

UNITED CHURCH (BAPTIST AND URC) FERNDOWN

England & Wales · Charity number 1159971

Details

Other names UNITED CHURCH FERNDOWN

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2015-01-15

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO):A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Activities: a)The celebration of public worship;b)the teaching of the Christian faith;c)mission and evangelism;d)pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;e)the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including (but not restricted to) the elderly,the young and other groups with special needs; andf)the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£104,527	£107,831	-	-
2023-12-31	£97,795	£102,615	-	-
2022-12-31	£118,470	£106,497	-	-
2021-12-31	£105,364	£91,699	-	-
2020-12-31	£107,689	£110,025	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANGELA CHRISTINE JAMESON		2014-12-08
Gillian Brenda Corcoran		2024-04-10
Janet Rosemary Latham		2020-04-06
Kimberley Jennifer Thomas		2025-03-23
Natalie Jade Butler		2023-03-29
Peter John Vincent		2023-07-05
Rev Darren James Pike		2022-08-01
Rev Melanie Jayne Pike		2022-08-01

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Aim and Purposes

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Objectives and Activities

The Church premises are open for public worship every Sunday morning. Our services put the Christian faith into action through worship, prayer, bible readings with exposition and communion.

When planning our activities the Minister(s) and Deacons (Trustees) have considered the Commission's guidance on Public benefit and in particular, the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We engage in a range of activities including: Public worship, teaching of the Christian faith, pastoral work, provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for local community, supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Achievements and Performance

The Celebration of Public Worship & the teaching of the Christian Faith

2024 was a year of ups and downs with the Ministers taking on an expanded role to encompass the youth and children's work from the beginning of the year. These groups, although slightly smaller than in the past, ensure that those who come hear more about Jesus and his love for them.

Easter was a great time and it was brilliant to be able to talk to shops and place clues within them for people to find and then come and get a prize from us at the church. What a witness to be able to share what Easter is really about with those that would not normally engage.

A team from the church has been taking a monthly service at Fernhill Dementia Care Home since it first opened. It continues to be a joy and a privilege to bring worship and God's word to the residents and staff there. It is very moving to see people who have dementia responding to the truth that God loves them.

A “High Tea, Low Church” monthly service has continued through 2024 where people enjoy singing the older style hymns and the testimonies given have been heart-warming and great to hear.

One of our Ministers continues to be involved in the east Dorset church partnership.

Through the Sunday services we have worked through the book of Acts. It’s been interesting to hear and study other bits of the bible which we don’t often read and to put it all into context.

Our services are “streamed” and can be watched on YouTube for those unable to attend services in person.

In addition there were many social events through the year which has been a fantastic way to build our community and links.

Mission and Evangelism

The fortnightly “Lunch Club” continued through 2024 which is open to anyone who wants to meet with others for a reasonably priced lunch. There were normally between 30 and 40 who attend the lunch but during the year we occasionally had nearer 50.

“Thermal Thursday” was re-introduced in 2024 and has continued to grow through the year and proved to be very popular with around 18-28 people attending. Those who come enjoy Crafts, Jigsaw Puzzles, Knitting, Card making, Games and Quizzes etc. and have been sewing practical items for the shoe box appeal for the elderly, which went off to the Ukraine and Moldova in November in time for Christmas. A choir was formed which sang at the candle light Christmas service. The group is open to anyone in the community and all ages are warmly welcome to join us for tea and biscuits/cakes and soup before we pack up. Prayer and support is always available too and we welcome any new ideas. Thanks to all who help to make it a great time each week.

The Church hosts a weekly table tennis group – all are welcome.

The Church runs a group for Parent/Carers with their pre-school children called “Tiddlers”.

During 2024, our children and youth groups ‘Bright Sparks’ (years R – 4), ‘Ignite’ (years 5 – 8) and ‘Radiate’ (Years 9+) continued to meet weekly.

Holiday club was a highlight for this year. Being able to teach a whole room of children how God can be their strength was amazing.

“Messy Church”, introduced in 2023, continues to be run every month with many families joining us and hearing about Jesus and how much he loves them with the Church coming alongside those in our community who need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

An 18+ group was successfully launched and we have had some great discussions about God and where he fits into the world and their beliefs. In addition, Christian Union at the upper school was launched, in collaboration with St Mary’s that has provided a link with other people such as the receptionists at the school and other teachers

Pastoral Care

A pastoral care policy was adopted in 2023 with 2024 seeing us continue to meet the very real and present needs within our own fellowship and the wider community. Many people have been visited pastorally and we have had the great pleasure of meeting with and praying for many of our church community as well as those outside.

The Church Premises

The Church buildings are not only available for Church run events but are used by the community for meetings, children parties etc.

All hall hirers must adhere to the Church lettings policy, health and safety policy and young people and adults at risk Safeguarding Policy.

The upkeep of the premises is an important consideration of the Trustees with General maintenance carried out on the Sanctuary, Hall and Grounds during the year. The Sanctuary and Hall were decorated during 2024 and the carpet in the rear hall professionally cleaned. Gutters have been cleared on a regular basis and a new frame made for the banners.

Support of Charities in the UK and Overseas

During the past year, we have kept in regular contact with our missionary friends at home and abroad. Monthly prayer meetings on zoom have enabled some of our missionary friends to join us and update us on their work. In addition we continue to receive monthly newsletters and prayer requests from all our missionaries that we support.

We were pleased to receive visits from a representative of Arab World Ministries who updated us on the work in North Africa.

One of our Ministers returned to Moldova to celebrate the opening ceremony of the church that was renovated by Link to Hope in 2023.

The Church has financially supported a number of missions as shown in the accounts.

Financial Review

We finished 2024 with a deficit of £3,721.51 (previous year deficit being £2,236.72). The general receipts and payments account is showing a deficit of £2,236.72. The previous year was a surplus of £10,140.15.

General Receipts

The monthly/weekly offering for 2024 was lower than the previous year as the reduction of income that commenced in the latter part of 2023 continued. The lower giving also reflected in the gift aid claimed for the year. During 2024 we had a number of one off hall hires that increased the income in that area. The increased interest received is a result of the high interest rates.

General Payments

During 2024 our Ministers took on extra hours to cover the work done by the Children's, Youth and Families' Pastor. The CYF Pastor who left at the end of 2023 was not replaced. We continued to support our partner Missions/Missionaries with grants as agreed in the budget. Our cost of gas significantly increased in 2024 as we had reached the end of a long standing contract.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain a minimum level of unrestricted funds, which are the available reserves of the charity, at a level that equates to six months' of unrestricted expenditure. It is felt that this would be sufficient to continue the activities of the charity in the event of a significant loss of income.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2024 were sufficient to adhere to the policy.

Volunteers

We continue to be grateful to Church members and all those who volunteer and work so hard to make United Church Ferndown such a welcoming and active community. We would not be able to run so many activities without their support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointing Trustees is set out in the Church Governing Document and Church Rules.

Whilst legally the Trustees are empowered to make binding decisions the traditional practice is that the ultimate decision-maker is the Church Members meeting.

Day to day running of Church affairs is delegated to the elected Deacons (maximum 8) who, together with the appointed Minister(s) of the day, form the Charity Trustees, who meet as required, usually monthly except August or more frequently if occasion demands. The Trustees may also appoint no more than two Co-opted Trustees.

Administrative Information

The United Church Ferndown is situated at 505 Wimborne Road East, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9NF.

Charity Registration number is 1159971.

The Trustees during the calendar year 2024 were:

Ministers: Rev. Darren Pike
Rev. Melanie Pike

Deacons: Arthur Ansell
Natalie Butler
Eunice Clayton-Paine (from April 2024)
Jill Corcoran (from April 2024)
Steve Ford (until April 2024)
David Hamblin (Secretary until April 2024)
Angela Jameson (Treasurer)
Janet Latham
Ian Pethick (until December 2024)
Peter Vincent (Secretary from April 2024 & previously co-opted in 2023)

**UNITED CHURCH FERNDOWN - Registered Charity Number: 1159971
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts			
Monthly/Weekly Offering		£ 60,184.62	£ 69,533.44
Donations and other income	2	£ 3,430.72	£ 2,607.88
Income tax recovered on gifts		£ 11,779.26	£ 15,412.60
Next Generation Ministries Income		£ 3,144.58	£ -
Interest (Bank & HMRC)		£ 2,353.18	£ 1,082.66
Rents and contributions for use of premises		£ 5,184.00	£ 3,127.00
		<u>£ 86,076.36</u>	<u>£ 91,763.58</u>
Payments			
Ministry	3	£ 63,031.29	£ 48,327.60
Children, Youth & Families Work	4	£ 438.17	£ 19,199.60
Mission	5	£ 6,900.00	£ 8,310.12
Upkeep of Church premises	6	£ 10,498.15	£ 8,533.00
Administration	7	£ 835.49	£ 3,570.81
Church other expenses	8	£ 6,742.73	£ 4,668.93
Manse loan repayment - capital element		£ 1,352.04	£ 1,390.24
		<u>£ 89,797.87</u>	<u>£ 94,000.30</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		-£ 3,721.51	-£ 2,236.72
Balance brought forward		£ 65,241.64	£ 67,478.36
Transfer to Designated Funds		£ -	£ -
Balance carried forward		£ 61,520.13	£ 65,241.64

