

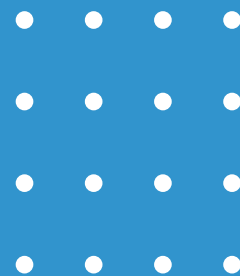
2023/2024

ANNUAL REPORT

Charity number 1158883



South
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South Chard Church

This is the ninth annual report from the Trustee board at South Chard Church CIO which was formally registered in October 2014.

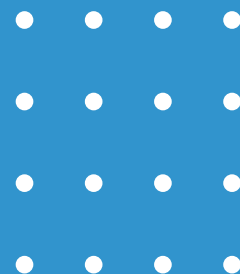
Since our previous annual review, the church has continued to be a source of support to our local community. Initiatives have been consolidated and built upon to ensure they best meet the needs of the people we are connected with. Our Community Manager and Community Worker have led a team of volunteers to provide practical, emotional and spiritual support to the people we encounter. All members of our church are encouraged to learn from one another, offer pastoral support to each other and play their part within the community.

We continue to have four trustees on the board, who meet on a regular basis and hold an annual AGM.

South Chard Church continues to be affiliated with Churches in Communities International, who are on standby to offer any support or advice should we require it. We also continue to work with Churches Together in Chard (part of Churches Together In England) and look forward to furthering our relationship with them in the coming year.

Community Life

This year we have continued to build on the success of The Hub at South Chard Church. This initiative is designed to engage our resources and volunteers in various programmes that support community life.



*“Every child
is unique
therefore
their education
should be
also.”*

Good Works

In collaboration with Chard Churches Together, our Good Works Team is dedicated to supporting secondary school students who face challenges in mainstream education. We provide weekly sessions that focus on teaching essential cooking skills and offering personalised mentoring. Through these programs, we aim to equip young people with practical abilities and emotional support, fostering their personal development and enhancing their future opportunities. This partnership exemplifies our commitment to making a positive impact in the community and empowering the next generation to succeed.

Coffee Mornings

Our weekly coffee mornings serve as a vibrant hub of community engagement, offering more than just a caffeine fix. With an abundance of cake and hearty laughter, these gatherings become a cherished time of shared stories and connection.



Spanning generations, they provide a unique opportunity for intergenerational interaction, promoting understanding and empathy across age groups. Beyond the joyous atmosphere, our coffee mornings serve a practical purpose as well, functioning as a trusted space where individuals can seek guidance and be directed to various services as needed, embodying our commitment to holistic support within our community.



Provisions

We continue to work with our partners to provide food where it is most needed. Collaborating closely with Chard Community Hub and our local food bank, Lord's Larder, we distribute donations from local supermarkets to the community. We deeply value the coordinated efforts of our local charities and agencies to ensure no one goes hungry.

During Christmas, we joined forces to distribute hundreds of children's toys to local families. With generous donations from individuals and businesses, a dedicated team of volunteers came together to wrap and deliver the presents.

In the spirit of spreading joy during Easter, we, along with our partners, distributed Easter eggs donated by supermarkets to families on low incomes. This initiative brought smiles to many children and provided a special treat during the holiday season.

We also maintain a small fund called "Love Chard," supported by individual donations. This fund helps us address needs that cannot be met through our partners, providing supermarket vouchers or essential household items for those in urgent need.



Children and Young People

In partnership with Chard Churches Together, we organised an event at the local skate park featuring a double-decker bus with activities, a BBQ, and music to celebrate the young people in our town and affirm their value. Additionally, we take children on nature walks, which offer numerous benefits including physical exercise, a connection to the environment, and opportunities for mindfulness and stress relief. In the summer our team and volunteers joined the Holiday Club crew and spent the week being pirates (the theme of the club) with over 70 children, which was lots of fun.

We also work one to one with young people, for example, we collaborated with another agency to provide a young man, who did not complete school, regular opportunities to learn practical skills such as painting and gardening. These initiatives are designed to create a sense of community, promote personal growth, and equip young individuals with valuable life skills.





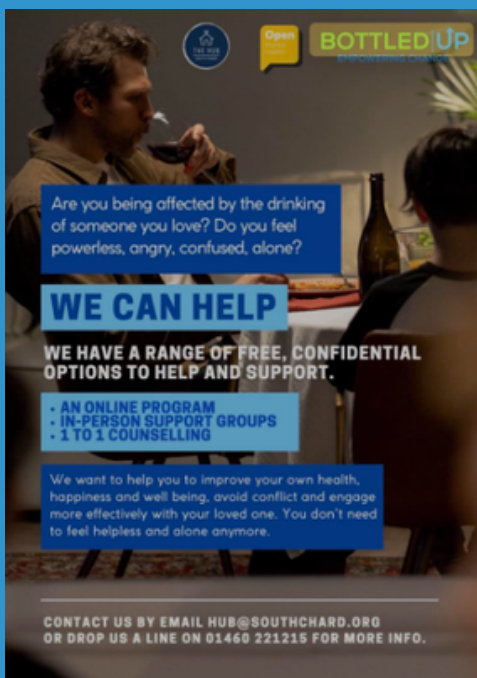
Healthy Living

We ran a weekly healthy living group, offering a welcoming space for participants to share challenges and ideas related to healthy living. The group provided practical food ideas and included a healthy meal, typically lunch, to demonstrate nutritious eating habits.

