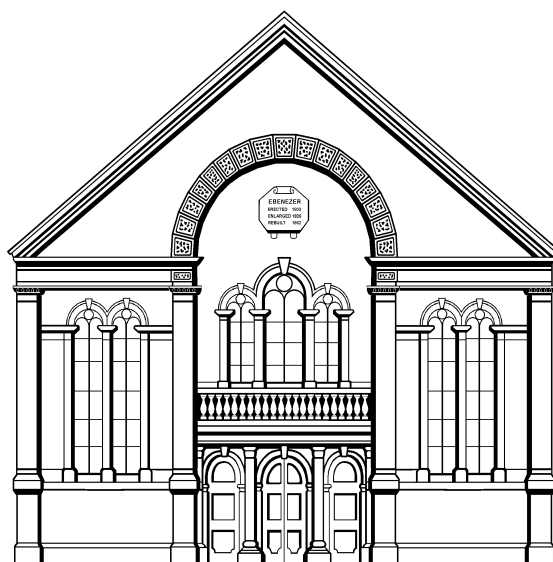


EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

(a Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England & Wales - Number: 1159628)



Ebenezer Street, Swansea

Website: www.ebenezer.org.uk

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

(Annual Return and Accounts)

for the year ending

31st March 2025

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, SWANSEA

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2025. The trustees believe that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the Charity's governing documents.

Charity Objectives

- (1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Swansea and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- (2) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting further the work of the Church.

It does this for the public benefit by means of its main activities which are as follows.

- Regular morning and evening Sunday public Services of worship
- Visiting preachers, missionaries, and speakers
- Sunday School
- Friday evening children's and Young People's meetings
- Ladies' Fellowship Meetings on Tuesday afternoons
- Bible Study & Prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings
- Young People's bible study (late teens / students) on a Sunday afternoon
- Visiting of and distribution of literature to the local community
- Support (financially, practically and in prayer) of other Christian workers/organizations in the UK and overseas.
- Other free-to-attend events such as Carol Services, special interest meetings and outings
- Easter Cracked and Christmas Wrapped up events for schools
- Hospitality to students
- Supporting families financially to send children attending the Church to EMW camps
- Attendance at AECW (Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales) conferences and events
- Providing financial support to the AECW, the EMW (Evangelical Movement of Wales) and Union Theological college (Bridgend). All three organisations greatly support the reformed evangelical church in Wales financially and practically as well as training pastors and workers for the future.
- Donations of goods to the Waun Wen primary school pop-up shop.
- Warm spaces / coffee morning every Friday morning

Charity Details

Address of The Charity:

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer Street, Swansea, SA1 5BJ

Correspondence Address

Mr. Daniel Towers, 5 Clos-Yr-Allt, Townhill, Swansea SA1 6RD

Trustees of Ebenezer Baptist Church

At the time of this report:

Elders: Rev. Graham John (Pastor), Mr David Tucker, Dr Emmanuel Owoso.

Rev Graham John stepped down as Pastor and Trustee 1st September 2024. He has served the church faithfully as Pastor and trustee for 17 years. We wholeheartedly thank him for his faithful ministry and service. We celebrated Graham's pastorate in a thanksgiving service and meal at the end of August.

Deacons: Mr. Jonathan Harvey (Treasurer), Mr. Daniel Towers (Secretary), Mr. Paul Watkins, Mr John Matthews

Holding Trustees

There is no longer a holding trustee. Ebenezer Baptist Church (Swansea) became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (herein referred to as CIO)

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner for Ebenezer Baptist Church at the time of this report is:

Michael Jones F. C. C. A

Bevan Buckland LLP, Cardigan House, Castle Court, SA7 9LA

Bank Address

The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M4 4BE

Organization

The CIO is administered by the trustees who are listed above. New trustees are appointed by resolution of the members of the charity in accordance with the constitution. They remain in office until their resignation, disqualification, or until their four-year term of office expires, in accordance with the church constitution.