DESIGNATED FUNDS MOVEMENT	2023 B/Fwd	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Payments	2024 C/Fwd
Equipment	£ 408.43	£ -	£ -	£ 408.43	£ -
Manse improvements	£ 6,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6,000.00
	<u>£ 6,408.43</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 408.43</u>	<u>£ 6,000.00</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS MOVEMENT	2023 B/Fwd	Receipts	Payments	2024 C/Fwd
Mission	£ 5,062.56	£ 2,259.25	£ 2,281.75	£ 5,040.06
Manse Loan Repayment	£ -	£ 10,355.67	£ 10,355.67	£ -
Youth & Childrens work	£ 1,360.23	£ -	£ 252.00	£ 1,108.23
Tiddlers Equipment	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ -
Equipment	£ -	£ 4,129.16	£ 4,129.16	£ -
Hall Sound System	£ -	£ 200.00	£ -	£ 200.00
URC Event	£ -	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ -
Choir Funds	£ 320.96	£ -	£ -	£ 320.96
Table Tennis	£ 1,250.00	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 1,150.00
Flower Fund	£ -	£ 261.42	£ 261.42	£ -
Pastoral Worker	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00
	<u>£ 7,993.75</u>	<u>£ 18,450.50</u>	<u>£ 17,625.00</u>	<u>£ 8,819.25</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<i>Note</i>	2024	2023
ASSETS			
Bank and other cash balances		£ 76,339.38	£ 79,643.82
REPRESENTING BALANCE ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:			
General Fund		£ 61,520.13	£ 65,241.64
Designated Funds		£ 6,000.00	£ 6,408.43
Restricted - Mission fund		£ 5,040.06	£ 5,062.56
Restricted - Table Tennis Club		£ 1,150.00	£ 1,250.00
Restricted - Choir		£ 320.96	£ 320.96
Restricted - Youth & childrens work		£ 1,108.23	£ 1,360.23
Restricted - Pastoral Worker		£ 1,000.00	£ -
Restricted - Hall Sound System		£ 200.00	£ -
		<u>£ 76,339.38</u>	<u>£ 79,643.82</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current	11		£ 5,042.56

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011

2 Donations and other income:

	2024	2023
Donations	£ 1,172.83	£ 325.00
Lunch Club	£ 1,183.89	£ 1,249.14
Coffee Donations	£ -	£ 90.00
Church Events	£ 468.20	£ 265.48
Funeral Fees	£ 550.00	£ -
Wedding Fees	£ -	£ 200.00
Children & Youth Groups Funds	£ -	£ 475.75
Other items	£ 55.80	£ 2.51
	<u>£ 3,430.72</u>	<u>£ 2,607.88</u>

3 Ministry:

Ministers' stipend & pension contribution	£ 54,775.92	£ 39,702.61
Ministers' expenses	£ 1,560.21	£ 1,191.63
Ministers' conferences	£ 1,191.15	£ 673.22
Ministers' Training	£ 332.00	£ 324.00
Pension deficit contributions	£ 10.00	£ 12.00
Manse expenses	£ 4,548.55	£ 4,830.61
Manse maintenance	£ 108.00	£ 583.77
Manse loan interest	£ 447.96	£ 1,009.76
Pulpit Supply	£ 57.50	£ -
	<u>£ 63,031.29</u>	<u>£ 48,327.60</u>

	2024	2023
4 Children, Youth & Families Work		
CY&F Pastor pay & pension contribution	£ 438.17	£ 18,947.64
CY&F Pastor expenses	£ -	£ 197.10
Youth Workers Retreat	£ -	£ -
CY&FW expenses	£ -	£ 54.86
	<u>£ 438.17</u>	<u>£ 19,199.60</u>
5 Mission:		
SCBA Home Mission	£ 999.96	£ 1,500.00
URC M & M Fund	£ 999.96	£ 1,500.00
Hope Now	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Laura Weeds (W.E.C.)	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Dave & Michele Mahon (B.M.S.)	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Helen & Adrian Harrod (O.M.)	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Arab World Ministries	£ 750.00	£ 875.00
Link to Hope	£ 19.50	£ 12.05
Tim Spring (London City Mission)	£ -	£ 300.00
CAP	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Local Outreach	£ 380.58	£ 373.07
	<u>£ 6,900.00</u>	<u>£ 8,310.12</u>
6 Upkeep of Church premises:		
Lighting & Heat	£ 4,181.43	£ 2,686.77
Water & Sewage	£ 118.26	£ 114.19
Cleaning (incl. wages)	£ 3,333.79	£ 3,621.73
Insurance	£ 1,102.98	£ 1,068.45
Repairs/maintenance & improvements	£ 1,761.69	£ 1,041.86
	<u>£ 10,498.15</u>	<u>£ 8,533.00</u>
7 Administration:		
Printing & Stationery	£ 254.82	£ 676.32
Telephone	£ 495.67	£ 490.96
Administrator	£ -	£ 2,323.53
Accounts Examination	£ 85.00	£ 80.00
	<u>£ 835.49</u>	<u>£ 3,570.81</u>
8 Church other expenses:		
CCL Licence	£ 929.37	£ 867.28
Coffee/Catering	£ 884.96	£ 376.63
Subscriptions	£ 275.00	£ 252.35
Training	£ 30.00	£ 340.00
Flowers	£ 276.44	£ 533.12
Next Generation Ministries Expenditure	£ 2,402.51	£ -
Other	£ 1,944.45	£ 2,299.55
	<u>£ 6,742.73</u>	<u>£ 4,668.93</u>

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of United Church Ferndown

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do 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 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 by or on behalf of the Examiner Rev. John Berridge Date 23/02/2025

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Achievements and Performance

The Celebration of Public Worship & the teaching of the Christian Faith

2023 has been an exciting and very busy year for the Church and for the Deacons /Trustees. Following the appointment of the Revs Darren and Melanie Pike as part-time ministers in September 2022 this has been their first full year. The year started with sermons thinking about who are we and then went on to think about being rooted in Christ. This continued with our grow principles and some parables, followed by our stepping stones and then advent and Christmas.

A definite highlight of the summer was having the privilege to baptise one of our younger people and to see her become a member of the church.

It was with sadness however that our Children, Youth and Families Pastor resigned at the end of the year having served for the past 24 years growing and developing this work which has been amazing, particularly going through the pandemic, working through lockdown, and having to re-start and grow the toddlers, youth groups and holiday clubs from scratch. All of which are now looking really healthy with the 2023 holiday club being really positive, well attended and much appreciated by our children and local families. This work continues with the programs and activities oversight provided by the ministers.

Our part time administrator also left us during 2023 to take up a full-time position elsewhere. This position has not been replaced, with administrative tasks being shared out among the Trustees and other church members.

Mission and Evangelism

The fortnightly “Lunch Club” continued through 2023 which is open to anyone who wants to meet with others for a reasonably priced lunch.

The Church hosts a weekly table tennis group – all are welcome.

The Church runs a group for Parent/Carers with their pre-school children called “Tiddlers”. Through the year we regularly saw around 16-20 adults with 25-35 children.

During 2023, our children and youth groups ‘Fidget’ (ages 5-8) and ‘Space’ (ages 9-13) and ‘Space Extra’ were able to meet. We continued to see a good number each week.

Kids club (the UCF summer holiday club) was run for four days during the week plus a family fun day on the Sunday where we saw over 40 children and young people with their families attend our Church that morning.

Our Children, Youth and Families Pastor also participated in school assemblies and lunchtime clubs in the local Ferndown schools.

A “Positive Pumpkin Party” was organised (as an alternative to Halloween) with over 55 adults and children attending. Pumpkins were carved, games played and hot dogs consumed and the year was wrapped up with a crib service and Christmas party.

“Messy Church” introduced this year has been a particular highlight with many families joining us and hearing about Jesus and how much he loves them with the Church coming alongside those in our community who need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

The local “Fete on the Field” was also an exciting time to meet with new people and also the coronation day. We love to meet outside the church building and be church amongst the community. It really is where Jesus would love us to be.

A team from the church also took a monthly service for residents and staff at Fernhill Dementia Care Home.

Pastoral Care

UCF has now adopted a pastoral care policy. This year has seen us visit many people pastorally and we have had the great pleasure of meeting with and praying for many of our church community as well as those outside. We continued to keep in touch with those who still felt the need to self-isolate by using WhatsApp, telephone and e-mail. Our services are “streamed” and can be watched on YouTube.

The Church Premises

The Church buildings are not only available for Church run events but are used by the community for meetings, children parties etc.

In addition to the regularly run Church activities, “Thermal Thursday” was reintroduced in 2023 where people in the community can meet in a warm and safe environment, meeting new friends, chatting, playing games and doing puzzles. Free tea and coffee was served at all times as well as free soup and roll at 5pm.

There were four regular external bookings during the year.

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Support of Charities in the UK and Overseas

Throughout the year, we have kept in regular contact with our missionary friends at home and abroad. Monthly prayer meetings on zoom have enabled some of our missionary friends to join us and update us on their work.

We were pleased to receive visits from our contacts working with WEC in Thailand and a representative of Arab World Ministries who updated us on the work in North Africa

One of our ministers also visited Moldova for a week supporting the work of Link to Hope in a church building project and gave a slide presentation of the work done during her visit.

