

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1163128

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-08-13

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:- 3.1.1 TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; 3.1.2 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; AND 3.1.3 TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: We are a Christian Church but are not a part of any particular denomination. We believe the Bible is God's Word for us today. "Celebrating and Sharing the Love of God" ~ We believe these seven words summarise what Jesus felt was the greatest commandment (Matthew 22: 37-39). and also what he shared with his followers by way of the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20).

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£178,305	£201,292	-	-
2023-12-31	£188,767	£149,088	-	-
2022-12-31	£180,641	£142,661	-	-
2021-12-31	£173,052	£161,120	-	-
2020-12-31	£169,919	£161,333	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMIE SUSANNAH WARR		2025-10-21
CHRISTOPHER GEORGE WEBB		2016-01-01
DAVID HERRING		2016-01-01
Glynn Barrow		2019-10-16
KEVIN DAVID MEECH		2016-01-01
LISA KNIGHT		2019-03-21

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report: 1st January to 31st December 2024

Charity name: Dorchester Community Church: Registration Number : 1163128

Objectives & Activities	SORP	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Objects of the Church are charitable & for the public benefit. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees from time to time may think fit. 2. to relieve sickness & financial hardship; to promote & preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of pastoral care & support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees from time to time may fit. 3. to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees from time to time think fit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Church meetings</p> <p>In 2024 our Theme was <i>“The Old has Gone, The New has Come”</i> and our verse for the year: 2 Corinthians Chapter 5 Verse 17 <i>“Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten and everything is new.”</i></p> <p>In response to this, we provided two different services: one weekly, one monthly as well as our weekly prayer meeting. We continue to live stream our Sunday morning services enabling those unable to join us in person, whether due to their health, or for any other reason, to connect with our worship.</p> <p>Our meetings take the following format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning Café Church: An informal, relaxed time of worship, teaching, prayer and discussion held in our café area. Led by Charlane, one of our Deacons, this is an enjoyable and accessible service, focussing on the word of God, with the aim to equip and inspire those who attend. Participation and discussion are encouraged and cake and refreshments included. • Sunday morning Contemporary Celebration: Our main weekly service, which is also live streamed, to enabling us to reach out to the community. We additionally relay the service to our café area, so that it is accessible to as many people as possible. We include Communion, generally on the first Sunday of each month. Some Sunday mornings were styled as “Family Services” and particularly child friendly. For example, during the summer, we celebrated the 2024 Olympics with 3 “Olympic” themed family services. • Sunday evening Prayer Meeting. We continued our weekly Prayer meeting, alongside encouragement from the leadership to commit to prayer and fasting.

Reaching the next generation:

Throughout 2024, Community Kids met weekly during our Sunday morning service and we continued to run our lively Friday Night Youth: for 12-18 year-olds. Our Toddler group continues to thrive and reach young families in our community. They meet on Tuesday mornings; all babies and tots are welcome, accompanied by their parents and carers.

On Good Friday morning, the Children enjoyed Messy Church. In the afternoon we had a reflective meditation; Easter Day was celebrated with a family service including our Puppet Ministry.

We held a “Light Party” on the 31st of October and over 50 children and young people enjoyed a silent disco, games, facepainting, sweets, fun and games on the theme of “Light being found in Darkness”.

Messy Church took place again in December along with a Christingle; both occasions enabled the children attending to enjoy a Church service including singing, craft activities and the true meaning of the Christmas Christian message.

We ran an Alpha Course, starting in May, which was well attended by both those wishing to explore the Christian faith and those already Christians, wanting to learn more.

The Bible course followed, which was also very well attend and led to some joining our regular Life Groups.

Other events and activities included a Women’s breakfast; where our ladies were invited to join together for a healthy meal to start the day, with companionship and conversation. A Men’s breakfast: This was extremely popular and included “bacon butties” and a life story. We also ran a successful MacMillan coffee morning. An Olympic Podcast was recorded on each day of the Olympics, based on Mark’s gospel, it was made available via our website and YouTube.

We continue to develop our Website and Facebook page, using social media to help advertise events and activities.

Life Groups:

It is important that we come together as a Church family to meet and pray; the number of our small groups continues to grow in number and variety of venue. These included two daytime groups meeting at the Church, a Woman’s Life group and additional groups meeting in members’ homes. The Groups are held at a variety of places and on different days and at various times to enable more people to attend.

Pastoral Staff:

Glynn Barrow continued his role as our part time Pastor, overseeing the Church Leadership and running one of our Life Groups.

Jack Curtis, our Associate Pastor, took over responsibility for Pastoral Care and expanded the Pastoral Support Team; whilst also developing a monthly newsletter.

		<p>Church Lunches: Held regularly, these lunches are a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other better over a meal. The Christmas lunch was particularly well attended and on Christmas Day, a further lunch welcomed those who would have otherwise been on their own.</p> <p>Wednesday Welcome: Every Wednesday afternoon everyone is welcome in Community Café for tea, coffee, cake and a friendly chat. Additionally, board games were available for those who wish to join in with free Wi-Fi available.</p> <p>Friendship Group: Known as “Discover and Connect” this group meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons. Numbers have increased and a wide variety of activities were enjoyed including craft, talks, speakers and refreshments.</p> <p>Ministry of Puppets: On Easter Sunday, our service included a performance by our Puppet Team, who also performed at a variety of events, such as our Light Party, Messy Church and at local school assemblies.</p> <p>Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative We continued to be a local collection “hub” for Samaritans Purse UK and over 200 shoeboxes containing toys, stationary, healthcare and wellbeing items were collected. These were distributed to children in countries affected by conflict and poverty in time for Christmas, where they brought a message of hope to the children and young people receiving them.</p> <p>Food Share: Our "Food Share" Food Bank received a high level of referrals from Citizen’s Advice, Social Workers, Health care professionals, school liaison officers and charities working with families, vulnerable adults and refugees. We assisted families and individuals finding it difficult to afford food, delivering up to 125 parcels each week in the DT1 and DT2 postcode area. Recipients also have the option to collect their weekly parcel from our Community Café. In the week leading up to Christmas, each household received a fruit hamper; we also partnered with the Dorset Arts Society, enabling every child and teenager to receive a bag of art supplies at the beginning of the school Christmas break.</p> <p>We can deliver a weekly food parcel consisting mostly of fresh fruit, vegetables, bakery and eggs for up to 12 weeks; have links with local community allotments, who donate freshly grown produce and do all we can to add to the nutritional value of our parcels. Deliveries take place 3 days each week and our parcels are packed and delivered by a team of around 35 volunteers. On occasions, we are able to identify a family’s specific need and signpost or refer to other agencies that can assist.</p>
Have Trustees had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para
1.20

Church meetings, Life Groups, Prayer Meetings, Youth & Community Kids enable Christians and any other members of the local community who wish to join in, to come together in worship, to support one another and grow in the Christian Faith.

Pastoral Staff. Our Pastor, Associate Pastor and Elders continue to support the spiritual and pastoral needs of Church members, Young people and Visitors.

Food Share:

Feedback from those receiving our Food Share parcels confirms the parcels are well received and make a real difference to those finding it difficult to afford food, especially fresh produce. Additionally, we are often able to build trust over our 12-week delivery period which leads to opportunities to refer and sign-post families to other local services, grants and practical help.