Paid Trustee(s)

Rev. Graham John (Pastor) (until September 2024)

Note: Our trustee and former cleaner (Mr John Matthews) retired as cleaner in January 2024. Our new cleaner for this period (2024/2025) is not a trustee.

Activities

The Church has remained active and vibrant, providing charitable benefit locally, nationally, and internationally. We also live streamed our Sunday services, as well as opening our Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting to those who wanted to join via Zoom. The streaming of services and meetings has allowed those who are housebound due to old age or ill-health to continue to worship and fellowship with the Church, as well as providing access to others who do not live locally but derive benefit from joining us online.

Regular Meetings

The regular meetings on a Sunday and during the week, have continued throughout the year.

God has continued to bless us with ministry on a Sunday which has been a challenge, encouragement, and stimulus to our faith, as well as informative to those who are interested in knowing more and learning about the Christian faith. We are very thankful for our Pastor, Graham John, who faithfully studied and preached God's word to us week by week. Since Graham's retirement other men from inside and outside the congregation have filled the pulpit as we began the search for a new Pastor. We are thankful to all those who have been willing to give of their time and gifts in filling the pulpit.

We have welcomed visitors from different parts of the country, as well as people from our local community, who continue to meet with us regularly. We also enjoy the regular company of students from all over the world who are studying at Swansea's various universities and colleges.

We offered hospitality to our students, who have the option to join a host each Sunday for a welcome in their home and a home-cooked meal.

Our meetings and events are open to all and were offered free of charge. All were staffed by volunteers. The regular meetings included Sunday School, Ladies' fellowship meeting, Bible study & prayer meeting, Gladiators (children's club), Footsteps (children's club), TAG (youth meeting), and the young people's bible study.

In January we held a week of prayer to commit the work of the Church to God and pray for His blessing.

We opened the chapel on Friday mornings for free tea, coffee, cakes, snacks etc, as part of the local council "warm spaces" scheme. It has been our pleasure to welcome in many people from the local community. We also provided a mini food / toiletries bank on Friday mornings. Swansea City Council have provided some financial support towards the coffee morning.

Visiting Speakers

It is a privilege to hear the word of God preached by Christians from all over the UK and the wider world, and to hear reports on how God's work is progressing in other places. This allows us to be aware of the physical and spiritual needs of those outside of our own fellowship, for encouragement and to promote generosity to the needy and our own prayerfulness. Visiting speakers included Trystan Hallam (Tredegar), David Hails (Neath Abbey), Paul Gamston, Jeremy Bayley (Sandfields), Adrian Brake, Benjamin Quek (Cardiff), Keith Berry (London), Evan Millership, Dafydd Taylor, Andrew Pitt, Jason Hydon, Alun Johnson, Conrad Pomeroy, Steve Dyer, Andrew Norbury, Mike Gilbert-Smith, Jeremy Walker (Crawley).

We also enjoyed hearing about God's work around the world from various missionary workers and organisations on various Wednesday evenings.

Support From The Congregation

Men from our own congregation who supplied the pulpit on a Sunday or Wednesday include: David Tucker, Graham John, David Evans, John Aaron, Alwyn Roberts, Emmanuel Owoso, Jon Harvey, David Bartlett, John Williams, Elliot Zapico, Paul Watkins and Daniel Towers.

Easter Activities

As well as our usual easter services, we were delighted to host several local schools who came to the Church to learn about Easter through our Easter Cracked events. We were delighted to receive positive feedback from the children and staff.

Christmas Activities

We held several activities over Christmas including a morning and evening carol service. We sang carols around a local housing estate (fighting through the rain) and also at Swansea railway station. We held Christmas Wrapped Up! Events for local schools, where the children came to the church to learn about Christmas. We gave out invitations to our carol services. We held a Christmas morning service.

Compassion Fund

Due to the cost-of-living crisis we maintain a discretionary compassion fund (generously financed by the congregation) which could provide restricted Aldi shopping vouchers to regular attendees who genuinely needed help with the cost of groceries. (The restricted vouchers cannot be spent on alcohol, tobacco, or gambling / lottery). Access to this fund was regulated by a set of qualifying criteria and it was administered by a gatekeeper who faithfully ensured it was only used as intended. Money from this fund was also made available to supply the coffee morning food / toiletries bank.