The Church has financially supported a number of missions as shown in the accounts.

Financial Review

2023 was our first full year with our new Ministers in post. It was also a year when activities were back to 'normal' without Covid restrictions. The general receipts and payments account is showing a deficit of £2,236.72. The previous year was a surplus of £10,140.15.

General Receipts

The monthly/weekly offering for 2023 has overall remained at a similar level to 2022.

Although monthly income at the start of the year was higher than 2022, whilst in the latter part of the year income has been lower than 2022. Income tax recovered on gifts increased in 2023. Due partly to the higher amount we were able to claim under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, as in 2023 we had a full year of taking up an offering in our services.

We ended 2023 with our overall income being just under £18,000 below the previous year. The reduction of income was mainly due to no manse rental income and that in 2022 we received a grant from the Sylvia Adams Trust towards the replacement Church heating boiler and children's work.

General Payments

Our new Ministers were appointed in August 2022, hence the variation between Ministry expenditure in 2023 compared to 2022.

We continued to support our partner Missions/Missionaries with grants as agreed in the budget.

Our Church Administrator moved on to new employment and has currently not been replaced, hence 2023 expenditure is lower than 2022.

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 Angela Ball (Until 29 March 2023)
 Natalie Butler (From 29 March 2023)
 Steve Ford
 David Hamblin (Secretary)
 Angela Jameson (Treasurer)
 Janet Latham
 Ian Pethick (From 29 March 2023)
 Alison Vincent (Until 29 March 2023)
 Peter Vincent (Co-opted in June 2023)

There are currently (as at July 2024) 8 Deacons serving the Church

Some of the Church Secretarial tasks are undertaken by other Deacons.

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GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	<i>Note</i>	2023	2022
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Monthly/Weekly Offering		£ 69,533.44	£ 69,336.01
Donations and other income	2	£ 2,607.88	£ 15,211.40
Income tax recovered on gifts		£ 15,412.60	£ 14,047.21
Manse rental income		£ -	£ 7,452.00
Interest (Bank & HMRC)		£ 1,082.66	£ 215.16
Rents and contributions for use of premises		£ 3,127.00	£ 3,473.32
		<u>£ 91,763.58</u>	<u>£ 109,735.10</u>
Payments			
Ministry	3	£ 48,327.60	£ 32,653.13
Children, Youth & Families Work	4	£ 19,199.60	£ 18,520.09
Mission	5	£ 8,310.12	£ 9,088.35
Upkeep of Church premises	6	£ 8,533.00	£ 11,307.98
Administration	7	£ 3,570.81	£ 6,568.20
Church other expenses	8	£ 4,668.93	£ 4,514.83
Manse letting expenses		£ -	£ 894.24
Manse loan repayment - capital element		£ 1,390.24	£ 3,383.59
Manse Improvements		£ -	£ 12,664.54
		<u>£ 94,000.30</u>	<u>£ 99,594.95</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		-£ 2,236.72	£ 10,140.15
Balance brought forward		£ 67,478.36	£ 66,066.21
Transfer to Designated Funds		£ -	-£ 8,728.00
Balance carried forward		£ 65,241.64	£ 67,478.36

DESIGNATED FUNDS MOVEMENT

	2022	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Payments	2023
	B/Fwd				C/Fwd
Tree work (Church grounds)	£ 1,550.00	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 1,500.00	£ -
Equipment	£ 1,830.00	£ 50.00		£ 1,471.57	£ 408.43
Manse improvements	£ 6,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6,000.00
	<u>£ 9,380.00</u>	<u>£ 50.00</u>	<u>£ 50.00</u>	<u>£ 2,971.57</u>	<u>£ 6,408.43</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS MOVEMENT

	2022	Receipts	Payments	2023
	B/Fwd			C/Fwd
Mission	£ 3,647.56	£ 2,550.67	£ 1,135.67	£ 5,062.56
Manse Loan Repayment	£ -	£ 3,262.50	£ 3,262.50	£ -
Youth & Childrens work	£ 2,074.31	£ -	£ 714.08	£ 1,360.23
Choir Funds	£ 320.96	£ -		£ 320.96
Table Tennis	£ 1,450.00	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 1,250.00
Flower Fund	£ -	£ 218.29	£ 218.29	£ -
West Moors Churches Together	£ 112.75	£ -	£ 112.75	£ -
	<u>£ 7,605.58</u>	<u>£ 6,031.46</u>	<u>£ 5,643.29</u>	<u>£ 7,993.75</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Bank and other cash balances		£ 79,643.82	£ 84,463.94
REPRESENTING BALANCE ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:			
General Fund		£ 65,241.64	£ 67,478.36
Designated Funds		£ 6,408.43	£ 9,380.00
Restricted Mission fund		£ 5,062.56	£ 3,647.56
Restricted - Table Tennis Club		£ 1,250.00	£ 1,450.00
Restricted - Choir		£ 320.96	£ 320.96
Restricted - Youth & childrens work		£ 1,360.23	£ 2,074.31
Restricted - West Moors Churches together		£ -	£ 112.75
		<u>£ 79,643.82</u>	<u>£ 84,463.94</u>
LIABILITIES			
	11		
Current		£ 5,062.56	£ 3,657.56
Long-term loans		£ 11,707.71	£ 16,360.45

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011

2 Donations and other income:

	2023	2022
Donations	£ 325.00	£ 602.50
Gift Day Donations	£ -	£ 3,820.00
Sylvia Adams Grant	£ -	£ 9,000.00
SCBA Warm Space Grant	£ -	£ 500.00
Lunch Club	£ 1,249.14	£ 1,079.58
Coffee Donations	£ 90.00	£ 40.00
Church Events	£ 265.48	£ -
Wedding Fees	£ 200.00	£ -
Children & Youth Groups Funds	£ 475.75	£ -
Other items	£ 2.51	£ 169.32
	<u>£ 2,607.88</u>	<u>£ 15,211.40</u>

3 Ministry:

Ministers' stipend & pension contribution	£ 39,702.61	£ 15,098.00
Ministers' expenses	£ 1,191.63	£ 413.28
Ministers' conferences	£ 673.22	£ -
Ministers' Training	£ 324.00	£ -
Ministers' moving expenses	£ -	£ 5,148.00
Pension deficit contributions	£ 12.00	£ 2,113.40
Moderator	£ -	£ 6,373.55
Manse expenses	£ 4,830.61	£ 1,424.06
Manse maintenance	£ 583.77	£ 199.43
Manse loan interest	£ 1,009.76	£ 819.41
Pulpit Supply	£ -	£ 1,064.00
	<u>£ 48,327.60</u>	<u>£ 32,653.13</u>

	2023	2022
4 Children, Youth & Families Work		
CY&F Pastor pay & pension contribution	£ 18,947.64	£ 18,146.52
CY&F Pastor expenses	£ 197.10	£ 94.50
Youth Workers Retreat	£ -	£ 150.00
CY&FW expenses	£ 54.86	£ 129.07
	<u>£ 19,199.60</u>	<u>£ 18,520.09</u>
5 Mission:		
SCBA Home Mission	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
URC M & M Fund	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
Hope Now	£ 750.00	£ 875.00
Laura Weeds (W.E.C.)	£ 750.00	£ 875.00
Dave & Michele Mahon (B.M.S.)	£ 750.00	£ 875.00
Helen & Adrian Harrod (O.M.)	£ 750.00	£ 875.00
Arab World Ministries	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Link to Hope	£ 12.05	£ -
Tim Spring (London City Mission)	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Myra's Wells	£ -	£ 224.00
CAP	£ 750.00	£ 1,075.00
Local Outreach	£ 373.07	£ 114.35
	<u>£ 8,310.12</u>	<u>£ 9,088.35</u>
6 Upkeep of Church premises:		
Lighting & Heat	£ 2,686.77	£ 2,408.17
Water & Sewage	£ 114.19	£ 78.60
Cleaning (incl. wages)	£ 3,621.73	£ 3,477.29
Insurance	£ 1,068.45	£ 1,006.93
Repairs/maintenance & improvements	£ 1,041.86	£ 4,336.99
	<u>£ 8,533.00</u>	<u>£ 11,307.98</u>
7 Administration:		
Printing & Stationery	£ 676.32	£ 231.79
Telephone	£ 490.96	£ 516.53
Office Equipment	£ -	£ 40.68
Administrator	£ 2,323.53	£ 5,699.20
Accounts Examination	£ 80.00	£ 80.00
	<u>£ 3,570.81</u>	<u>£ 6,568.20</u>
8 Church other expenses:		
CCL Licence	£ 867.28	£ 819.17
Coffee/Catering	£ 376.63	£ 396.32
Subscriptions	£ 252.35	£ 508.28
Training	£ 340.00	£ 45.00
Flowers	£ 533.12	£ 560.17
Pastoral Vacancy Search Expenses	£ -	£ 1,092.05
Other	£ 2,299.55	£ 1,093.84
	<u>£ 4,668.93</u>	<u>£ 4,514.83</u>

	2023	2022
9 Restricted Mission/Charity Payments		
Muluote - (Christian Education Centre, Nagaland)	£ -	£ -
Tear Fund - Harvest Appeal	£ 15.00	£ 656.97
Tear Fund - Big Quiz	£ 100.00	£ -
Biggin Hill Romania Group	£ -	£ 66.25
Hope for Food	£ -	£ 7.50
Bus Stop Club	£ -	£ 78.03
CAP	£ -	£ 71.25
Link to Hope - Shoe Boxes	£ 206.95	£ 92.50
Link to Hope - Moldova	£ 692.97	£ -
BMS Birthdays	£ 113.75	£ 195.00
Barnabas - Ukraine	£ -	£ 62.50
BMS - Ukraine	£ -	£ 170.00
Myra's Wells	£ 7.00	£ -
	<u>£ 1,135.67</u>	<u>£ 1,400.00</u>

10 Non-monetary assets:

Manse - 29 Heath Farm Road, Ferndown. BH22 8JN	Cost	£ 284,985.00
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The Church also owns fixtures, furniture & equipment with an insurance value of £117,409

11 Liabilities:

	2023	2022
(a) Current: BMS Birthdays	£ 20.00	£ -
Muluote	£ 5,042.56	£ 3,657.56
Restricted Mission		
	<u>£ 5,062.56</u>	<u>£ 3,657.56</u>
(b) Long-term loan: Baptist Union Corporation	<u>£ 11,707.71</u>	<u>£ 16,360.45</u>

Loan relates to manse purchase. The original loan end date was February 2035.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 & 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2023 are as approved by the Deacons.