Community Café, Toddler Group. Friendship Group & Wednesday Welcome:

These are open to everyone. They facilitate friendship and companionship, which is especially important for anyone feeling cut off or isolated in our community. They provide a free, warm and safe place to meet in a welcoming environment, where everyone is invited to enjoy the activities and light refreshments.

Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative. Our support of this charity provided a "drop off point" for shoe boxes from individuals and groups in our local area. These boxes, along with those the Church have filled bring hope and joy to children in countries where conflict or poverty make the receipt of a shoe box very special.

Other Activities: We provided a variety of additional opportunities for members, friends and visitors to meet and interact, including our Church lunches, Men's & Women's Breakfasts, Live Performances, Messy Church events and joint meetings with other local Churches. We reached out into the community with our Associate Pastor helping at the Hardyes School Christian Union, St Osmond's year 8 retreat and other local school assemblies.

These occasions give opportunities as listed in the 5 key biblical principles below, as well as enabling those not connected with a Church to explore the Christian faith.

Reflections on 2024 and what is next for DCC:

What are we about? We have a Mission Statement: 'To Celebrate and Share the Love of God.'

We seek to do that through focusing on 5 key biblical principles:-

- Belonging
- Worshipping
- Serving
- Growing
- Sharing

	<p>Belonging: every new Testament believer, with the exception of the dying thief, was ‘attached to’ a specific group of believers, Rome, Corinth etc. We call this Membership. Our belonging is cemented through ‘Believer’s Baptism’, which we do by total immersion and encouraging members to meet and spend time together.</p> <p>Worshipping: Corporately we are able to do this when we meet together and this should be a priority. We should also seek to worship God through the way we live.</p> <p>Serving: What gifts has God given us to use? We should seek to serve the Church in some capacity; using our gifts, and following Jesus’ example of serving.</p> <p>Growing – We should not stand still spiritually, but look to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him. We grow from hearing and putting into practise God’s Word. This can be on our own or in a small group or when we meet together.</p> <p>Sharing: We have the best news in the world and ought to share that in both word and deed. Ministries like Food Share and “Discover & Connect” are practical expressions of us ‘sharing’ our faith. Members are encouraged to maintain links and relationships with each other and those we come into contact with.</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Our Income was comparative to our expenditure, enabling us to show sound financial management. Most income comes from Members regular giving and is not generated by fundraising activities.
Investment performance against objectives	We have modest funds in a CAF Bank and Kingdom Bank interest bearing deposit account, but no other investments.

Financial Review:		
Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Please see the notes at the foot of the Church Financial Accounts submitted to the Charity Commission with this report.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Contingency Reserve is held for financial prudence to enable sufficient funds to be available to pay staffing costs during any time when expenditure exceeds income. This reserve is maintained at a sum not less than half the annual expenditure on Staff Salaries.</p> <p>The Missionary Reserve is representative of those funds set aside as a tithe from our income for the financial support of other Christian workers and Christian Charitable organisations, but not yet distributed.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Contingency Reserve: £40,000: Missionary Reserve: £7,500:
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management		
Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution Dated 13 th August 2015
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a voting membership in addition to the Trustees
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	Para 1.25	New Trustees are selected and elected to office at the Church's Members meeting in March and AGM in October of each year. Clause 17.4 of our Constitution requires one third of elected trustees to retire at the AGM, starting with the longest serving.

Reference and Administrative details	
Charity name	Dorchester Community Church
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1163128
Charity's principal address	Dorchester Community Church Liscombe Street Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3DF

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity			
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole year)	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Glynn Barrow	Trustee, Elder & Pastor		Membership
Jack Samuel Cooke Curtis	Trustee & Elder		Membership
David Herring	Trustee & Elder		Membership
Lisa Knight	Trustee		Membership
Kevin David Meech	Trustee & Treasurer		Membership
Marion Lesley Power	Trustee	Until 15.10.24	Membership
Christopher George Webb	Trustee		Membership
Victoria Pauline Barrow	Trustee		Membership

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved	
Director name	
	N/A
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity	
Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others	
Describe assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Adviser	Name	Address
Solicitor	Blanchards Bailey LLP	Bunbury House, Stour Park, Blandford, Dorset. DT11 9LQ
Insurer	Congregational	Integra Insurance Solutions Ltd., Curren House, Curren Street, Bradford BD1 5BA
Accountant	Justin Merriott FCCA	ACM Accountants, 205 Littlemoor Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6AF
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill, Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ
Bank	Kingdom Bank Ltd	Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6JS

Names of Senior Staff members
Glynn Barrow: Pastor from 07.06.22
Jack Samuel Cooke Curtis: Associate Pastor from 01.07.22

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Kevin David Meech

Position (e.g. Chair, etc) Treasurer and Trustee

Date 8th October 2025

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
BALANCE 1ST JANUARY	149,087.64	185,038.14
RECEIPTS		
General Fund		
Offering	100,973.13	108,518.48
Special Gift	0.00	18,677.92
Café Donations	<u>1,755.93</u>	<u>1,669.98</u>
	102,729.06	128,866.38
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid: General Fund	31,374.83	17,730.26
Food Share	<u>1,157.50</u>	<u>768.50</u>
	32,532.33	18,498.76
Donations: Building Maintenance	13,278.47	11,211.09
Donations: Food Share	25,799.88	25,182.65
Interest:	3,965.35	4,008.44
Building/Sinking Fund Receipts:	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>178,305.09</u>	<u>188,767.32</u>

PAYMENTS

Bank Charges		60.00	60.00
Books and Resources		466.37	1,056.58
Catering		1,718.34	1,988.13
Cleaning & Housekeeping		630.34	801.03
Equipment		3,520.15	1,628.70
Fees, Subscriptions and Licenses		3,901.88	2,470.14
Food Share		23,283.76	21,982.44
Ground Rent		4,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance		5,989.51	5,529.87
Missionary Gifts		6,809.00	10,015.00
Mortgage: Monthly Repayments	14,767.14		27,438.92
Capital Repayment from Reserves	<u>32,355.45</u>	47,122.59	<u>50,000.00</u>
Office Supplies, Printing & Postage		1,083.31	2,041.98
Outreach		255.08	1,787.10
Pastoral Gifts		1,607.13	574.73
Repairs & Maintenance		9,815.73	4,034.02
Safeguarding related costs		270.22	243.00
Speakers Gifts & Expenses		70.00	140.00
Staff Expenses & Recruitment Costs		362.15	676.02
Staff Salaries and Employers NIC		76,890.62	67,503.40
Training and Conferences		1,309.60	1,038.31
Utility Bills		10,003.57	18,422.87
Youth & Children's Work		<u>2,122.26</u>	<u>1,285.58</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>201,291.61</u>	<u>224,717.82</u>
BALANCE 31ST DECEMBER		<u>126,101.12</u>	<u>149,087.64</u>

23/12/25

*I have checked the account
and approve them as a true
record of the Church's
Income from
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JUST IN HAND
CASH*