Births, Deaths, Weddings and Baptisms

We were saddened to offer our condolences to Jeff Davies' family and friends as he was called home to glory in April. Jeff was a long standing member of the Church and is greatly missed.

We also offered our condolences to Margaret Towers on the passing of her father, and to John Aaron at the passing of his sister.

The Church offered their loving and prayerful support to the bereaved.

There were no births or weddings during this period.

We were pleased to baptise Eleri Towers upon her public confession of faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour.

Fellowship

One of the saddest aspects of our society is loneliness. Our church provides a warm welcome and friendship to all who seek it. We held a number of events to which we welcomed visitors. A Good Friday service, Christmas morning service, a local walk, a treasure hunt (for the children), games in the park, church-history trips, a light party (in place of Halloween), bonfire on the beach, a New Year's Eve party and several fellowship meals. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided after every service (morning and evening).

Our "come together" services provide a format suitable for those who don't frequently attend chapel, and draw together parents from the various youth meetings as well as other visitors to learn more about the Christian faith, with an opportunity to chat around a buffet afterwards.

Mission

We have continued to support Christian Organizations and individual Christian workers in prayer and through financial support. Some of this support has been in the form of one-off gifts while others are supported on a regular basis.

As is our practice, several of our men regularly went out to preach in churches in South and West Wales offering support to churches without pastors, or simply as guest speakers.

We coordinated a ladies' evangelistic dinner in October, held a men's evangelistic meal in January, went out carol singing at High Street Station and a local estate in December and held our own carol services and other outreach services in the church.

We also, almost every week, are present with a tract stand near High Street station on a Saturday morning. This provides opportunity for local people to take free Christian literature, to be introduced to the Church and to ask questions about the Christian faith.

Special collections & Grants

We collected donated goods for the Waun Wen primary school pop-up shop, supporting local parents, as well as taking donations for our own mini food and toiletries bank.

A church from London used our building for a camp in August, we donated our facilities gratis to this camp.

We made the following one-off grants during this financial year (special collections topped up from our general fund). These are in addition to our regular mission support.

April 2024: Adam Urban (Pastor in Poland)	£500
June 2024: Slavic Gospel Association	£400
June 2024: UFM, MusaweNkosi project	£2,877
June 2024: Support of short term mission expenses to MusaweNkosi project	£500
July 2024: EMW Camp activity sponsorship	£200
Aug 2024: UFM, Mervyn and Kim Neal	£336
Nov 2024: The Soldiers' and Aviators' Scripture Readers Association	£350
Nov 2024: Asialink	£430

Resignation of trustees

Graham John gave notice of his retirement and resigned as a trustee on the 1st of September 2024.

Buildings & Facilities

Various members of the congregation worked on the church buildings during the year to help keep them safe and in good decorative order. We thank all those involved in keeping the buildings safe, in good repair and fit for purpose, especially those who give of their time, skills and energy freely on a voluntary basis.

We continue to strive to make sure the buildings are safe, in good repair and fit for purpose so that we can use them to help carry out our charitable aims and objectives.

The buildings were regularly heated, cleaned, and maintained. As owners of a Grade 2 star listed building, we make every effort to continue with a rolling programme of works to keep it in good order for the benefit of the charity and its work.

We thank our congregation for their generous giving that allows us to maintain our facilities.

We were delighted to finally make good the middle hall roof adjoining the main hall. It would seem this roof has leaked since the building was constructed owing to a poor design. Lovells Roofing did an excellent job of renewing the lead-work, with thick lead, and re-tiling the crumbling upper portion of the middle hall roof. The hall is now finally dry, something which has alluded us since we purchased the building in the 1970s. Despite several attempts over the years to rectify this issue it took a significant financial commitment from the congregation to put this right once and for all. We are thankful to them for their generosity.

Major works required on the buildings remain as follows. However, we feel we are making good progress on making the buildings sound and can only move at the pace our resources allow.