Angela Jameson - Church Treasurer

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of United Church Ferndown

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do 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 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 by or on behalf of the Examiner Rev. John Berridge Date 27/03/2024

Name: John Berridge

Address: 12, Stonechat Close, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 9QH

UNITED CHURCH (BAPTIST AND URC) FERNDOWN

England & Wales - Charity number 1159971

Accounts

UNITED CHURCH FERNDOWN

TRUSTEES' REPORT 2022

Aim and Purposes

The purpose of United Church Ferndown is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and practices of the Baptist and United Reformed Church.

The Minister(s) and Deacons (Trustees) aim to promote the purpose of the Church and be responsible for the maintenance of the Church premises.

Objectives and Activities

The Church premises are open for public worship every Sunday morning. Our services put the Christian faith into action through worship, prayer, bible readings with exposition and communion.

When planning our activities the Minister(s) and Deacons (Trustees) have considered the Commission's guidance on Public benefit and in particular, the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We engage in a range of activities including:

Public worship, teaching of the Christian faith, pastoral work, provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for local community, supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Achievements and Performance

The Celebration of Public Worship & the teaching of the Christian Faith

2022 has been an exciting and very busy year for the Church and for the Deacons / Trustees. At the start of the year the trustees, with the help and guidance of our Moderator, continued in the search for a new Minister.

In order for Sunday morning services to take place, during this time of pastoral vacancy, the Trustees have shared the responsibility of coordinating the services, liaising with the external speakers, the worship music team and technical team to ensure that the Church family and visitors have continued to have opportunities to pray together, to worship God and to receive bible teaching, whether in person or on-line.

Following interviews, meetings with Church groups and taking a Sunday service, we were delighted to be able to appoint the Revs Darren and Melanie Pike as part-time Ministers.

Although, they moved to Ferndown in August they commenced to be actively involved at the start of September.

In October, activities for children during part of the morning service were reinstated.

Darren and Melanie choose a teaching theme of hope, followed by advent teaching based on the 'stars of the nativity'.

Mission and Evangelism

After a short halt between December 2021 and January 2022, the fortnightly lunch club recommenced. The club is open to anyone who wants to meet with others for a reasonably priced lunch.

The Church hosts a weekly table tennis group – all are welcome.

The Church runs a group for Parent/Carers with their pre-school children called “Tiddlers”. At the end of the year there was 21 families on the books and from September between 28 and 37 children attending weekly. 2022 ended with a crib service and a Christmas party.

During 2022, our children and youth groups ‘Fidget’ (ages 5-8) and ‘Space’ (ages 9-13) and ‘Space Extra’ were able to meet.

After a two year break due to covid, kids club (the UCF summer holiday club) was able to celebrate its 20th year of running. This event was run for four days plus a family fun day on Saturday.

Our Children, Youth and Families Pastor participates in school assemblies and lunchtime clubs in the local Ferndown schools.

Our Ministers’ organised a Bright and Light Party (31st October) and a Christingle service aimed at families.

Pastoral Care

This year we have been able to resume visiting people after the restrictions of covid were lifted. We continued to keep in touch with those who felt the need to self-isolate by WhatsApp, telephone and e-mail. Our services can be watched on YouTube. A cream tea in the summer holidays was arranged for all those who live alone. Extra teas were taken to those who were housebound.

The Church Premises

The Church buildings are not only available for Church run events but are used by the community for meetings, children parties etc. In addition to the previously Church run activities, Thermal Thursday was introduced to offer a warm space to the community where they could meet new friends, chat or play board games. Free tea and coffee was served at all times as well as free soup and roll at 5pm. There were four regular external bookings during the year. All hall hirers must adhere to the Church lettings policy, health and safety policy and young people and adults at risk safeguarding policy. The upkeep of the premises is an important consideration of the Trustees.

Support of Charities in the UK and Overseas

Throughout the year, we have kept in regular contact with our missionary friends at home and abroad. Monthly prayer meetings on zoom have enabled some of our missionary friends to join us and update us on their work.

During 2022 we had visits from the Harrods family (Operation Mobilisation in South Africa) and Tim Spring (London City Mission).

The Church has financially supported a number of missions as shown in the accounts.

Ecumenical Relationships

We have continued to be present at the meetings of West Moors Churches Together.

Financial Review

The general receipts and payments account is showing a surplus of £10,140.15. The previous year was a surplus of £12,227.57.

General Receipts- Our monthly/weekly offering and income tax recovered on gifts returned to a level nearer that seen in 2020.

During the time of pastoral vacancy the manse was let out, hence manse rental income.

Premises rentals were higher than the previous year as the 2021 coronavirus restrictions had been lifted.

A gift day was held to increase our funds in anticipation of our new Ministers being appointed. We are grateful to the Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust who increased their grant by £2,000 this year as a contribution towards the replacement Church heating boiler and SCBA who gave a Warm Space grant of £500 towards the costs of Thermal Thursday.

General Payments- We have been in pastoral vacancy from early 2021 to end of July 2022 and this reflects in expenses under the ministry heading.

The 2022 manse improvements covers the redecoration of the manse prior to the new Ministers moving into the manse and the conversion of the garage into another room.

We continued to support our partner Missions/Missionaries with grants as agreed in our budget.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain a minimum level of unrestricted funds, which are the available reserves of the charity, at a level that equates to six months' of unrestricted expenditure. It is felt that this would be sufficient to continue the activities of the charity in the event of a significant loss of income.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2022 were sufficient to adhere to the policy.

Volunteers

We continue to be grateful to Church members and all those who volunteer and work so hard to make United Church Ferndown such a welcoming and active community. We would not be able to run so many activities without their support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointing Trustees is set out in the Church Governing Document and Church Rules.

Whilst legally the Trustees are empowered to make binding decisions the traditional practice is that the ultimate decision-maker is the Church Members meeting.

Day to day running of Church affairs is delegated to the elected Deacons (maximum 8) who, together with the appointed Minister(s) of the day, form the Charity Trustees, who meet as required, usually monthly except August or more frequently if occasion demands. The Trustees may also appoint no more than two Co-opted Trustees.

Administrative Information

The United Church Ferndown is situated at 505 Wimborne Road East, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9NF.

Charity Registration number is 1159971.

The Trustees during the calendar year 2022 were:

Ministers: Rev. Darren Pike & Rev. Melanie Pike (From 1st August 2022)
Youth and Families Pastor Miriam Biggs (Until 11th August 2022)

There are currently 7 Deacons serving the Church:

Arthur Ansell
Angela Ball
Angela Jameson (Treasurer),
Steve Ford
David Hamblin
Janet Latham
Alison Vincent

The role of Church Secretary is shared between the deacons.

