

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

	Note	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
		£ 84,463.94	£ 72,490.53
LIABILITIES			
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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
	£ 15,211.40	£ 9,676.88

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
	£ 32,653.13	£ 22,717.09

	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
	<u>£ 1,400.00</u>	<u>£ 2,930.30</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 £108,311

11 Liabilities:

	2022	2021
(a) Current: BMS Birthdays	£ -	£ 10.00
Muluote Restricted Mission	£ 3,657.56	£ 1,812.56
Christmas Charities Restricted Mission	£ -	£ 151.05
	<u>£ 3,657.56</u>	<u>£ 1,973.61</u>
 (b) Long-term loan: Baptist Union Corporation	 <u>£ 16,360.45</u>	 <u>£ 22,194.04</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 2022 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 2022

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 *13/03/2023*

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