

Registered Charity Number: 1162732

Dunvant Christian Fellowship

Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Notes
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Independent Examiners Stephen Kent and Company Ltd
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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statement for the year ending 31 March 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and Activities

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public and in accordance with our Basis of Faith, in Swansea and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on the public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, the charity provides benefit through:

- A place of worship for holding of services to which the public can attend.
- Carrying out related activities such as religious instruction for people to have a deeper personal knowledge of Jesus through the teaching of the Bible.
- Involvement in the Christian mission in Swansea, the UK and worldwide.
- Promoting prayer, praise and study.
- Activities to benefit members of the community, e.g. Children/youth clubs, parent and toddler groups, senior's events and other informal meetings open to the public.
- Through the conducting of religious ceremonies within the church building e.g. the celebration of marriages, baptisms or funerals.
- Through prison and hospital visiting.
- Through, the encouragement and support of pastoral and outreach work.
- Through financial support to employees of the charity employed to promote the beliefs of the church e.g. pastors, church workers.

The policy is not to maintain excessive reserves unless for a capital project. A separate 'building fund' has been set up to build up savings towards a capital project to build a new church building or carry out significant improvements to the existing Gospel Hall.

DCF's main source of income is through donations from members of the congregation.

Trustees

In line with the charity constitution, a number of trustees retired from the charity after serving three consecutive terms. Some of these will be reappointed during 2024 following an interval of one year and the charity will also look to appoint new trustees.

Achievements and Performance

We have continued to build on the success made in use of the internet and in particular Sunday Services are now broadcast live on YouTube ([youtube.com/dunvantchristianfellowship](https://www.youtube.com/dunvantchristianfellowship)). Ad-hoc recordings were also issued on YouTube for daily encouragement utilising many members of the church.

The church was also keen to support struggling families and the support of local foodbanks and distribution of gifts to those in need at Christmas as well as the additional support of families at during school holidays are examples of special activities undertaken.

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Our 'Messy Church' and 'Friends & Neighbours' groups seek to support the local community as well promote the Christian faith have increased in number this year as well as our 'Kidz Club'. The Parents and Toddlers Group "Little Wonders" continues to be a great success with many from the community attending.

Our weekly Lifegroups which meet in homes but is supported through the church organisation have increased in number with a total of seven groups now running.

During this time, together with our Life Groups, discipleship and pastoral care, the church community has an opportunity to learn to become more devoted followers of Jesus.

Our vision this year has been to learn more of Christ.

We were pleased to see new people joining us as new members and the church continues to grow in size, community involvement and in faith in Christ. We would now be a church of around 160 adults with 40 children / youth who have regular involvement, i.e. 200 in total.

Membership & Pastoral Care

We do not as a church 'run' strict membership, however we do encourage a position where we as leaders know those who wish to make Dunvant Christian Fellowship (DCF) their spiritual home. As this enables a two-way accountability to be encouraged, receive care from the leadership and demonstrates a willingness to give and serve from the whole 'membership'.

We continue to seek to develop a Care Net that starts most importantly with encouraging 'member to member' care. We also believe the Life Groups form an important part of this Care Net in how we grow and care for one another. Our church workers, have increased their time serving in this area as well as the Leadership Team and other volunteers in the church who visit the sick, elderly etc. As the number of elderly has increased there has been many good and profitable hours spent serving this group.

We were also able to baptise members and held a baptism service on the beach during the summer.

We have also developed a prayer team.

Sunday Services

- Sunday mornings. Our Sunday Services continue in Dunvant Primary School Hall and is the focus for our main church services. Our aims in this service are to have a time where the whole church family can meet together, grow in our love and corporate worship for the Lord and hear from God together through His Spirit through God's Word.

Sunday morning teaching has covered a number of 'series' linked of course to the bible each week:

for example through studying Ephesians which is then followed up for further discussion in our mid-week Lifegroups. Attendance this year has grown steadily to 200 people. In recordings of the service as measured in the number of unique YouTube views, we have regularly seen over 100 views each week and at times this has increased to up to 140. We also have over 250 subscribers to our YouTube channel. Subscribers have been people in the local area but also further afield.

- Communion (the taking of bread and wine together) - Remembering our Saviour in partaking of the "Lord's Supper" is a core value and has always been one of our constant practices. Communion happened every other week on Sunday mornings or in our monthly midweek 'Reboot'

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or in Life Groups . We believe in the priesthood of all believers and so want to give people the opportunity to share and participate.

- Sunday afternoon/evening meetings – Throughout this year we have held Messy Church (aimed at families with young children) and extra seminar style Bible Schools which have been held in person and online. We have relaunched our monthly worship and communion evening on the third Sunday this is called 'Embrace'.

Church Workers & Financial support

Phil Davies works as our pastor (to who we give regular gifts) and is fulltime and also does one day a week with Counties Connect a national networking organisation of churches and evangelists.

Ed Owen is our Assistant Pastor and works closely alongside Phil.

On 8 March 2023 we employed a part-time Communications and Admin Officer to support the church and leadership.