**UNITED CHURCH FERNDOWN - Registered Charity Number: 1159971
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	Note	2022	2021
Receipts			
Monthly/Weekly Offering		£ 69,336.01	£ 60,822.35
Donations and other income	2	£ 15,211.40	£ 9,676.88
Income tax recovered on gifts		£ 14,047.21	£ 13,521.89
Manse rental income		£ 7,452.00	£ 12,800.00
Interest (Bank & HMRC)		£ 215.16	£ 234.99
Rents and contributions for use of premises		£ 3,473.32	£ 1,842.96
		<u>£ 109,735.10</u>	<u>£ 98,899.07</u>
Payments			
Ministry	3	£ 32,653.13	£ 22,717.09
Children, Youth & Families Work	4	£ 18,520.09	£ 18,175.25
Mission	5	£ 9,088.35	£ 8,825.15
Upkeep of Church premises	6	£ 11,307.98	£ 8,158.19
Administration	7	£ 6,568.20	£ 6,854.46
Church other expenses	8	£ 4,514.83	£ 2,801.89
Manse letting expenses		£ 894.24	£ 2,410.00
Manse loan repayment - capital element		£ 3,383.59	£ 8,766.47
Manse Improvements		£ 12,664.54	£ 7,963.00
		<u>£ 99,594.95</u>	<u>£ 86,671.50</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		£ 10,140.15	£ 12,227.57
Balance brought forward		£ 66,066.21	£ 53,838.64
Transfer to Designated Funds		-£ 8,728.00	£ -
Balance carried forward		£ 67,478.36	£ 66,066.21

DESIGNATED FUNDS MOVEMENT

	2021 B/Fwd	Transfer In	Transfer Out	2022 C/Fwd
Bursary	£ 652.00		£ 652.00	£ -
Tree work (Church grounds)		£ 1,550.00		£ 1,550.00
Equipment		£ 1,830.00		£ 1,830.00
Manse improvements		£ 6,000.00		£ 6,000.00
	<u>£ 652.00</u>	<u>£ 9,380.00</u>	<u>£ 652.00</u>	<u>£ 9,380.00</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS MOVEMENT

	2021 B/Fwd	Receipts	Payments	2022 C/Fwd
Mission	£ 1,973.61	£ 3,073.95	£ 1,400.00	£ 3,647.56
Manse Loan Repayment	£ -	£ 2,450.00	£ 2,450.00	£ -
Dishwasher	£ -	£ 1,445.90	£ 1,445.90	£ -
Youth & Childrens work	£ 1,815.00	£ 954.20	£ 694.89	£ 2,074.31
Manse Improvements	£ -	£ 645.00	£ 645.00	£ -
Choir Funds	£ 320.96	£ -	£ -	£ 320.96
Table Tennis	£ 1,550.00	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 1,450.00
Flower Fund	£ -	£ 166.25	£ 166.25	£ -
West Moors Churches Together	£ 112.75	£ -	£ -	£ 112.75
	<u>£ 5,772.32</u>	<u>£ 8,735.30</u>	<u>£ 6,902.04</u>	<u>£ 7,605.58</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<i>Note</i>	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Bank and other cash balances		£ 84,463.94	£ 72,490.53
REPRESENTING BALANCE ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:			
General Fund		£ 67,478.36	£ 66,066.21
Designated Funds		£ 9,380.00	£ 652.00
Restricted Mission fund		£ 3,647.56	£ 1,973.61
Restricted - Table Tennis Club		£ 1,450.00	£ 1,550.00
Restricted - Choir		£ 320.96	£ 320.96
Restricted - Youth & childrens work		£ 2,074.31	£ 1,815.00
Restricted - West Moors Churches together		£ 112.75	£ 112.75
		<u>£ 84,463.94</u>	<u>£ 72,490.53</u>
LIABILITIES			
	11		
Current		£ 3,657.56	£ 1,973.61
Long-term loans		£ 16,360.45	£ 22,194.04

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011

2 Donations and other income:

	2022	2021
Donations	£ 602.50	£ 569.55
Gift Day Donations	£ 3,820.00	£ -
Sylvia Adams Grant	£ 9,000.00	£ 7,000.00
SCBA Warm Space Grant	£ 500.00	£ -
Lunch Club	£ 1,079.58	£ 292.35
Coffee Donations	£ 40.00	£ 70.00
Government grant	£ -	£ 1,358.98
Funeral Fees	£ -	£ 200.00
Insurance Claim	£ -	£ 142.00
Other items	£ 169.32	£ 44.00
	<u>£ 15,211.40</u>	<u>£ 9,676.88</u>

3 Ministry:

Ministers' stipend & pension contribution	£ 15,098.00	£ 9,503.29
Ministers' expenses	£ 413.28	£ 35.66
Ministers' moving expenses	£ 5,148.00	£ -
Pension deficit contributions	£ 2,113.40	£ 3,562.08
Moderator	£ 6,373.55	£ 6,145.40
Manse expenses	£ 1,424.06	£ 1,568.74
Manse maintenance	£ 199.43	£ 571.89
Manse loan interest	£ 819.41	£ 845.53
Pulpit Supply	£ 1,064.00	£ 484.50
	<u>£ 32,653.13</u>	<u>£ 22,717.09</u>

	2022	2021
4 Children, Youth & Families Work		
CY&F Pastor pay & pension contribution	£ 18,146.52	£ 17,963.28
CY&F Pastor expenses	£ 94.50	£ 79.65
Youth Workers Retreat	£ 150.00	£ -
CY&FW expenses	£ 129.07	£ 132.32
	<u>£ 18,520.09</u>	<u>£ 18,175.25</u>
5 Mission:		
SCBA Home Mission	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,529.04
URC M & M Fund	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,529.04
Hope Now	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Laura Weeds (W.E.C.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Dave & Michele Mahon (B.M.S.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Helen & Adrian Harrod (O.M.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Arab World Ministries	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Muluote - (Christian Education Centre, Nagaland)	£ -	£ 875.00
Tim Spring (London City Mission)	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Myra's Wells	£ 224.00	£ 151.00
CAP	£ 1,075.00	£ -
Local Outreach	£ 114.35	£ 66.07
	<u>£ 9,088.35</u>	<u>£ 8,825.15</u>
6 Upkeep of Church premises:		
Lighting & Heat	£ 2,408.17	£ 2,167.45
Water & Sewage	£ 78.60	£ 58.98
Cleaning (incl. wages)	£ 3,477.29	£ 3,252.78
Insurance	£ 1,006.93	£ 958.54
Repairs/maintenance & improvements	£ 4,336.99	£ 1,720.44
	<u>£ 11,307.98</u>	<u>£ 8,158.19</u>
7 Administration:		
Printing & Stationery	£ 231.79	£ 596.17
Telephone	£ 516.53	£ 536.29
Office Equipment	£ 40.68	£ -
Administrator	£ 5,699.20	£ 5,642.00
Accounts Examination	£ 80.00	£ 80.00
	<u>£ 6,568.20</u>	<u>£ 6,854.46</u>
8 Church other expenses:		
CCL Licence	£ 819.17	£ 760.58
Coffee/Catering	£ 396.32	£ 209.92
Subscriptions	£ 508.28	£ 528.88
Training	£ 45.00	£ 20.00
Flowers	£ 560.17	£ 36.76
Pastoral Vacancy Search Expenses	£ 1,092.05	£ 150.00
Other	£ 1,093.84	£ 1,095.75
	<u>£ 4,514.83</u>	<u>£ 2,801.89</u>

	2022	2021
9 Restricted Mission/Charity Payments		
Muluote - (Christian Education Centre, Nagaland)	£ -	£ 2,475.00
Tear Fund - Harvest Appeal	£ 656.97	£ -
Biggin Hill Romania Group	£ 66.25	£ -
Hope for Food	£ 7.50	£ 180.00
Bus Stop Club	£ 78.03	£ -
CAP	£ 71.25	£ -
Link to Hope	£ 92.50	£ -
BMS Birthdays	£ 195.00	£ 165.00
Barnabas - Ukraine	£ 62.50	£ -
BMS - Ukraine	£ 170.00	£ -
BMS Chad	£ -	£ 7.50
M Ziegler	£ -	£ 100.00
Myra's Wells	£ -	£ 2.80
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UNITED CHURCH (BAPTIST AND URC) FERNDOWN

England & Wales - Charity number 1159971

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Achievements and Performance

The Celebration of Public Worship & the teaching of the Christian Faith

2021 has been a year of significant change and transition for the Church. Our minister retired and we have adapted to new circumstances due to the Covid pandemic.

The deacons / trustees have lead the Church as Bob Almond retired from full time ministry. As a leadership team every effort was made to ensure that Bob and his wife Angela 'left well' despite the lockdown restrictions at that time preventing us from being able to say 'goodbye' in person. After the official retirement, the Deacons oversaw the process of the Manse being redecorated and then rented out in order to bring income into the Church.

Throughout the year the deacons have been careful to read, understand and respond to the changing advice and restrictions brought about by Covid. The deacons have monitored and applied the government lockdown and social distancing guidance to keep the congregation safe during this period.

Depending on the nature of the restrictions and in order for Sunday services to take place in 2021 the deacons have shared the responsibility of coordinating the services, liaising with the external speakers, the worship music team and technical team to ensure that the Church family and visitors have continued to have opportunities to pray together, to worship God and to receive bible teaching, whether in person or on-line.

Also, the process began to support the Church through the pastoral vacancy and to start working towards appointing a new minister. The deacons worked with the local Baptist Association regional minister to find a suitable Moderator and appointed the Rev. Jim Thomas to fulfil this role. We have been very grateful for his wisdom, guidance, and support. Following the 'Vision' evenings held by Jim, the deacons worked with him to pull together the thoughts and feelings brought out by these sessions and, with prayer at the core, to understand the direction in which we felt that God was leading the Church. From this we worked to create a Church profile which was released for prospective ministers to view just before Christmas. We plan to appoint a new minister in the coming year to continue our journey as a community of faith in Ferndown.

Mission and Evangelism

Due to covid restrictions at the start of 2021 and the uncertainty of when it would be safe to restart, our community lunch club did not recommence until October. A rota of volunteers was drawn up, risk assessments done, and former members contacted. The first event was on 7th October and then we met fortnightly. Unfortunately, the omicron variant of coronavirus appeared which meant restrictions were again in place and for the safety of those attending our last lunch of 2021 was cancelled.

The Church hosts a weekly table tennis group. This was affected by lockdown and only started on 20th May 2021. This involved players in two 'bubbles' of 6 playing singles matches until late July when the lockdown restrictions were lifted and members could play more freely.