Additionally, we organised walks to encourage physical activity and foster a sense of community. These sessions aimed to support and inspire individuals to adopt and maintain healthier lifestyles.



Bottled up



We are excited to announce the launch of "Bottled Up," a program offering crucial support for drinkers and their family members. This initiative has already made a positive impact, helping several individuals reassess their drinking habits through targeted guidance and support. Additionally, thanks to a fund provided by Open Mental Health, adult family members of alcoholics now have access to much-needed counselling services. This support helps them address their own behavioural patterns, which are not always beneficial, fostering healthier family dynamics. This comprehensive approach aims to promote healthier lifestyles and strengthen family relationships, providing a valuable resource for our community.

Bereavement Support Group

We facilitated a peer support group focused on bereavement, creating a compassionate space for individuals to share their experiences and support each other through their grief. Each session included a cooked lunch, providing not only nourishment but also an opportunity for participants to connect over a comforting meal. This combination of peer support and communal dining created a sense of belonging and understanding among those navigating the challenging journey of loss.

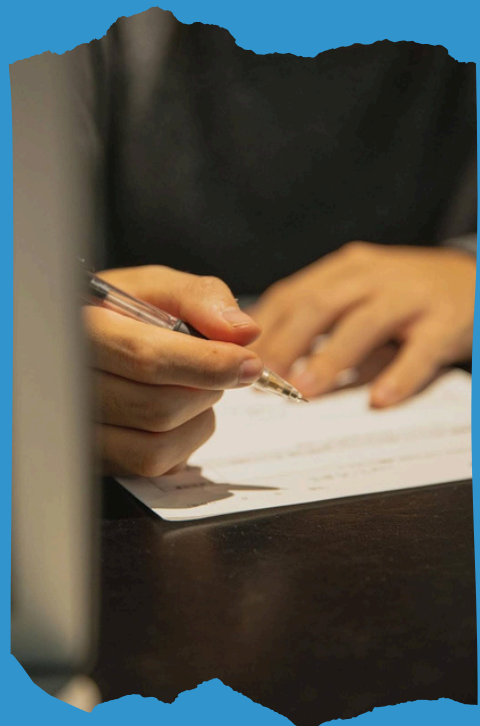


In our weekly parent and toddler session, the entire team works diligently to create a safe and nurturing environment where families can come together. Parents appreciate the opportunity to connect and share their challenges, feeling supported by the collective efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Gill, our musical genius, brings a personalised touch, singing each child's name in a warm greeting, adding an extra layer of familiarity and joy to the atmosphere.

This sense of community and support is integral to our sessions, where families can find solace and encouragement amidst the shared journey of parenthood. Our Tots team actively seeks out families who may require extra assistance, connecting them with resources such as financial support and emotional assistance.

One-to-one Support

We offered bespoke one-to-one support, tailored to help individuals navigate various challenges in their lives. Our dedicated team assisted people in accessing services, communicating with professionals, and filling in necessary forms. We assisted individuals facing financial challenges by facilitating access to support services, providing guidance on dealing with bailiffs, and connecting them with agencies specialised in addressing domestic abuse. We also provided guidance to help them unpack and understand their thoughts around the issues they were facing.



Additionally, we supported them with practical tasks such as grocery shopping and provided advice on positive parenting techniques. This personalised approach ensured that each individual received the specific support they needed to improve their overall well-being and achieve their goals.

Church Life

We value the community of faith we have around us and make every effort to invest in connection in our common goal to worship God, our creator and to show His love.



Sunday Morning Gatherings

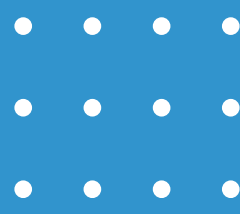
Every Sunday, our church congregation gathers in a relaxed and familial manner, inviting the presence of the Holy Spirit and acknowledging the guidance of God in our midst. We maintain an open space where everyone is invited to share their thoughts and experiences, recognizing the diversity of our spiritual journeys and the ways in which God works in each of our lives. Through our shared worship and fellowship, we seek to deepen our connection to God and to one another, knowing that we are all part of a larger spiritual family.