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
PROPERTY		
Building at Liscombe Street, Poundbury, Dorchester	963,480.42	963,480.42
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Cash Account	0.00	0.00
CAF Current Account	2,683.28	2,533.19
CAF "Gold" Instant Access	34,000.00	60,000.00
Kingdom Bank 90 Day Notice	89,417.84	149,087.64
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,089,581.54</u>	<u>1,112,568.06</u>
MORTGAGE OUTSTANDING		
Kingdom Bank Ltd	<u>95,528.54</u>	<u>248,333.51</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER	<u><u>994,053.00</u></u>	<u><u>864,234.55</u></u>

FUND & RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER

General Fund	27,195.63	35,855.77
Contingency Reserve	40,000.00	38,000.00
Missionary Reserve	7,500.00	27,500.00
Food Share	26,659.78	22,986.16
Building/Sinking Fund	<u>892,697.59</u>	<u>739,892.62</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCES	<u><u>994,053.00</u></u>	<u><u>864,234.55</u></u>

APPENDIX 1

MOVEMENT IN BUILDING/SINKING FUND

Balance 1 st January	739,892.62	685,085.83
Receipts: Anon Gift	30,000.00	1,000.00
Gift Days: Gifts	72,357.05	0.00
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	<u>15,287.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Transfer from General Fund	12,355.45	43,000.00
Transfer from Missionary Reserve	20,000.00	7,000.00
Capital Reduction in Mortgage	-150,000.00	-50,000.00
Reduction in outstanding Kingdom Bank Mortgage	152,804.97	53,806.79
BALANCE 31st December	<u><u>892,697.59</u></u>	<u><u>739,892.62</u></u>

APPENDIX 2

FOOD SHARE

Balance 1 st January	22,986.16	19,017.45
Receipts	25,799.88	25,182.65
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid	1,157.50	768.50
Expenditure	-23,283.76	-21,982.44
BALANCE 31st December	<u><u>26,659.78</u></u>	<u><u>22,986.16</u></u>

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES:

1. **General Fund:** The Accounts show a General Fund shortfall of £8,660.14; however, the true position is a net shortfall of £2,652.77. This is because £12,355.45 of the General Fund balance was used towards the £150,000 capital reduction of the Kingdom Bank mortgage and the Gift Aid claim for July, August and September 2023 was not submitted until early in 2024 and the resulting refund of £6,348.08 has been included in these accounts.
2. **Gift Days:** We held two Gift Days during February and March 2024, specifically to raise funds for a capital repayment of our Kingdom Bank Mortgage. With the resultant Gift Aid refund, this contributed £87,644.55 towards a £150,000 capital reduction in the outstanding mortgage.
3. **Gift Aid:**
 - Gift Aid repayment claim covering 1st June 2023 to the 30th September 2023 is for the sum of £6,348.08. This was sent to the Inland Revenue early in 2024 and the resulting payment is included in the 2024 accounts. This has been divided between the General Fund (£6,288.08) and Food Share (£60.00).
 - Gift Aid repayment claim covering 1st October 2023 to the 31st December 2023 amounting to £6,794.25 and is also included in the 2024 accounts and has been divided between the General Fund (£5,941.75) and Food Share (£852.50).
 - Gift Aid repayment claim covering 1st October 2024 to the 31st December 2024 is for the sum of £5,719.25 This was sent to the Inland Revenue early in 2025 and the resulting payment will be included in the 2025 accounts. It will be divided between the General Fund (£5,634.25) and Food Share (£85.00).
4. **Outstanding Ground Rent:** The invoice for the 2019 ground rent of £4,000 has never been received. The Duchy of Cornwall have not responded to our requests to look into this on our behalf; therefore, the Trustees continue to be aware that £4,000 currently held in the General fund could become payable to the Duchy for the 2019 ground rent.
5. **Food Share:** Our food bank, known as "Food Share" continues to adapt to meet the increasing needs of local families and households experiencing food poverty. With a large proportion of financial support being received in the final quarter of 2024, we held £26,659.78 in reserve for Food Share as at 31st December. We now regularly distribute around 100 food parcels each week and the cost of food is continuing to rise. The funds currently held for "Food Share" give us financial resilience and will be needed to ensure we are able to continue to operate and finance our food bank during 2025.
6. **Missionary Giving:** Missionary Giving in 2024 amounts to £6,809.00 and includes gifts to Colin Cooper, Dorchester Family Support, Dorchester Poverty Action, Jack Bonham Cozens, Jonathan White and Julia's House.



KEVIN D. MEECH
JOINT TREASURER



ELIZABETH J. MEECH
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23 May 2025

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Dear All

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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 income and expenditure 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 of 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.

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- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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 examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I therefore have pleasure in enclosing a certified copy of the accounts. Should you wish to receive further copies please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I enclose a note of my account for fees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Merritt'.

Justin Merritt FCCA



23 May 2025

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Church meetings</p> <p>In 2023 our Theme was “Set Free” and our verse for the year: Galatians 5 v 1 <i>“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free”</i>.</p> <p>In response to this, we continued to offer three different services: one weekly, two monthly and introduced a weekly prayer meeting. The live stream broadcasts of our Sunday morning services have also continued. This enables those unable to join us in person, whether due to their health, or for any other reason, to still connect with the worship.</p> <p>Our meetings take the following format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning Café Church. An informal and relaxed time of worship, prayer and sharing Gods word which includes light refreshments. • Sunday morning Contemporary Celebration. Our main service each week, which is also live streamed and relayed to our café area, so that it is accessible to as many people as possible. A number of these were styled as “Family Services” and were particularly child friendly. • Sunday evening prayer meeting. In January we introduced a weekly Prayer meeting alongside teaching on fasting and encouragement from the leadership to commit to prayer and fasting throughout January. The prayer meeting was so successful it continued weekly throughout the whole year. • “Engage” Saturday evenings. This monthly event provided an opportunity to praise God and pray together in an unhurried fashion; to be open to what God might be saying to us as a Church, or as an individual & to seek God together that we might be of “One in heart and mind” Acts 4:32. <p>Reaching the next generation:</p> <p>During 2023, Community Kids met weekly during our Sunday morning service and we continued to run our Friday Youth Night for those aged 12-18. Our Toddler group continues to thrive and has moved to Tuesday</p>

mornings. All babies and tots are welcome, accompanied by their parents and carers.

We held a “Light Party” on the 31st of October and over 50 children and young people enjoyed inflatable fun and games on the theme of “Light being found in Darkness”. Messy Church took place over Easter and again in December. At these events the children were able to enjoy a Church service including singing, craft activities and the true meaning of the Easter and Christmas Christian message. On Christmas Eve, our Christingle service was well attended and children and their families explored the Christmas message of Jesus as the Light of the World.

Life Groups:

It is important that we come together as a Church family to meet and pray; the number of our small groups continues to grow in number and variety of venue. These included two daytime groups meeting at the Church, a new Woman’s Life group on Wednesday evenings and additional groups meeting in members’ homes.

Freedom in Christ Course:

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the Freedom in Christ Course, which was run in conjunction with our Life Groups. This is a Bible-based discipleship course designed to help every Christian break free from what is holding them back and become who they are made to be in Christ.

