235		875

Inglewhite Congregational Church
Balance Sheet at 30 November 2020

		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
	£	£		£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank current account	2,251		715	
Money manager deposit account	<u>30,396</u>		<u>26,697</u>	
		32,647		27,412
Trustee investments held by Congregational federation at valuation		21,179		21,103
		<u>53,826</u>		<u>48,515</u>
 REPRESENTED BY				
Special Fund		21,179		21,103
General Fund				
Opening balance	27,412		26,537	
Deficit/Surplus	<u>5,235</u>		<u>875</u>	
		32,647		27,412
		<u>53,826</u>		<u>48,515</u>