The Church runs a group for Parent/Carers with their pre-school children called "Tiddlers". Due to lockdown, this stopped in the building but continued with parents at the local park when meeting up was allowed. 2021 ended with a crib service in Church and a specially adapted Christmas party, which saw 13 adults with 22 children. Despite the circumstances, we regained some of our child minders and regulars but have also gained new people including a number of 'lockdown babies' and 'first time' mums.

For the majority of 2021, our children and youth groups 'Fidget' (ages 5-8) and 'Space' (ages 9-13) continued digitally on Zoom. The groups began meeting in person in October when lockdown restrictions were lifted.

In December, the family Christmas service was held as an informal 'café style' carol service in the afternoon with carols, games, activities and the Christmas story in video form. Followed by family friendly food and refreshments outside in the Church garden.

Pastoral Care

For much of 2021 the guidance on visiting people in their own homes was restrictive. On occasions, it was not permitted and for much of the year people were advised to wear masks and undertake a Covid lateral flow test before entering other people's homes. Several people faithfully continued with the Church telephone 'buddy system' as a way of maintaining social contact.

Digital tools like the Church WhatsApp and Zoom groups and email were an important method for people to keep in touch.

When not in lockdown a small group from the congregation undertook visits, focusing on those who didn't have family support, were not able to go out and didn't have access to the internet or social media. Our moderator Jim Thomas also made several visits to people's homes, on occasions taking communion to those who have been unwell as well as housebound.

The isolation caused by lockdowns made 2021 a challenge but good efforts were made to maintain contact through phone calls, visits (when allowed) and prayer.

The Church Premises

The Church buildings are not only available for Church run events but are used by the community for meetings, children parties etc. Unfortunately, due to the Covid pandemic, the restrictions of 2021 meant that there were limited bookings of the Church premises for these purposes.

The impact of Covid on some of our renting partners meant that only two permanent bookings resumed their classes at the end of May and one in September.

In September, Church related activities such as lunch club (now changed to fortnightly) and the children and youth groups resumed.

All hall hirers must adhere to the Church lettings policy, health and safety policy and young people and adults at risk safeguarding policy.

The upkeep of the premises is an important consideration of the Trustees.

Support of Charities in the UK and Overseas

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

2021 was a difficult year for our missionary friends, as well as for ourselves, as a result of changing rules and regulations due to Covid and its variants. However, support was continued, both financially and in prayer, using digital technology when applicable for our Charity partners.

The Mahon family, who are working with BMS in Peru were able to visit the UK during the summer, but were unable to visit us in person due to covid restrictions, so we arranged a Zoom meeting with them during one of our monthly prayer meetings.

We were also able to arrange a Zoom meeting with our friends working in North Africa, as their visit to us was also cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

The Harrod family, working in South Africa for OM, also had to cancel their annual visit to the UK. However, we did receive a visit from Melanie who had come down from Scotland. We have continued to hold our monthly Tuesday evening prayer meetings on Zoom, as it has enabled Helen Harrod in South Africa and Tim Spring in London to join us and report first hand their news, and also those who are shielding, to participate.

We are in regular contact with all our missionaries and pray for them on the last Tuesday evening of each month.

As well as our nine missionaries and their work that we support prayerfully and financially, the church has supported Hope for Food Bournemouth, Christians Against Poverty, The Bus Stop Club, and the Tearfund Afghanistan Appeal during the year.

Ecumenical Relationships

We started the local 'Churches Together' meetings again after lockdown in May and have met regularly since then. Meetings take place every two months and are between the four churches of West Moors (St. Marys C of E, St. Antony's R.C., St. Martins URC and Pinehurst Community Church), Horton Heath Chapel (Methodist) and UCF. The church leaders meet for reports and discussion and also to plan a service twice a year for all the churches together. This year, we were fortunate to all be able to have taken part in the shared Remembrance Day service in November.

Financial Review

The general receipts and payments account is showing a surplus of £12,227.57. The previous year was a deficit of £2,245.61.

General Receipts- Our monthly/weekly offering and income tax recovered on gifts was not as high as 2020 when we had a gift day to rebuild our funds and pay for equipment to live stream our services.

Due to our Minister retiring in early April, the manse was let out for the remainder of 2021. This resulted in income of £12,800.

Premises rentals were lower than the previous year due to government covid restrictions and a previous long term booking no longer meeting on our premises.

We continued to take advantage of the government furlough scheme during the year.

General Payments- The pastoral vacancy meant there were savings in the area of Ministers' stipend and expenses.

The manse was decorated prior to letting and the windows, patio door and front door replaced.

We continued to support our partner Missions/Missionaries with grants as agreed in our original budget.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain a minimum level of unrestricted funds, which are the available reserves of the charity, at a level that equates to six months' of unrestricted expenditure. It is felt that this would be sufficient to continue the activities of the charity in the event of a significant loss of income.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2021 were sufficient to adhere to the policy.

Volunteers

We continue to be grateful to Church members and all those who volunteer and work so hard to make United Church Ferndown such a welcoming and active community. We would not be able to run so many activities without their support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointing Trustees is set out in the Church Governing Document and Church Rules.

Whilst legally the Trustees are empowered to make binding decisions the traditional practice is that the ultimate decision-maker is the Church Members meeting.

Day to day running of Church affairs is delegated to the elected Deacons (maximum 8) who, together with the appointed Minister(s) of the day, form the Charity Trustees, who meet as required, usually monthly except August or more frequently if occasion demands. The Trustees may also appoint no more than two Co-opted Trustees.

Administrative Information

The United Church Ferndown is situated at 505 Wimborne Road East, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9NF.

Charity Registration number is 1159971.

The Trustees during the calendar year 2021 were:

Minister Rev. Bob Almond (Until retirement April 2021, then position vacant)
Youth and Families Pastor Miriam Biggs

There are currently 7 Deacons serving the Church:

Arthur Ansell
Angela Ball
Angela Jameson (Treasurer),
Steve Ford
David Hamblin
Janet Latham
Alison Vincent

The role of Church Secretary is shared between the deacons. In January 2021 Geoff Morley stood down from his position as a deacon as he had completed 2 terms in this role.

**UNITED CHURCH FERNDOWN - Registered Charity Number: 1159971
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	<i>Note</i>	2021	2020
Receipts			
Monthly/Weekly Offering		£ 60,822.35	£ 69,965.33
Donations and other income	2	£ 9,676.88	£ 12,611.29
Income tax recovered on gifts		£ 13,521.89	£ 15,249.57
Manse rental income		£ 12,800.00	£ -
Interest (Bank & HMRC)		£ 234.99	£ 520.40
Rents and contributions for use of premises		£ 1,842.96	£ 3,719.46
		<u>£ 98,899.07</u>	<u>£ 102,066.05</u>
Payments			
Ministry	3	£ 48,723.02	£ 60,539.71
Mission	4	£ 8,825.15	£ 8,846.69
Upkeep of Church premises	5	£ 8,158.19	£ 11,928.23
Administration	6	£ 6,854.46	£ 7,177.62
Church other expenses	7	£ 2,934.21	£ 7,433.91
Manse letting expenses		£ 2,410.00	£ -
Manse loan repayment - capital element		£ 8,766.47	£ 8,385.50
		<u>£ 86,671.50</u>	<u>£ 104,311.66</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		£ 12,227.57	-£ 2,245.61
Balance brought forward		£ 53,838.64	£ 56,084.25
Balance carried forward		£ 66,066.21	£ 53,838.64
DESIGNATED FUND - Bursary			
Receipts		£ -	£ -
Payments		£ -	£ -
Surplus (deficit) for the year		£ -	£ -
Balance brought forward		£ 652.00	£ 652.00
Balance carried forward		£ 652.00	£ 652.00
RESTRICTED MISSION RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
Receipts		£ 2,530.35	£ 2,233.75
Payments	8	£ 2,930.30	£ 2,571.16
Surplus (deficit) for the year		-£ 399.95	-£ 337.41
Balance brought forward		£ 2,373.56	£ 2,710.97
Balance carried forward		£ 1,973.61	£ 2,373.56

RESTRICTED - OTHER	2021	2020
Receipts		
Manse Loan Repayment	£ 1,950.00	£ 1,946.25
Training	£ -	£ 187.50
Youth & Childrens work	£ 1,500.00	£ -
Pastoral fund	£ -	£ 625.00
Choir Funds	£ -	£ 120.00
Table Tennis	£ 350.00	£ 350.00
Flower Fund	£ 85.00	£ 160.00
West Moors Churches Together	£ 50.00	£ -
	<u>£ 3,935.00</u>	<u>£ 3,388.75</u>
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Table Tennis	£ -	£ -
Flower Fund	£ 126.99	£ 323.57
West Moors Churches Together	£ 20.00	£ 60.00
	<u>£ 2,096.99</u>	<u>£ 3,142.32</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>£ 1,838.01</u>	<u>£ 246.43</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021	2020
ASSETS			
Bank and other cash balances		<u>£ 72,490.53</u>	<u>£ 58,824.90</u>
REPRESENTING BALANCE ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:			
General Fund		£ 66,066.21	£ 53,838.64
Designated Fund - Bursary		£ 652.00	£ 652.00
Restricted Mission fund		£ 1,973.61	£ 2,373.56
Restricted - Flower Fund		£ -	£ 41.99
Restricted - Table Tennis Club		£ 1,550.00	£ 1,200.00
Restricted - Choir		£ 320.96	£ 320.96
Restricted - Youth & childrens work		£ 1,815.00	£ 315.00
Restricted - West Moors Churches together		£ 112.75	£ 82.75
		<u>£ 72,490.53</u>	<u>£ 58,824.90</u>
LIABILITIES	10		
Current		£ 1,973.61	£ 2,449.81
Long-term loans		£ 22,194.04	£ 32,910.51