Pastoral Staff:

Glynn Barrow continued his role as our part time Pastor, overseeing the Church Leadership and running one of our Life Groups.

Jack Curtis, our Associate Pastor, ran an Alpha course during the autumn; developed links with local schools and took an active role in the Hardyes School Christian Union. He was also part of the team taking Communion to Castle View Care Home Residents.

Counties School Life Exhibition:

In November we hosted the Counties Life Exhibition, an interactive experience for school years 3 to 6. Pupils from The Prince of Wales 1st school, Damer’s 1st School and Sunninghill Preparatory School attended and we received very positive feedback from the schools.

Community Café & “Wednesday Welcome”: Our “Warm Space”:

Our Community Café moved to Wednesdays and combined with our “Warm Welcome” initiative. A welcome was extended to all with tea, coffee, refreshments and friendly chat. Additionally, board games were available for those who wish to join in.

Other events in the Café included a Women’s breakfast; where our ladies were invited to join together for a healthy meal to start the day, with companionship and conversation.

Friendship Group:

Known as “Discover and Connect” this group meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons. Numbers have increased and a wide variety of activities were enjoyed including craft, talks, speakers and refreshments.

		<p>Fellowship Lunches: We enjoyed regular lunches after our morning services, where all could stay and enjoy a hot meal and time to chat. These were well attended and provided an opportunity to get to know one another better.</p> <p>On Christmas Day our Pastor and his wife cooked a full Christmas Lunch after the Church Service and invited those who would otherwise spend Christmas on their own to come and share this meal with their family.</p> <p>Ministry of Puppets: On Easter Sunday, our service included a performance by our Puppet Team, written especially for the occasion. Our Ministry of Puppets performed at a variety of events, such as our Light Party, Messy Church and at local school assemblies.</p> <p>Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative We continued to be a local collection “hub” for Samaritans Purse UK and over 180 shoeboxes containing toys, stationary, healthcare and wellbeing items were collected. These were distributed in the Ukraine in time for Christmas, where they brought a message of hope to the children and young people receiving them.</p> <p>Walk and Talk Together: This group met regularly to enjoy a walk and chat in our local countryside, Dogs were welcome too and home-made refreshments enjoyed at the walk’s destination, after some healthy exercise.</p> <p>Food Share: Our "Food Share" Food Bank continued to receive a high level of referrals from health care professionals, school liaison officers and charities working with families, vulnerable adults and refugees. We assist families and individuals finding it difficult to afford food, delivering up to 120 parcels each week in the DT1 and DT2 postcode area. We also extended our service to enable recipients to collect their weekly parcel from our Community Café. In the week leading up to Christmas, each household received a fruit hamper; we joined forces with the charity Heart Response to achieve this.</p> <p>We deliver weekly, for up to 12 weeks; each parcel consisting mostly of fresh fruit, vegetables, bakery and eggs. We have developed links with community allotments and do all we can to add to the nutritional value of our parcels. Deliveries take place 3 days each week and our parcels are packed and delivered by a team of around 35 volunteers. On occasions, we are able to identify a family’s specific need and signpost or refer to other agencies that can assist.</p>
Have Trustees had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

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Church meetings, Life Groups, Prayer Meetings, Youth & Community Kids enable Christians and any other members of the local community who wish to join in, to come together in worship, to support one another and grow in the Christian Faith.

Pastoral Staff. Our Pastor, Associate Pastor and Elders continue to support the spiritual and pastoral needs of Church members, Young people and Visitors.

Food Share:

Feedback from those receiving our Food Share parcels confirms the parcels are well received and make a difference to those finding it difficult to afford food, especially fresh produce. Additionally, we are often able to build trust over our 12-week delivery period which leads to opportunities to refer and sign-post families to other local services, grants and practical help.

Community Café; Friendship Group & Wednesday Welcome are open to everyone and facilitate friendship and companionship, which is especially important for anyone feeling cut off or isolated in our community. They provide a free, warm and safe place to meet in a welcoming environment, where everyone is invited to enjoy the activities and light refreshments.

Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative. Our support of this charity provided a “drop off point” for shoe boxes from individuals and groups in our local area. These boxes, along with those the Church have filled bring hope and joy to children in countries where conflict or poverty make the receipt of a shoe box very special.

Other Activities: We provided a variety of additional opportunities for members, friends and visitors to meet and interact, including our fellowship lunches, “Walk and Talk Together” group, Messy Church events and joint meetings with other local Churches. We reached out into the community with our Associate Pastor helping at the Hardyes School Christian Union, St Osmond's year 8 retreat and other local school assemblies.

These occasions give opportunities as listed in the 5 key biblical principles below, as well as enabling those not connected with a Church to explore the Christian faith.

Reflections on 2023 and what is next for DCC:

What are we about? We have a Mission Statement: ‘To Celebrate and Share the Love of God.’

We seek to do that through focusing on 5 key biblical principles:-

- Belonging
- Worshipping
- Serving
- Growing
- Sharing

	<p>Belonging: every new Testament believer, with the exception of the dying thief, was ‘attached to’ a specific group of believers, Rome, Corinth etc. We call this Membership. Our belonging is cemented through ‘Believer’s Baptism’, which we do by total immersion and encouraging members to meet and spend time together.</p> <p>Worshipping: Corporately we are able to do this when we meet together and this should be a priority. We should also seek to worship God through the way we live.</p> <p>Serving: What gifts has God given us to use? We should seek to serve the Church in some capacity; using our gifts, and following Jesus’ example of serving.</p> <p>Growing – We should not stand still spiritually, but look to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him. We grow from hearing and putting into practise God’s Word. This can be on our own or in a small group or when we meet together.</p> <p>Sharing: We have the best news in the world and ought to share that in both word and deed. Ministries like Food Share and “Discover & Connect” are practical expressions of us ‘sharing’ our faith. Members are encouraged to maintain links and relationships with each other and those we come into contact with.</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Our Income was comparative to our expenditure, enabling us to show sound financial management. Most income comes from Members regular giving and is not generated by fundraising activities.
Investment performance against objectives	We have modest funds in a CAF Bank and Kingdom Bank interest bearing deposit account, but no other investments.

Financial Review:		
Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Fund: The Accounts show a General Fund shortfall of £33,919.21; however, the true position is a net shortfall of £3,249.05. This is because £43,000 of the General Fund balance was used towards the £50,000. reduction of the Kingdom Bank mortgage; we applied a Legacy of £18,677.92 to the General fund (see note 4) and £6,348.08 of tax reclaimable on Gift Aided donations was not claimed until January 2024. 2. Outstanding Ground Rent: Whilst £8,000 was paid in ground rent during 2022, covering the sums due in 2021 and 2022; the invoice for the 2019 ground rent of £4,000 has never been received. The Duchy of Cornwall have not responded to our requests to look into this on our behalf; therefore, the Trustees continue to be aware that £4,000 currently held in the General fund could become payable to the Duchy for the 2019 ground rent. 3. Building/Sinking Fund: During 2023 we received gifts totalling £1,000, which have been set aside within the Building/Sinking Fund to offset expected building maintenance and repair costs.