Fund raising & Other financial support

We made step forward with fund raising this year and created special monthly offerings which supported other charitable works and organisations which includes:

- Release International – a charity which helps persecuted Christian families in other countries.
- Swansea Food Bank – Swansea Council run foodbank
- Ukraine appeal(s)

We have also given regular financial support to Mark & Shirley Davies (GLO), Ayham & Emma Alshoufi (Echoes International) & Release International

We have also given occasional gifts to Sean Stillman (Zacs Place/Exousia Trust) and Maryanivka and Skobtelka churches in Volyn Region, Ukraine, Jythoy Premkumar (India), Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Youth & Children

Youth & Children's activities which are run by volunteers from the church, supported by our church workers were resumed. Currently we cater for this area through the 'Friday Youth' (called Vantage – Years 7-13) and Friday Kidz Club – (Years 1-6). Fridays have always been aimed at providing a social opportunity for our church youth, plus an introduction to Jesus for youth of the community. During the week we have a bible study group called 'Deeper' which is for Years 7-13.

On a Sunday we have a Creche (aged 0-3), Junior Church (school year's 1-5) and Youth Church (School years 6-9).

We also ran Holiday kids' clubs (October 2023 & March 2024) & a Light Party (October 2023). We also have continued some of the above in a new area Gowerton (more in 2024-2025)

This does not include our weekly Little Wonders and monthly Messy Churches both of which keep growing.

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Other Ministries involved

Within the fellowship we have a number of people involved in other ministries across the city this includes

- Prison ministry.
- Cave of Adulam.
- Swansea Gospel Male Voice Choir.
- Schools Ministry – assemblies, lessons,

Buildings in use

We use a school hall for our Sunday Gatherings and a Gospel Hall for kids, youth and community work. We also use a classroom within the school for a church office.

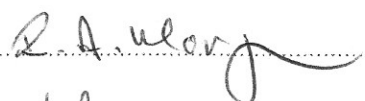
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Trustees' responsibilities

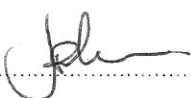
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year showing the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the financial accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Trustee

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Trustee

18.12.2024

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Dunvant Christian Fellowship.

I report on the accounts of Dunvant Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:-

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- ~ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- ~ follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- ~ 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

have not been met, or

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


Stephen Kent, FCA

18.12.2024 date

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Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
SO Giving		90,682		64,816
Collections		2,993		2,183
Special Offering Deposits		3,040		5,545
Gift Aid Receipts		21,176		36,488
Misc Receipts		2,201		1,275
Income for Church Workers		2,725		11,513
		<u>122,817</u>		<u>121,820</u>
Other Operating Income				
Building Fund Income	390		420	
		<u>390</u>		<u>420</u>
		<u>123,207</u>		<u>122,240</u>
Expenditure				
Church Worker Payments	48,498		45,396	
Intern/UCCF Relay Worker	919		720	
Rates & Water	292		257	
Light and heat	3,493		4,424	
Building repairs and maintenance	3,872		-	
Hall insurance	1,108		1,035	
Bus Expenses	3,439		1,276	
Music Licence	936		774	
Expenses Dunvant School	4,800		3,280	
Sound & Music Equipment	4,903		4,037	
Misc transfers	6,739		1,601	
Church Worker Expenses	-		115	
Miscellaneous Gifts	10,277		15,642	
Special Offering Release International	(100)		-	
Global Offering Summer Meals	517		-	
Christmas Wrapped Up	58		-	
Sundry expenses	8,411		8,733	
Gifts (Speakers, etc.)	5,906		6,480	
Sunday School/Childrens Work Expenses	2,076		2,342	
Youth Weekend/YP Expenses	1,101		117	
Special Offering Christmas Boxes	1,318		(122)	
Special Offering Ukraine	-		10	
		<u>108,563</u>		<u>96,117</u>
		14,644		26,123

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Profit and Loss Account (continued)
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Depreciation

Depreciation of motor vehicles	713	891
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	<u>158</u>	<u>198</u>
	871	1,089
NET PROFIT	<u><u>13,773</u></u>	<u><u>25,034</u></u>

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Balance Sheet
As At 31 March 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	2	3,483	4,355
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		130,869	116,225
NET CURRENT ASSETS		130,869	116,225
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		134,352	120,580
NET ASSETS		134,352	120,580
CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 April 2023		120,579	95,546
Profit/(Loss) for the period/year		13,773	25,034
Balance Carried Forward		134,352	120,580

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1. Accounting Policy

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, using the receipts and payments method, and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The following accounting policies have been used:

- (a) Interest receivable is accounted for in the year in which it falls due.
- (b) Donations receivable and Trading Income are accounted for in the year in which they are received.
- (c) Funds accounting - Funds held by the charity are: Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.
- (d) Resources expended - All expenditure is accounted for on a cash accounting basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Taxation

Dunvant Christian Fellowship is a registered charity and accordingly, is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

2. Tangible Assets

	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2023	8,700	4,712	13,412
As at 31 March 2024	8,700	4,712	13,412
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2023	5,136	3,921	9,057
Provided during the period	713	159	872
As at 31 March 2024	5,849	4,080	9,929
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2024	2,851	632	3,483
As at 1 April 2023	3,564	791	4,355

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected residual values, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and Fittings 20% Reducing Balance