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011

2 Donations and other income:

	2021	2020
Donations	£ 569.55	£ 446.50
Sylvia Adams Grant	£ 7,000.00	£ 9,500.00
Lunch Club	£ 292.35	£ 407.35
Coffee Donations	£ 70.00	£ 20.00
Government grant	£ 1,358.98	£ 2,031.14
Funeral Fees	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
Insurance Claim	£ 142.00	£ -
Other items	£ 44.00	£ 6.30
	<u>£ 9,676.88</u>	<u>£ 12,611.29</u>

3 Ministry:

Ministers' stipend & expenses	£ 38,502.58	£ 58,560.79
Manse Upkeep	£ 8,890.41	£ 702.42
Manse loan interest	£ 845.53	£ 1,226.50
Pulpit Supply	£ 484.50	£ 50.00
	<u>£ 48,723.02</u>	<u>£ 60,539.71</u>

4 Mission:

SCBA Home Mission	£ 1,529.04	£ 1,485.00
URC M & M Fund	£ 1,529.04	£ 1,485.00
Hope Now	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Laura Weeds (W.E.C.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Dave & Michele Mahon (B.M.S.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Helen & Adrian Harrod (O.M.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Arab World Ministries	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Muluote - (Christian Education Centre, Nagaland)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Tim Spring (London City Mission)	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Myra's Wells	£ 151.00	£ -
Moorlands College	£ -	£ 40.00
Local Outreach	£ 66.07	£ 286.69
	<u>£ 8,825.15</u>	<u>£ 8,846.69</u>

5 Upkeep of Church premises:

Lighting & Heat	£ 2,167.45	£ 2,322.07
Water & Sewage	£ 58.98	£ 78.90
Cleaning (incl. wages)	£ 3,252.78	£ 3,376.34
Insurance	£ 958.54	£ 953.89
Repairs/maintenance & improvements	£ 1,720.44	£ 5,197.03
	<u>£ 8,158.19</u>	<u>£ 11,928.23</u>

6 Administration:

Printing & Stationery	£ 596.17	£ 344.69
Telephone	£ 536.29	£ 462.49
Office Equipment	£ -	£ 544.94
Administrator	£ 5,642.00	£ 5,750.50
Accounts Examination	£ 80.00	£ 75.00
	<u>£ 6,854.46</u>	<u>£ 7,177.62</u>

7 Church other expenses:	2021	2020
Youth/Childrens Work	£ 132.32	£ 225.09
CCL Licence	£ 760.58	£ 636.88
Coffee/Catering	£ 209.92	£ 56.39
Subscriptions	£ 528.88	£ 520.58
Training	£ 20.00	£ 228.90
Furniture & Equipment	£ -	£ 3,888.43
Other	£ 1,282.51	£ 1,877.64
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8 Restricted Mission/Charity

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Hope Now	£ -	£ 5.00
Biggin Hill Romania Group	£ -	£ 295.00
Hope for Food	£ 180.00	£ 586.85
Bus Stop Club - CAP Centre	£ -	£ 106.25
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The year started with our usual pattern of services. Re:vive services were held on the first Sunday morning of the month offering a more informal style of worship with the purpose of attracting people to our Church who would not normally attend a more traditional service.

We continued to have weekly morning services with a family service and a communion service once a month.

Children had their own activities during part of the morning service.

Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020 meant we could no longer meet in the Church building but we continued offering a weekly Sunday service initially through WhatsApp and later using YouTube.

Monthly High Tea Low Church was stopped as a result of covid.

A daily "Thought for the Day" was established and sent out via WhatsApp and e-mail.

For those Church members without access to technology a weekly mail shot was sent out, which included sermon notes, the daily 'Thoughts for The Day' and the Weekly News Sheet.

During the times that we were able to return to Church on a Sunday morning we also live streamed the service aimed at those people who could not attend.

Our current membership now stands at 84.

The prayer life of the church remains very important and we have continued to meet to pray as a church with particular themes as a focus. In addition, the Deacons also meet regularly specifically to seek God and pray together for the life of the church. During lockdown prayer meetings continued via Zoom.

Mission and Evangelism

Until the March lockdown the Church ran a weekly Lunch club for anyone over 60 who lived in the locality. On Thursdays the participants enjoyed a two course meal followed by a short talk.

On Christmas day, we were able to prepare and deliver 40 Christmas dinners to those housebound and without company due to the Christmas lockdown rules.

The church runs a weekly table tennis group that is open to all. This ran at times during the year when Covid regulations permitted.

On Wednesday mornings the Church runs a group for Parent/Carers with their pre-school children called "Tiddlers". Due to lockdown, contact was maintained via a Facebook page. The Church ran activities for children on a Friday afternoon/evening until lockdown. Initially contact was maintained with parents via a Facebook page and from September meetings were run via Zoom.

Due to covid-19 the Church run Kids Club activities which runs for a week during the school summer holidays was cancelled, as was our Youth Minister's participation in school assemblies and lunchtime clubs in the local Ferndown schools. Our Minister continued as a Governor at Ferndown First School.

Pastoral Care

Up to covid -19 restrictions the church had six home groups that met on a regular basis to study the bible, pray together and provide pastoral care to each other. Some were able to continue using Zoom.

The Church had a pastoral team who visited those who are not members of a home group or are unable to attend Church due to illness or age. The Minister and others visited those who were in hospital or in end-of-life situations to encourage and pray with them and their families. Restrictions meant that face to face visits had to stop. To keep people in touch Sunday morning coffee, normally held after the Sunday service, was replaced by using Zoom for a "virtual" coffee together. WhatsApp groups were set up for prayer and chat. People were encouraged to phone each other and written updates were sent to those without access to the technology.

The Church led two services at Fernhill Care Home before lockdown stopped visits.

The Church has an email / WhatsApp / phone system for those requesting specific prayer needs (prayer chain).

Flowers were distributed weekly, prior to March lockdown, to those who were unwell, celebrating a special occasion or as a way of thanking people.

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Support of Charities in the UK and Overseas

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Due to Covid-19, this year, boxes were not sent out to Romania by the Biggin Hill Romania Group. However, they asked for financial donations so that items could be purchased, boxed and distributed in Romania and we were able to support this initiative. At Christmas we supported a local charity – Christians Against Poverty based at the Turbary Resource Centre. The Church has provided ongoing financial support to seven Missions working in the UK and abroad during the year and details can be seen in the accounts.

Ecumenical Relationships

The Church is a member of Churches together in West Moors and Ferndown. The Churches usual joint activities did not happen due to the pandemic. There are continuing links between all the local Baptist Ministers, and among local Ministers of URC churches.

The Church enjoys a good relationship with the local Ferndown Anglican Church and the Churches in Ferndown who normally work together on various events where possible. However this year all such events were cancelled.

Financial Review

The general receipts and payments account is showing a deficit of £2,245.61. The previous year was a surplus of £1,091.42.

General Receipts- Whilst we were unable to meet on the Church premises, the offering initially reduced by the cash element of the weekly offering. However, as it became clear this was not short term, some of the congregation made alternative arrangements for funds to reach the Church account.

The amount of gift aid on small donations that we could claim dropped after the first quarter due to the lack of cash offerings.

Hall usage by non-Church organisations stopped during times of restriction and again reduced the income.

We took advantage of the government furlough scheme and both our administrator and cleaner were on furlough at times.

In July we appealed to the congregation for gifts to rebuild our reserves and pay for equipment to improve our ability to stream our services live.

We are thankful for the response from our congregation and the Sylvia Adams Fund to the appeal.

We ended 2020 with our overall income being just above the previous year.

General Payments- In the first quarter of 2020 we started improvements in the kitchen. A new hob and two ovens were installed. At the time of the first lockdown we were committed to purchasing new stainless steel worktops. These were finally fitted in the summer.

We postponed the budgeted purchase of an adjustable lectern.

As we have not been able to use the Church premises some expenses were reduced such as electricity and gas. However we have incurred additional spend on the equipment needed to enable us to live stream our services.

We are grateful to the Baptist Pension Fund who reduced the Church pension fund deficit contribution by 50% for the second half of 2020.

We continued to support our partner Missions/Missionaries with grants as agreed in our original budget.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain a minimum level of unrestricted funds, which are available reserves of the charity, at a level that equates to six months' of unrestricted expenditure. It is felt that this would be sufficient to continue the activities of the charity in the event of a significant loss of income.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2020 were sufficient to adhere to the policy.

Volunteers

We continue to be grateful to church members and all those who volunteer and work so hard to make United Church Ferndown such a welcoming and active community. We would not be able to run so many activities for all ages without their support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointing Trustees is set out in the Church Governing Document and Church Rules.

Whilst legally the Trustees are empowered to make binding decisions the traditional practice is that the ultimate decision-maker is the Church Members meeting.