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Contingency Reserve is held for financial prudence to enable sufficient funds to be available to pay staffing costs during any time when expenditure exceeds income. This reserve is maintained at a sum not less than half the annual expenditure on Staff Salaries.</p> <p>The Missionary Reserve is representative of those funds set aside as a tithe from our income for the financial support of other Christian workers and Christian Charitable organisations, but not yet distributed.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Contingency Reserve: £38,000: Missionary Reserve: £27,500:
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management		
Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution Dated 13 th August 2015
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a voting membership in addition to the Trustees
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	Para 1.25	New Trustees are selected and elected to office at the Church's Members meeting in March and AGM in October of each year. Clause 17.4 of our Constitution requires one third of elected trustees to retire at the AGM, starting with the longest serving.

Reference and Administrative details	
Charity name	Dorchester Community Church
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1163128
Charity's principal address	Dorchester Community Church Liscombe Street Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3DF

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity			
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole year)	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Glynn Barrow	Trustee, Elder & Pastor		Membership
Martin Cook	Trustee & Elder	Trustee until 23.11.23, Elder for entire year	Membership
Jack Samuel Cooke Curtis	Trustee & Elder	From 03.09.23	Membership
David Herring	Trustee & Elder		Membership
Lisa Knight	Trustee		Membership
Kevin David Meech	Trustee & Treasurer		Membership
Marion Lesley Power	Trustee		Membership
Christopher George Webb	Trustee		Membership
Victoria Pauline Barrow	Trustee		Membership

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved	
Director name	
	N/A
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity	
Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others	
Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Adviser	Name	Address
Solicitor	Blanchards Bailey LLP	Bunbury House, Stour Park, Blandford, Dorset. DT11 9LQ
Insurer	Congregational	Integra Insurance Solutions Ltd., Currer House, Currer Street, Bradford BD1 5BA
Accountant	Justin Merriott FCCA	ACM Accountants, 205 Littlemoor Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6AF
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill, Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ
Bank	Kingdom Bank Ltd	Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6JS

Names of Senior Staff members
Glynn Barrow: Pastor from 07.06.22
Jack Samuel Cooke Curtis: Associate Pastor from 01.07.22

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Kevin David Meech

Position (e.g. Chair, etc) Treasurer and Trustee

Date 1st October 2024

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
BALANCE 1ST JANUARY	185,038.14	147,208.50
RECEIPTS		
General Fund		
Offering	108,518.48	92,449.99
Special Gift	18,677.92	20,000.00
Café Donations	<u>1,669.98</u>	<u>1,493.21</u>
	128,866.38	113,943.20
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid:		
General Fund	17,730.26	20,232.22
Food Share	<u>768.50</u>	<u>152.50</u>
	18,498.76	20,384.72
Donations: Building Maintenance	11,211.09	7,211.95
Donations: Food Share	25,182.65	26,253.15
Interest:	4,008.44	697.99
Building/Sinking Fund Receipts:	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>188,767.32</u>	<u>180,491.01</u>
PAYMENTS		
Bank Charges	60.00	81.00
Books and Resources	1,056.58	66.73
Catering	1,988.13	1,902.94
Cleaning & Housekeeping	801.03	1,313.31
Equipment	1,628.70	5,609.54
Fees, Subscriptions and Licenses	2,470.14	2,027.57
Food Share	21,982.44	13,005.71
Ground Rent	4,000.00	8,000.00
Insurance	5,529.87	4,963.11
Missionary Gifts	10,015.00	7,052.00
Mortgage Repayments: Monthly Repayments	27,438.92	21,512.16
Capital Repayment	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	77,438.92	21,512.16
Office Supplies, Printing & Postage	2,041.98	757.18
Outreach	1,787.10	711.41
Pastoral Gifts	574.73	335.55
Repairs & Maintenance	4,034.02	4,394.46
Safeguarding related costs	243.00	502.75
Speakers Gifts & Expenses	140.00	550.00
Staff Expenses & Recruitment Costs	676.02	735.01
Staff Salaries and Employers NIC	67,503.40	59,246.29
Training and Conferences	1,038.31	211.00
Utility Bills	18,422.87	8,861.18
Youth & Children's Work	<u>1,285.58</u>	<u>822.47</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>224,717.82</u>	<u>142,661.37</u>
BALANCE 31ST DECEMBER	<u>149,087.64</u>	<u>185,038.14</u>

*Examined by
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DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
PROPERTY		
Building at Liscombe Street, Poundbury, Dorchester	963,480.42	963,480.42
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Cash Account	0.00	0.00
CAF Current Account	2,533.19	38.14
CAF "Gold" Instant Access	60,000.00	185,000.00
Kingdom Bank 90 Day Notice	86,554.45	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,112,568.06</u>	<u>1,148,518.56</u>
MORTGAGE OUTSTANDING		
Kingdom Bank Ltd	<u>248,333.51</u>	<u>302,140.30</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER	<u><u>864,234.55</u></u>	<u><u>846,378.26</u></u>

FUND & RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER

General Fund	36,005.77	69,924.98
Contingency Reserve	38,000.00	38,000.00
Missionary Reserve	27,500.00	34,500.00
Food Share	22,836.16	18,867.45
Building/Sinking Fund	<u>739,892.62</u>	<u>685,085.83</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCES	<u><u>864,234.55</u></u>	<u><u>846,378.26</u></u>

APPENDIX 1

MOVEMENT IN BUILDING/SINKING FUND

Balance 1 st January	685,085.83	666,858.95
Receipts	1,000.00	12,000.00
Reduction in outstanding Kingdom Bank Mortgage	53,806.79	6,226.88
BALANCE 31st December	<u><u>739,892.62</u></u>	<u><u>685,085.83</u></u>

APPENDIX 2

FOOD SHARE

Balance 1 st January	18,867.45	5,467.51
Receipts	25,182.65	26,253.15
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid	768.50	152.50
Expenditure	-21,982.44	-13,005.71
BALANCE 31st December	<u><u>22,836.16</u></u>	<u><u>18,867.45</u></u>

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

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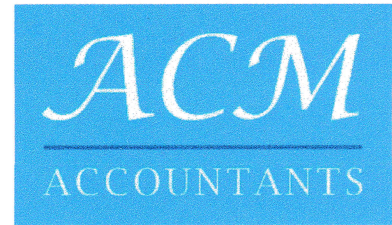
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KEVIN D. MEECH
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29 August 2024

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Dear All

I have now completed my various checks into the transactions included within the accounts for Dorchester Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 as prepared by the charity's trustees.

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 income and expenditure 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 of 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.

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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 examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I therefore have pleasure in enclosing a certified copy of the accounts. Should you wish to receive further copies please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I enclose a note of my account for fees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Merritt'.