- Secondary glazing of main hall windows (to reduce heating costs) – we cannot double or triple-glaze because of our listed status.
- Renewal of the upper left main hall windows (as facing the pulpit)
- Dry lining in the middle hall where there is an issue with penetrating damp in the front walls.
- Replacement of the main church roof

We are pleased to report that the following jobs have now also been completed, although not during the period of this report:

- Refurbishment of the ladies' toilets
- Retrofit of the main church boiler

Funding

Our funds are received mainly from the members and those attending our services. The trustees consider the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory, and that sufficient and appropriate reserves are held to safeguard the future operations of the Charity.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is of great importance in the Church. We have a safeguarding team including safeguarding leads and recruiters who are fully supported by the board of trustees. We engage in a rolling programme of training including safeguarding, food hygiene, allergy and first aid training. We are subscribed to Thirty One Eight who support us with our safeguarding.

All trustees and all volunteers who interact with children or vulnerable adults are subject to DBS checks, and all are required to read and agree to the Church's safeguarding policy.

Safeguarding information is displayed prominently around the Church, and is publicly promoted to the congregation on "Safeguarding Sundays".

Every effort is made to ensure that Ebenezer is a safe place for all beneficiaries and volunteers.

Search for a New Pastor

Our search for a new pastor continues. We are thankful to the New Pastor Committee (made up of Elders, Deacons and members of the congregation) who tirelessly work to arrange visiting preachers, and facilitate the process. There is a great shortage of men coming into the ministry, as well as many who approach retirement. We trust God will choose and provide a man to shepherd us and lead the Church, although we must be patient as this has proven to be a long process for many other local Churches.

Accounts 2024 / 2025

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH SWANSEA (1159628)

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1159628

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH (SWANSEA)
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

CHARITY NUMBER	1159628	
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Cardigan House Castle Court Llansamlet Swansea SA7 9LA	
TRUSTEES	Jonathan Harvey Dr Emmanuel Owoso Frederick David Tucker	Wilfred John Matthews Daniel Phillip Towers Stephen Paul Watkins
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Bevan Buckland LLP Chartered Accountants Cardigan House Castle Court Swansea Enterprise Park Swansea SA7 9LA	

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Ebenezer Baptist Church (Swansea) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The CIO is administered by the trustees who are listed above. New trustees are appointed by resolution of the members of the charity in accordance with the constitution. They remain in office until their resignation, disqualification, or until their four-year term of office expires, in accordance with the church constitution.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the charity's governing document, and applicable law.

REGISTERED NAME

The name of the charity registered at the Charities Commission is Ebenezer Baptist Church (Swansea).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity is that of a Church including morning & evening Sunday Services, Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Sunday School, Children's & Young People's meetings, Warm Spaces Coffee Morning, Ladies' Meeting, Visiting and distribution of literature to local community, Open Air literature stall, Support (financially, practically & in prayer) of other Christian workers/organizations in the UK & overseas.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE:

During the year, the church continued its ministry through regular worship services, pastoral care, and community outreach. We strengthened our volunteer involvement, supported members in times of need, and maintained our programmes despite limited resources. The trustees are satisfied that the church has used its funds wisely and continued to make a meaningful spiritual and practical impact within the congregation and wider community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

These comments apply to the Unrestricted - General fund which is used for most of the regular church activities.

For the reported year (2024/25) the officers agreed an income budget of £146,600*. The actual income of £125,100 represents a decrease of 6.6% over the previous year.

Total income in recent years has been: (Rounded to the nearest £100)

2023-2024	£133,900
2022-2023	£109,200
2021-2022	£107,600
2020-2021	£102,800
2019-2020	£100,400

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
(Continued)

The expenditure budget was £106,200 and the actual expenditure £95,378, representing a decrease of 28% over the previous year. The income and reserves allowed for the final £5,500 to be repaid of the Mission Hall loans. In addition to the expenditure there was also transfers between funds of the following during the year: £18,000 to the Middle Hall Roof building fund (comprised of £12,000 from the general fund, and £6,000 from the Chapel House Rental fund).