Growing Together

In keeping with our guiding principles, we encourage and facilitate the initiation of group gatherings and other social events where individuals see fit. We've observed the organic growth of various activities such as impromptu Bible studies, discussion groups, prayer meetings, and one-on-one discipleship sessions, occurring both within homes and at our church premises. It's truly uplifting to repeatedly acknowledge the unique contributions of each individual, and we delight in witnessing this principle in action.





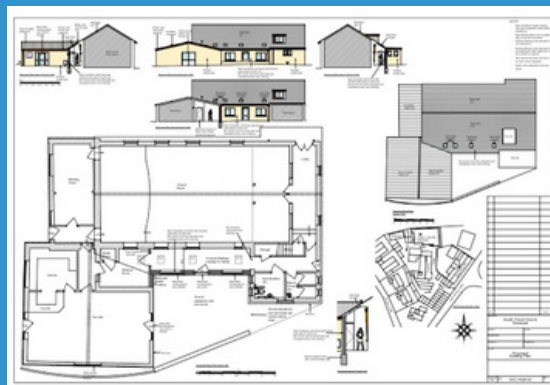
Overseas Support

We continue to support Pastor Moses. A team of volunteers from South Chard Church have set up a scheme whereby we sponsor five children from an orphanage, on a monthly basis. This sponsorship pays for each child's educational needs, food, and housing. Furthermore we also assist financially with the hire of a hall which is used as their main church premises, holding meetings and clubs during the week and services at the weekend.



Building development

Since our last annual review, we've made progress in our endeavour to establish a community space/drop-in centre within one of our buildings. We're pleased to announce that we have obtained planning permission, marking a significant milestone in this project. Currently, the room has been fully cleared, and the old kitchen and fittings have been removed, marking the beginning of the renovation process.



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End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	£158	£3,000	—	£3,158	£25,558
Voluntary income	£49,655	—	—	£49,655	£49,117
Activities for generating funds	£120	—	—	£120	£12
Incoming resources from charitable activities	£1,369	£438	—	£1,807	£2,247
Other incoming resources	—	—	—	—	£11,452
Total income	£51,304	£3,438	—	£54,742	£88,388
Resources used					
Charitable activities	£55,787	£13,131	—	£68,918	£60,117
Governance costs	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	£55,787	£13,131	—	£68,918	£60,117
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(£4,483)	(£9,692)	—	(£14,176)	£28,270
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£26,869	£2,773	—	£29,643	£27,424
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£25,419)	(£4,223)	—	(£29,643)	(£27,424)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(£3,032)	(£11,143)	—	(£14,176)	£28,270
Total funds brought forward	£26,695	£13,928	—	£40,624	£12,353
Total funds carried forward	£23,663	£2,785	—	£26,448	£40,624
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	£743	—	—	£743	£2,187
Designated					
Administrator fund	—	—	—	—	—
Annual Expense fund	£1,595	—	—	£1,595	£1,251
CAP fund	—	—	—	—	—
Children's Work fund	£17	—	—	£17	£17
Church Weekend fund	—	—	—	—	—
Church maintenance fund	£14,514	—	—	£14,514	£14,287
Community	£172	—	—	£172	£1,161
Kids Matter	—	—	—	—	—
Love Chard	£221	—	—	£221	£397
Men's Ministry fund	£177	—	—	£177	£71
Mission fund	£1,780	—	—	£1,780	£760
Prisons Work	£100	—	—	£100	£100
Savings	£3,000	—	—	£3,000	£5,000
Special Offering fund	£874	—	—	£874	£574
Tatworth Tots	£310	—	—	£310	£377
Tithe fund	£6	—	—	£6	£99
Uganda	—	—	—	—	£60
Youth Worker fund	£149	—	—	£149	£349
Restricted					
Bottled Up	—	£1,150	—	£1,150	£2,000
Car Scheme	—	—	—	—	£1,086
Community Worker	—	£1,425	—	£1,425	£10,632
Manor House Fund	—	£210	—	£210	£210

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	£26,603	£40,899
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Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	£155	£275
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Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
NatWest Current -	£610	£22,919	£2,940	—	£26,470	£40,972
NatWest Credit -	£132	—	—	—	£132	(£72)
Totals	£743	£22,919	£2,940	—	£26,603	£40,899
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	£155	—	£155	£275
Totals	—	—	£155	—	£155	£275
Grand total	£743	£22,919	£2,785	—	£26,448	£40,624