Justin Merritt FCCA

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1163128

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report: 1st January to 31st December 2022

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Church meetings</p> <p>We continued to offer three different services: two weekly, one monthly. Whilst the relaxation of social distancing rules enabled arrangements to return to their pre-pandemic format, the live stream broadcasts have also continued. This enables those unable to join us in person, whether due to their health, or for any other reason, to still connect with the worship. Our meetings take the following format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning Café Church. • Sunday morning Contemporary Celebration. • ‘Encounter’: An opportunity to praise God and pray together in an unhurried fashion; to be open to what God might be saying to us as a Church, or as an individual & to seek God together that we might be of “One in heart and mind” Acts 4:32. <p>Reaching the next generation:</p> <p>During 2022, we continued to re-open our children’s and youth activities to their pre-pandemic level and then expand them further. Community Kids met weekly during the Sunday morning service and we started a Friday Youth Night during March for 12-18 year olds, which has grown during the year and included a Youth Alpha Course. Our Toddler group returned on Mondays from October and welcomed a new generation of babies and tots, with their parents and carers.</p> <p>We held a “Light Party” on the 31st of October and over 40 children and young people enjoyed inflatable fun and games on the theme of “Light being found in Darkness”. Messy Church took place on 21st December and children were able to enjoy a Church service including carols, craft activities and the true meaning of Christmas. On Christmas Eve, our Christingle service was well attended and children and their families explored the Christmas message of Jesus as the Light of the World.</p> <p>Life Groups & Prayer Meetings:</p> <p>Prayer is a core part of the Christian life and it is important that we come together as a Church family to meet and pray. The removal of social distancing restrictions has enabled our small groups to grow in number</p>

and variety of venue. These included three daytime groups meeting at the Church, a new Woman's Life group on Wednesday evenings and two additional groups meeting in members' homes.

Pastoral Staff:

We started 2022 with an interregnum and continued with the recruitment process, in our search for a new Pastor. Following interviews, we asked Jack Curtis back on June 5th, when he took questions from the congregation in the morning and preached in the evening on "The centrality of Christ" from the book of Colossians.

We held an extraordinary meeting on 7th of June, where we voted to appoint one of our existing Elders, Glynn Barrow, as part time Pastor and Jack Curtis as Associate Pastor. Glynn's first day of employment was 7th June; Jack started his employment on the 1st of July. On the 4th September, we held an induction service for Glynn and Jack, followed by a Church lunch.

Romy, our Pastoral Care Worker, took the Youth Group to a Youth for Christ event at Corfe Mullen, attended by over 100 young people.

Community Café:

Our Community Café continued to operate on Tuesday afternoons, a warm welcome was extended to all with tea, coffee, refreshments and friendly chat. Additionally, board games were available for those who wish to join in.

We opened our building on the 19th September and live-streamed the Queen's Funeral for anyone who wished to attend. There was a power cut to some areas of Poundbury that day, so many local residents were grateful of the opportunity of viewing this with us, whilst their own homes had no electricity.

Other events in the Café included a Women's breakfast; where our ladies were invited to join together for a healthy meal to start the day, with companionship and conversation.

Friendship Group:

This group had resumed meeting twice a month towards the end of 2021 and this continued with meetings on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Numbers have increased and a wide variety of activities were enjoyed including craft, talks, speakers and refreshments.

Fellowship Lunches:

We enjoyed monthly lunches after our morning services, where all could stay and enjoy a hot meal and time to chat. These were well attended and provided an opportunity to get to know one another better.

Ministry of Puppets:

On Easter Sunday, our service was led by our Puppet Team, with a fantastic production, written especially for the occasion. Our Ministry of Puppets performed at a variety of events, such as our Light Party, Messy Church and at local school assemblies.

		<p>Walk and Talk Together: This group met regularly to enjoy a walk and chat in our local countryside, Dogs were welcome too and home-made refreshments enjoyed at the walk's destination, after some healthy exercise.</p> <p>Food Share: Our "Food Share" Food Bank continued to receive a high level of referrals from health care professionals, school liaison officers and charities working with families, vulnerable adults and refugees. We continued to assist families and individuals finding it difficult to afford food, delivering up to 100 parcels each week in the DT1 and DT2 postcode area. In the week leading up to Christmas, each household received a fruit hamper; we joined forces with the charity Heart Response to achieve this.</p> <p>We deliver weekly, for up to 12 weeks; each parcel consisting mostly of fresh fruit and vegetables, bakery and eggs. We have developed links with community allotments and do all we can to add to the nutritional value of our parcels. Deliveries take place 4 days each week and our parcels are packed and delivered by a team of around 35 volunteers. On occasions, we are able to identify a family's specific need and signpost or refer to other agencies that can assist.</p> <p>“Wednesday Welcome” Our “Warm Space” With the UK experiencing rapidly rising fuel costs, we joined the national initiative to create a free warm, welcoming and safe place, open to everyone. This took place on Wednesdays from October and included light refreshments, a safe play area for very small children and access to Wi-Fi.</p> <p>Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative We became a local collection “hub” for Samaritans Purse UK and a total of 177 shoeboxes containing toys, stationary, healthcare and wellbeing items were collected. These were distributed in the Ukraine in time for Christmas, where they brought a message of hope to the children and young people receiving them.</p>
Have Trustees had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements & Performance		
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Church meetings, Life Groups, Prayer Meetings, Youth & Community Kids enable Christians and any other members of the local community who wish to join in, to come together in worship, to support one another and grow in the Christian Faith.</p> <p>Pastoral Staff. The wider Leadership Team guided us through the interregnum and our Trustees ensured we followed due process in the recruitment of our new Pastor and Associate Pastor. Our Pastoral Care Worker also continued to support the spiritual and pastoral needs of Church members, Young people and Visitors, especially during the interregnum and whilst our Pastors settled into their new roles.</p>

Food Share:

Feedback from those receiving our Food Share parcels confirms the parcels are well received and make a difference to those finding it difficult to afford food, especially fresh produce. Additionally, we are often able to build trust over our 12 week delivery period which leads to opportunities to refer and sign-post families to other local services and help.

Community Café; Friendship Group & Wednesday Welcome are open to everyone and facilitate friendship and companionship, which is especially important for anyone feeling cut off or isolated in our community. They provide a free, warm and safe place to meet in a welcoming environment, where everyone is invited to enjoy the activities and light refreshments.

Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative. Our support of this charity provided a “drop off point” for shoe boxes from individuals and groups in our local area. These boxes, along with those the Church have filled bring hope and joy to children in countries where conflict or poverty make the receipt of a shoe box very special.

Other Activities: We provided a variety of additional opportunities for members, friends and visitors to meet and interact, including our fellowship lunches, “Walk and Talk Together” group, Messy Church events and joint meetings with other local Churches. We reached out into the community with our Associate Pastor helping at the Hardyes School Christian Union, St Osmond’s year 8 retreat and other local school assemblies. These occasions give opportunities as listed in the 5 key biblical principles below, as well as enabling those not connected with a Church to explore the Christian faith.

Reflections on 2022 and what is next for DCC:

What are we about? We have a Mission Statement: ‘To Celebrate and Share the Love of God.’

We seek to do that through focusing on 5 key biblical principles:-

- Belonging
- Worshipping
- Serving
- Growing
- Sharing

Belonging: every new Testament believer, with the exception of the dying thief, was ‘attached to’ a specific group of believers, Rome, Corinth etc. We call this Membership. Our belonging is cemented through ‘Believer’s Baptism’, which we do by total immersion and encouraging members to meet and spend time together.

Worshipping: Corporately we are able to do this when we meet together and this should be a priority. We should also seek to worship God through the way we live.