Day to day running of Church affairs is delegated to the elected Deacons (maximum 8) who, together with the appointed Minister(s) of the day, form the Charity Trustees, who meet as required, usually monthly except August or more frequently if occasion demands. The Trustees may also appoint no more than two Co-opted Trustees.

Administrative Information

The United Church Ferndown is situated at 505 Wimborne Road East, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9NF.

Charity Registration number is 1159971.

The Trustees during the calendar year 2020 were:

Minister Rev. Bob Almond
Youth Minister Miriam Biggs

Deacons.
Arthur Ansell
Angela Ball
Steve Ford
George Groves
David Hamblin
Angela Jameson (Treasurer)
Geoff Morley
Alison Vincent

Co-Opted Trustees

Janet Latham

from 06.04.2020

**UNITED CHURCH FERNDOWN - Registered Charity Number: 1159971
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	<i>Note</i>	2020	2019
Receipts			
Monthly/Weekly Offering		£ 69,965.33	£ 67,179.20
Donations and other income	2	£ 12,611.29	£ 10,329.26
Income tax recovered on gifts		£ 15,249.57	£ 15,013.52
Interest (Bank & HMRC)		£ 520.40	£ 112.87
Rents and contributions for use of premises		£ 3,719.46	£ 9,076.00
		<u>£ 102,066.05</u>	<u>£ 101,710.85</u>
Payments			
Ministry	3	£ 60,539.71	£ 61,356.57
Mission	4	£ 8,846.69	£ 9,714.28
Upkeep of Church premises	5	£ 11,928.23	£ 10,962.01
Administration	6	£ 7,177.62	£ 6,853.73
Church other expenses	7	£ 7,433.91	£ 3,918.01
Manse loan repayment - capital element		£ 8,385.50	£ 7,814.83
		<u>£ 104,311.66</u>	<u>£ 100,619.43</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		-£ 2,245.61	£ 1,091.42
Balance brought forward		£ 56,084.25	£ 54,992.83
Balance carried forward		£ 53,838.64	£ 56,084.25
DESIGNATED FUND - Bursary			
Receipts		£ -	£ 15.00
Payments		£ -	£ -
Surplus (deficit) for the year		£ -	£ 15.00
Balance brought forward		£ 652.00	£ 637.00
Balance carried forward		£ 652.00	£ 652.00
RESTRICTED MISSION RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
Receipts		£ 2,233.75	£ 4,273.23
Payments	8	<u>£ 2,571.16</u>	<u>£ 5,148.06</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		-£ 337.41	-£ 874.83
Balance brought forward		£ 2,710.97	£ 3,585.80
Balance carried forward		£ 2,373.56	£ 2,710.97

RESTRICTED - OTHER	2020	2019
Receipts		
Manse Loan Repayment	£ 1,946.25	£ 2,062.50
Training	£ 187.50	£ -
Kids Club		£ 350.76
Pastoral fund	£ 625.00	£ -
Choir Funds	£ 120.00	£ -
Table Tennis	£ 350.00	£ 332.48
Flower Fund	£ 160.00	£ 497.94
West Moors Churches Together		£ 60.00
	<u>£ 3,388.75</u>	<u>£ 3,303.68</u>
Payments		
Manse Loan Repayment	£ 1,946.25	£ 2,062.50
Training	£ 187.50	£ -
Kids Club		£ 357.10
Pastoral fund	£ 625.00	£ -
Choir Funds		£ -
Table Tennis		£ -
Flower Fund	£ 323.57	£ 507.31
West Moors Churches Together	£ 60.00	£ -
	<u>£ 3,142.32</u>	<u>£ 2,926.91</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£ 246.43	£ 376.77

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<i>Note</i>	2020	2019
ASSETS			
Bank and other cash balances		<u>£ 58,824.90</u>	<u>£ 61,161.49</u>
REPRESENTING BALANCE ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:			
General Fund		£ 53,838.64	£ 56,084.25
Designated Fund - Bursary		£ 652.00	£ 652.00
Restricted Mission fund		£ 2,373.56	£ 2,710.97
Restricted - Kids Club			£ -
Restricted - Flower Fund		£ 41.99	£ 205.56
Restricted - Table Tennis Club		£ 1,200.00	£ 850.00
Restricted - Choir		£ 320.96	£ 200.96
Restricted - Youth & childrens work		£ 315.00	£ 315.00
Restricted - West Moors Churches together		£ 82.75	£ 142.75
		<u>£ 58,824.90</u>	<u>£ 61,161.49</u>
LIABILITIES	10		
Current		£ 2,449.81	£ 2,710.97
Long-term loans		<u>£ 32,910.51</u>	<u>£ 43,242.26</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011

2 Donations and other income:

	2020	2019
Donations	£ 446.50	£ 1,007.52
Sylvia Adams Grant	£ 9,500.00	£ 7,000.00
Lunch Club	£ 407.35	£ 1,657.43
Coffee Donations	£ 20.00	£ 60.00
Government grant	£ 2,031.14	£ -
Funeral Fees	£ 200.00	£ 600.00
Other items	£ 6.30	£ 4.31
	<u>£ 12,611.29</u>	<u>£ 10,329.26</u>

3 Ministry:

Ministers' stipend & expenses	£ 58,560.79	£ 58,298.59
Manse Upkeep	£ 702.42	£ 810.81
Manse loan interest	£ 1,226.50	£ 1,797.17
Pulpit Supply	£ 50.00	£ 450.00
	<u>£ 60,539.71</u>	<u>£ 61,356.57</u>

4 Mission:

SCBA Home Mission	£ 1,485.00	£ 1,529.04
URC M & M Fund	£ 1,485.00	£ 1,529.04
Hope Now	£ 875.00	£ 893.40
Laura Weeds (W.E.C.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Louise & Arthur Brown (B.M.S.)	£ -	£ 50.00
Dave & Michele Mahon (B.M.S.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Helen & Adrian Harrod (O.M.)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Arab World Ministries	£ 875.00	£ 925.00
Muluote - (Christian Education Centre, Nagaland)	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
Tim Spring (London City Mission)	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Moorlands College	£ 40.00	£ -
Local Outreach	£ 286.69	£ 987.80
	<u>£ 8,846.69</u>	<u>£ 9,714.28</u>

5 Upkeep of Church premises:

Lighting & Heat	£ 2,322.07	£ 3,341.48
Water & Sewage	£ 78.90	£ 74.68
Cleaning (incl. wages)	£ 3,376.34	£ 3,277.85
Insurance	£ 953.89	£ 939.10
Repairs/maintenance & improvements	£ 5,197.03	£ 3,328.90
	<u>£ 11,928.23</u>	<u>£ 10,962.01</u>

6 Administration:

Printing & Stationery	£ 344.69	£ 830.92
Telephone	£ 462.49	£ 435.81
Office Equipment	£ 544.94	£ -
Administrator	£ 5,750.50	£ 5,512.00
Accounts Examination	£ 75.00	£ 75.00
	<u>£ 7,177.62</u>	<u>£ 6,853.73</u>

7 Church other expenses:

	2020	2019
Youth/Childrens Work	£ 225.09	£ 272.79
CCL Licence	£ 636.88	£ 561.73
Coffee/Catering	£ 56.39	£ 708.83
Subscriptions	£ 520.58	£ 376.00
Training	£ 228.90	£ 305.60
Furniture & Equipment	£ 3,888.43	£ -
Other	£ 1,877.64	£ 1,693.06
	<u>£ 7,433.91</u>	<u>£ 3,918.01</u>

8 Restricted Mission/Charity

Muluote - (Christian Education Centre, Nagaland)	£ 783.71	£ 2,385.00
Hope Now	£ 5.00	£ 33.78
Biggin Hill Romania Group	£ 295.00	£ -
Hope for Food	£ 586.85	£ -
Bus Stop Club - CAP Centre	£ 106.25	£ 1,049.00
BMS Birthdays	£ 100.00	£ 146.25
Christian Aid	£ 649.35	£ 35.00
BMS - South Sudan	£ 15.00	£ 189.00
BMS Chad	£ 30.00	£ -
Red Box Project (Bournemouth & Poole)	£ -	£ 327.51
Cherry Tree Nursery	£ -	£ 327.51
East African Playgrounds	£ -	£ 655.01
	<u>£ 2,571.16</u>	<u>£ 5,148.06</u>

9 Non-monetary assets:

Manse - 29 Heath Farm Road, Ferndown. BH22 8JN	Cost	£ 284,985.00
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The Church also owns fixtures, furniture & equipment with an insurance value of £95,931

10 Liabilities:

	2020	2019
(a) Current: BMS Birthdays	£ -	£ 15.00
Muluote	£ 2,449.81	£ 1,578.52
Christmas Charities	£ -	£ 1,117.45
	<u>£ 32,910.51</u>	<u>£ 43,242.26</u>
(b) Long-term loan: Baptist Union Corporation	<u>£ 32,910.51</u>	<u>£ 43,242.26</u>

Loan relates to manse purchase. The original loan end date was February 2035.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 & 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2020 are as approved by the Deacons.

Angela Jameson - Church Treasurer

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of United Church Ferndown

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do 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 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 by or on behalf of the Examiner John Berridge (Rev) Date 25/2/2021

Name: John Berridge

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