Total expenditure in recent years has been: (Rounded to the nearest £100)

2023-2024	£131,900
2022-2023	£101,500
2021-2022	£ 94,600
2020-2021	£ 88,800
2019-2020	£107,100
2018-2019	£ 88,100

The trustees (officers) monitor the church finances monthly and aim to achieve a balance of income and expenditure over the financial year.

*During this financial year, our pastor, Rev. Graham John retired on 31st August 2024. As a successor would need to be sought and employed and be a significant factor in the church's expenses, the Trustees initially only agreed a 6 month budget for the 2024/25 financial year, to 30th Sept 2024. This proposed an income of £63,518, and expenditure of £65,373 implying a small loss situation and reduction in reserves of £1,855 to £25,082. The budget for the remaining 6 months of the financial year (October to March) was estimated in September 2024.

RESERVES POLICY:

The church holds a small level of unrestricted reserves as a financial safeguard, excluding restricted funds and fixed assets in line with Charity Commission guidance. Trustees aim to maintain reserves to protect against unexpected income shortfalls or essential unplanned expenditure, reflecting common practice for small charities.

FUTURE PLANS:

The church intends to continue with its current objectives including its spiritual and practical endeavours amongst the congregation and wider community. Our ability to find and employ a new pastor will have a significant impact on this and so remains one of our priorities. Following

this appointment, in due course after that we would seek to employ a trainee/assistant minister/worker (using funds already set aside for this role in one of the restricted funds).

In the financial year 2025-26, we intend to commission a 5-year plan for the premises to try and foresee and make provision for possible future expenses.

GRANTS

In addition to our regular agreed support itemised in the summary we have made grants to:

Jun 2024	UFM (MUSA)	Special collection	£ 2,877.00
Aug 2024	UFM (015)	Special collection	£ 335.50
Nov 2024	AsiaLink	Special collection	£ 430.00
Nov 2024	SASRA	Special collection	£ 350.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
(Continued)

TRUSTEES

The Trustees who held office during the year 2024-25 were as follows:

Jonathan Harvey

Rev. Graham John

Wilfred John Matthews

Dr Emmanuel Owoso

Daniel Phillip Towers

Frederick David Tucker

Stephen Paul Watkins

No trustee has any financial interest in the charity.

The charity is governed by its charitable rules and is restricted to carrying out activities within its charitable objectives.

By order of the Board:



INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH (SWANSEA)

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages seven to nine.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Ebenezer Baptist Church, Swansea (1159628)

Unrestricted Funds for the financial year ending on 31st March 2025*Note: Financial numbers in this report are in whole pounds only, leading to some rounding errors*

Receipts	2024-25	2023-24	Notes
Gift Aid (HMRC & Stewardship)	80,560	89,677	1
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	22,061	22,745	
non-Gift Aid	22,508	21,498	
Total Receipts	£ 125,129	£ 133,920	
Payments	2024-25	2023-24	Notes
EMW / MEC	1,000	1,000	
AsiaLink	1,200	1,200	
UFM (Mervyn Neal)	4,410	4,200	
EMF (Sandor Keleman)	6,500	6,000	
UFM (Alan Davey)	3,000	3,000	
PTI (Pastor Training International)	1,500	1,375	
UCCF	1,200	1,200	
UCCF (Iwan Robb, Swansea Staff Worker)	400	0	3
Union (WEST)	1,100	1,100	
UFM (Heledd Job)	3,150	3,000	
CBW (Christian Books Worldwide)	1,000	1,000	
PHM (Port Harcourt Mission)	900	900	
Other UK Support	1,664	540	
Other Non-UK Support	900	0	
Flowers / Catering	2,081	714	4
Advertising	462	1,255	
Youth Work	1,555	1,521	
Salaries - Pastor	14,054	29,861	
Manse Charges	3,849	10,236	
Pension Scheme	2,268	3,966	5
Pastor/ Elder Expenses	516	1,106	
Visiting Speakers	4,097	1,362	
Buildings - Maintenance	9,645	10,076	
Salaries - Others	5,961	6,757	
Premises Insurance	3,392	3,192	
Organ Maintenance	1,326	0	6
Library	273	1,036	
Utilities	9,598	8,996	
Office expenses	2,037	2,092	
Loan payment	5,500	24,500	7
Professional fees	840	720	
Total payments	£ 95,378	£ 131,905	
Net of receipts / payments	£29,751	£ 2,015	
Transfers between funds	(£4,697)	£3,402	2
Opening cash funds	£ 26,501	£ 21,084	
Closing cash funds	£ 51,555	£ 26,501	