	<p>Serving: What gifts has God given us to use? We should seek to serve the Church in some capacity; using our gifts, and following Jesus' example of serving.</p> <p>Growing – We should not stand still spiritually, but look to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him. We grow from hearing and putting into practise God's Word. This can be on our own or in a small group or when we meet together.</p> <p>Sharing: We have the best news in the world and ought to share that in both word and deed. Ministries like FoodShare are practical expressions of us 'sharing' our faith, as is how we are with one another. During the first lockdown, members were actively encouraged to telephone each other and maintain links and relationships with other members.</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Our Income was comparative to our expenditure, enabling us to show sound financial management. Most income comes from Members regular giving and is not generated by fundraising activities.
Investment performance against objectives	We have modest funds in a CAF Bank interest bearing deposit account, but no other investments.

Financial Review:		
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Fund: The Accounts show a General Fund shortfall of £5,570.30; however, the true position is a net shortfall of £1,570.30, as £4,000 of outstanding ground rent was paid to the Duchy of Cornwall in the first quarter of 2022, when we received their invoice for 2021 rent. 2. Building/Sinking Fund: During 2022 we received gifts totalling £12,000, which have been set aside within the Building/Sinking Fund to offset expected building maintenance and repair costs. 3. General Fund/Staff Salaries: During 2022 we received two further gifts, totalling £20,000, which have been added to the general fund to offset the increase in staff salaries during the employment of our Pastoral Care Worker. 4. Gift Aid: We claim Gift Aid in accordance with HMRC Gift Aid regulations. 5. Food Share: Now registered as a food bank with Dorset Council, Food Share continues to adapt to meet the changing needs of local families and households experiencing food poverty. The "cost of living crisis" and raised awareness of food poverty resulting in a number of grants and gifts being received in the final quarter of 2022. Whilst this means that we held £19,017.45 in reserve for Food Share as at 31st December 2022; with up to 100 food parcels being distributed each week, this sum will be needed to fund our food bank during 2023.

		6. Missionary Reserve: Missionary Giving in 2022 amounts to £12,052.00 and includes a £5,000 transfer to our Missionary Reserve. This means that income allocated to the Missionary budget represents approx. 10% of our General Fund receipts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Contingency Reserve is held for financial prudence to enable sufficient funds to be available to pay staffing costs during any time when expenditure exceeds income. This reserve is maintained at a sum not less than half the annual expenditure on Staff Salaries. The Missionary Reserve is representative of those funds set aside as a tithe from our income for the financial support of other Christian workers and Christian Charitable organisations, but not yet distributed.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Contingency Reserve: £38,000: Missionary Reserve: £34,500:
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution Dated 13 th August 2015
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a voting membership in addition to the Trustees
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	Para 1.25	New Trustees are selected and elected to office at the Church's Members meeting in March and AGM in October of each year. Clause 17.4 of our Constitution requires one third of elected trustees to retire at the AGM, starting with the longest serving.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dorchester Community Church
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1163128
Charity's principal address	Dorchester Community Church Liscombe Street Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3DF

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity			
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole year)	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Glynn Barrow	Trustee & Elder & Pastor	Pastor from 07.06.22 onwards. Trustee and Elder for entire year	Membership
Michelle Stephanie Brown	Trustee & Chair	Trustee & Chair until 05.09.22	Membership
Martin Cook	Trustee & Elder		Membership
David Herring	Trustee & Elder		Membership
Lisa Knight	Trustee & Secretary	Secretary until 05.09.22	Membership
Kevin David Meech	Trustee & Treasurer		Membership
Marion Lesley Power	Trustee		Membership
Christopher George Webb	Trustee & Elder	Elder until 20.10.22 Trustee for entire year	Membership
Victoria Pauline Barrow	Trustee	20.10.22 onwards	Membership

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved	
Director name	N/A
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity	
Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others	
Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Adviser	Name	Address
Solicitor	Blanchards Bailey LLP	Bunbury House, Stour Park, Blandford, Dorset. DT11 9LQ
Insurer	Congregational	Integra Insurance Solutions Ltd., Curren House, Curren Street, Bradford BD1 5BA
Accountant	Justin Merriott FCCA	ACM Accountants, 205 Littlemoor Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6AF
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill, Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ
Bank	Kingdom Bank Ltd	Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6JS

Names of Senior Staff members

Roger Frapwell: Pastor until 03.02.22 but on Annual Leave from 19th December 2021

Glynn Barrow: Pastor from 07.06.22

Jack Samuel Cooke Curtis: Associate Pastor from 01.07.22

Romy Candice Barton: Pastoral Care Worker

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Kevin David Meech

Position (e.g. Chair, etc) Treasurer and Trustee

Date 22nd October 2023

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
BALANCE 1ST JANUARY	147,208.50	135,277.23
RECEIPTS		
General Fund	92,449.99	98,130.66
Offering	20,000.00	
Special Gift	1,493.21	216.11
Café Donations	113,943.20	98,346.77
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid:		
General Fund	20,232.22	22,280.40
Building Fund	0.00	1,250.00
Food Share	152.50	662.50
Donations: Building Maintenance	7,211.95	2,265.85
Donations: Food Share	26,403.15	8,231.46
Interest:	697.99	14.71
Building/Sinking Fund Receipts:	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>180,641.01</u>	<u>173,051.69</u>

PAYMENTS

Bank Charges	81.00	96.00
Books and Resources	66.73	134.76
Catering	1,902.94	496.38
Cleaning & Housekeeping	1,313.31	826.57
Equipment	5,609.54	5,441.52
Fees, Subscriptions and Licenses	2,027.57	2,033.62
Food Share	13,005.71	10,062.55
Ground Rent	8,000.00	0.00
Insurance	4,963.11	4,958.33
Missionary Gifts	7,052.00	5,547.00
Office Supplies, Printing & Postage	757.18	561.55
Pastoral Gifts	335.55	214.13
Outreach	711.41	0.00
Repairs & Maintenance	4,394.46	3,106.49
Repayments:		
Mortgage	21,512.16	20,805.12
Member's Loan	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
Safeguarding related costs	502.75	181.25
Speakers Gifts & Expenses	550.00	120.00
Staff Expenses & Recruitment Costs	735.01	292.72
Staff Salaries and Employers NIC	59,246.29	51,582.39
Training and Conferences	211.00	92.40
Utility Bills	8,861.18	4,567.64
Youth & Children's Work	822.47	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>142,661.37</u>	<u>161,120.42</u>
BALANCE 31ST DECEMBER	<u>185,188.14</u>	<u>147,208.50</u>

*Examined by
JUSTIN MERRITT FCA
31/12/23*

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
PROPERTY		
Building at Liscombe Street, Poundbury, Dorchester	963,480.42	963,480.42
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Cash Account	0.00	0.00
CAF Current Account	188.14	2,208.50
CAF "Gold" Instant	<u>185,000.00</u>	<u>145,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,148,668.56</u>	<u>1,110,688.92</u>

MORTGAGE OUTSTANDING

Kingdom Bank Ltd	<u>302,140.30</u>	<u>308,367.18</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER	<u>846,528.26</u>	<u>802,321.74</u>