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
0108 - Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
0119 - Grant	£158	—	£3,000	—	£3,158	£25,558
Total	£158	—	£3,000	—	£3,158	£25,558
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
0101 - General Offering	£8,365	—	—	—	£8,365	£8,932
0102 - Standing Orders	£29,078	—	—	—	£29,078	£26,362
0103 - Special Offering	—	£262	—	—	£262	£575
0104 - Special Gifts	£200	£2,357	—	—	£2,557	£4,067
0105 - S/O for Specific Purposes	—	£1,177	—	—	£1,177	£2,199
0109 - Gift Aid	£8,214	—	—	—	£8,214	£6,981
0118 - Children's Offering	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	£45,859	£3,796	—	—	£49,655	£49,117
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
0107 - Fundraising	£20	—	—	—	£20	£12
0110 - Building Hire	£100	—	—	—	£100	—
Total	£120	—	—	—	£120	£12
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
0106 - Kids & Co	—	£746	—	—	£746	£606
0111 - Shop	£40	—	—	—	£40	£74
0112 - Conference registration	—	—	—	—	—	—
0113 - Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—
0114 - Men's Ministry	—	£419	—	—	£419	£200
0115 - Church Weekend payment	—	—	—	—	—	—
0116 - Repayment	£50	—	—	—	£50	£130
0117 - SCSM	—	—	—	—	—	—
0120 - Car Scheme	—	—	£438	—	£438	£1,234
0122 - Donations	£112	—	—	—	£112	—
Total	£202	£1,166	£438	—	£1,807	£2,247
Other incoming resources						
0121 - Insurance claim	—	—	—	—	—	£11,452
Total	—	—	—	—	—	£11,452
INCOME TOTAL	£46,341	£4,963	£3,438	—	£54,742	£88,388

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
EXPENDITURE						
Charitable activities						
0501 - Gas	£1,971	—	—	—	£1,971	£1,246
0502 - Electricity	£1,469	—	—	—	£1,469	£1,388
0503 - Water	£623	—	—	—	£623	£374
0504 - Telephone	£10	—	—	—	£10	—
0505 - Broadband	£724	—	—	—	£724	£676
0506 - Website	£342	—	—	—	£342	£521
0507 - Building & Contents Insurance	£2,299	—	—	—	£2,299	£1,702
0508 - Refurbishment & Maintenance	£931	£172	—	—	£1,103	£2,188
0509 - Housekeeping	£2,024	—	—	—	£2,024	£107
0510 - Office Equipment	£64	—	—	—	£64	£2,049
0511 - Stage equipment and repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
0512 - Shop	£37	—	—	—	£37	£92
0513 - Outreach	—	£200	—	—	£200	£225
0514 - Hospitality	£83	—	—	—	£83	£58
0515 - Giving	£445	£4,866	—	—	£5,311	£4,969
0517 - Administrator's salary	—	£6,502	—	—	£6,502	£6,240
0522 - Volunteer expenses	—	—	£995	—	£995	£494
0524 - Tax	—	£6,508	—	—	£6,508	£5,192
0525 - DBS checks	£26	—	£36	—	£62	£87
0526 - Training	—	—	—	—	—	£192
0527 - Accountants fees	£627	—	—	—	£627	£268
0528 - Resources	£663	£78	—	—	£741	£990
0529 - Food and Drink	£689	£491	—	—	£1,180	£797
0530 - Office Supplies	£2	—	—	—	£2	£66
0531 - Postage	—	—	—	—	—	—
0532 - Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	—
0533 - Printing	£121	—	£30	—	£151	£179
0534 - Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
0535 - Licences	£439	—	—	—	£439	£460
0536 - Subscriptions	£1,640	—	—	—	£1,640	£1,314
0537 - Bank charges	£30	—	—	—	£30	£30
0538 - Retreats/Visits/Counselling	—	£290	£850	—	£1,140	—
0539 - Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	£25
0540 - Employment & Legal Services	—	—	—	—	—	£100
0541 - Business mobile	£559	—	—	—	£559	£505
0542 - Furniture	—	—	—	—	—	£1,978
0543 - Pension Contributions	£1,699	—	—	—	£1,699	£1,383
0544 - Refund	(£541)	—	—	—	(£541)	—
0545 - Community Manager salary	£19,691	—	—	—	£19,691	£6,838
0546 - Community Worker salary	—	—	£11,219	—	£11,219	£3,494
Total	£36,676	£19,110	£13,131	—	£68,918	£60,117
Governance costs						
0523 - Legal fees	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	£36,676	£19,110	£13,131	—	£68,918	£60,117
GRAND TOTAL	£9,664	(£14,147)	(£9,692)	—	(£14,176)	£28,270

This report dated: May 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
South Chard Church

On accounts for the year
ended

March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1158883

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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:

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

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

Signed:

G Meyers

Date:

14/01/2025

Name:

Dr Gregory Meyers

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.