Restricted Funds for the financial year ending on 31st March 2025

Receipts	2024-25	2023-24	Notes
Gift Aid (HMRC & Stewardship)	24,190	865	9
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	3,717	216	9
non-Gift Aid	4,299	3,241	9
Rent	9,200	9,425	
Grant	1,258	980	10
Total Receipts	£ 42,664	£ 14,727	
Payments	2024-25	2023-24	Notes
Non-UK Support (Spec. collections)	3,307	2,116	
UK Support (Spec. collection, meals)	2,511	3,360	
Youth work	37	0	
Building Maintenance (Middle Hall Roof)	44,236	1,518	
Professional fees (Chapel house)	0	120	
Compassion ministry	245	1,638	
Office expenses	0	58	
Flowers / Catering (Warm spaces related)	467	554	
Total payments	£ 50,803	£ 9,364	
Net of receipts / payments	(£ 8,139)	£ 5,363	
Transfers between funds	£4,697	(£3,402)	
Opening cash funds	£ 38,987	£ 37,026	2
Closing cash funds	£ 35,545	£ 38,987	

Restricted funds totals at the end of the FY:

- Chapel House: £ 1,000
- Assistant Pastor: £ 31,550
- Compassion: £ 2,465
- Warm spaces (from grant received): £ 233
- TAG: £243

Special collections/gifts (* = includes travel expenses):

April 2024: Adam Urban, following virtual visit: £500

June 2024: SGA, Peter Aird, following visit: £ 400 *

June 2024: UFM, Gavin and Elaine from MusaweNkosi project, following visit: £2,877

June 2024: Support of short term mission expenses to MusaweNkosi project: £500

July 2024: EMW Camp activity sponsorship, £200

Aug 2024: UFM, Mervyn and Kim Neal, following visit: £ 336

Nov 2024: SASRA, following visit: £ 350 *

Nov 2024: Asialink, following visit: £ 430 *

Notes to the accounts:

- (1) The decrease in Gift Aid is a return to normal due to particular gifts last year (see previous notes).
- (2) The income funds transfer is made up of funds being moved *back into* the General Fund: Accumulated rental income from chapel house (£4,564+£6,000, see also note 8); a surplus from the Building Project fund following the completion of the roofing project (£3,520); and contribution from the warm spaces grant towards utilities (£540).
- (3) Support for Iwan Robb - the UCCF staff worker for Swansea, began in November 2024, £100 per month for 3 years.
- (4) In addition to the regular catering/meal events, external caterers were used for the retirement event in August.
- (5) Following Graham's retirement at the end of August, the lines relating to pastor's remuneration have all seen an expected decrease, and will remain low until we appoint someone new to the role.
- (6) The organ required an electrical repair, including the replacement of special fuses. The organ tuners were also able to visit having not done so for more than a year (£518).
- (7) The final mission hall work loan repayment was made April 2024.
- (8) Money transferred *from* the Unrestricted General Fund towards: the middle hall roof building project (£12,000 plus £6,000 from the Chapel House rent RF transfer); subsidies for the evangelistic meals; and top-ups/contributions to special collection gifts.
- (9) A number of significant gifts towards the middle hall roof/gully building project were received. Several of these allowed us to claim Gift Aid on them.
- (10) We received a grant from Swansea Council towards the running of the warm spaces coffee morning. Some additional funds were applied for in order to purchase storage units and kitchen equipment.



27.1.2026