FUND & RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER

General Fund	69,924.98	75,495.28
Contingency Reserve	38,000.00	25,000.00
Missionary Reserve	34,500.00	29,500.00
Food Share	19,017.45	5,467.51
Building Fund	<u>685,085.83</u>	<u>666,858.95</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCES	<u>846,528.26</u>	<u>802,321.74</u>

APPENDIX 1

MOVEMENT IN BUILDING/SINKING FUND

Balance 1 st January	666,858.95	606,261.16
Receipts	12,000.00	40,000.00
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid	0.00	1,250.00
Reduction in outstanding Kingdom Bank Mortgage	6,226.88	9,347.79
Reduction in outstanding Members Loan 1	0.00	30,000.00
Reduction in outstanding Members Loan 2	0.00	20,000.00
Payment of Balance of Members Loan 1	0.00	-20,000.00
Payment of Balance of Members Loan 2	0.00	-20,000.00
BALANCE 31st December	<u>685,085.83</u>	<u>666,858.95</u>

APPENDIX 2


FOOD SHARE

Balance 1 st January	5,467.51	6,636.10
Receipts	26,403.15	8,231.46
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid	152.50	662.50
Expenditure	<u>-13,005.71</u>	<u>-10,062.55</u>
BALANCE 31st December	<u>19,017.45</u>	<u>5,467.51</u>

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

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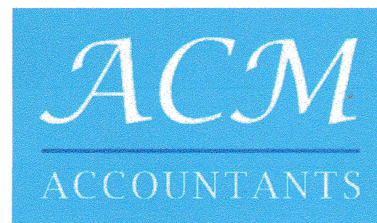
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- 2. Outstanding Ground Rent:** Whilst £8,000 was paid in ground rent during 2022, covering the sums due in 2021 and 2022; the invoice for the 2019 ground rent of £4,000 has never been received. The Duchy of Cornwall have not responded to our requests to look into this on our behalf; therefore, the Trustees continue to be aware that £4,000 currently held in the General fund could become payable to the Duchy for the 2019 ground rent.
- 3. Building/Sinking Fund:** During 2022 we received gifts totalling £12,000, which have been set aside within the Building/Sinking Fund to offset expected building maintenance and repair costs.
- 4. General Fund/Staff Salaries:** During 2022 we received two further gifts, totalling £20,000, which have been added to the general fund to offset the increase in staff salaries during the employment of our Pastoral Care Worker.
- 5. Gift Aid:** Our Gift Aid repayment claim covering 1st October 2021 to the 31st December 2021 amounting to £5,027.84 and is included in the 2022 accounts. This has been divided between the General Fund, £4,952.84 and Food Share, £75.00. Our Gift Aid repayment claim covering 1st October 2022 to the 31st December 2022 is for the sum of £6,142.51 This was sent to the Inland Revenue in 2023 and the resulting payment will be included in the 2023 accounts. It will be divided between the General Fund (£5,456.51) and Food Share (£686.00).
- 6. Food Share:** Now registered as a food bank with Dorset Council, Food Share continues to adapt to meet the changing needs of local families and households experiencing food poverty. The “cost of living crisis” and raised awareness of food poverty resulting in a number of grants and gifts being received in the final quarter of 2022. Whilst this means that we held £19,017.45 in reserve for Food Share as at 31st December 2022; with up to 100 food parcels being distributed each week, this sum will be needed to fund our food bank during 2023.
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KEVIN D. MEECH
JOINT TREASURER



ELIZABETH J. MEECH
JOINT TREASURER



31 July 2023

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Dear All

I have now completed my various checks into the transactions included within the accounts for Dorchester Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 as prepared by the charity's trustees.

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 income and expenditure 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 of 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.

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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 examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I therefore have pleasure in enclosing a certified copy of the accounts. Should you wish to receive further copies please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I enclose a note of my account for fees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Justin Merritt'.

Justin Merritt FCCA

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1163128

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report: 1st January to 31st December 2021

Charity name: Dorchester Community Church: Registration Number : 1163128

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Church meetings</p> <p>As we resumed activities after lock-down, we offered three different services: two weekly, one monthly. There has been a gradual move from zoom/live stream to social distanced services, pre-booked to ensure covid compliance and then a resumption of pre-pandemic arrangements as restrictions have been removed. Our meetings take the following format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning café church. • Sunday morning contemporary celebration. • ‘Encounter’: An opportunity to praise God and pray together in an unhurried fashion; to be open to what God might be saying to us as a Church, or as an individual & to seek God together that we might be of “One in heart and mind” Acts 4:32. <p>For those in our community still wishing to socially distance following the pandemic; unable to attend or wishing to join us via the internet, we continued to broadcast our morning services by live-stream and make service recordings available from our website.</p> <p>Reaching the next generation:</p> <p>Pre-pandemic, we had a growing number of children attending Community Kids. During 2021, children’s activities were initially still suspended. However, our Sunday Morning Celebration and weekly broadcasts included a dedicated slot for “Community Kids”. Community Kids were able to return this year, meeting once a month with plans in place to increase the frequency as soon as possible.</p> <p>Life Groups & Prayer Meetings:</p> <p>Prayer is a core part of the Christian life and it is important that we come together as a church family to pray. Some of our small groups had continued by hold remote internet meetings during lock down, beginning to meet again in person, during 2021. Initially these meetings took place</p>

in our church building to enable sufficient space to maintain social distancing. These groups enable prayer and Bible study more informally than during a normal Church Service.

Community Café:

Our Community Café, closed for much of the pandemic, was able to open again in November. Initially on alternate Tuesday afternoons, a warm welcome awaits all with tea, coffee and refreshments, friendly chat and board games for those that wish to join in

Friendship Group:

Confined to online meetings and friendly telephone calls for much of the year, this group made a welcome return in December, with meetings resuming two Fridays each month and all welcome to attend. It especially reaches out to those who are older, have disabilities or isolation issues.

FoodShare:

Our "Food Share" Food Bank receives regular referrals from health care professionals, school liaison officers and charities working with families and vulnerable adults. We have been able to assist families and individuals finding it difficult to afford food, both during the lockdowns of the pandemic and since. During our busiest week this year, we distributed over 150 parcels.

We deliver weekly, for up to 12 weeks; each parcel contains fresh fruit and vegetables, bakery and eggs as well as 1 or 2 ambient items that complement the parcel. We originally delivered just on Sunday evenings; this rose to 6 days a week, but has now settled at 4. We have around 35 volunteers that help pack or distribute the parcels, Tuesdays and Wednesdays we deliver to nearby villages and at weekends we cover Dorchester and Poundbury. On occasions, we are able to identify a family's specific need and signpost or refer to other agencies that can assist.

Pastoral Staff:

During the year, we recruited a Pastoral Care Worker to work alongside our current Pastor. This new employee started work on 1st November 2021. Our Pastor gave notice of 3 months on the 6th of November, commencing annual leave on 19th of December, due to outstanding annual leave entitlement. We have initiated the process of recruiting a new Pastor; the Church Elders and wider Leadership Team are eminently capable of leading the Church during the current interregnum.

Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative

Shoeboxes containing toys, stationary, healthcare and wellbeing items are collected annually in November for distribution to children in countries where conflict or poverty mean Children have very little to call their own. We were pleased to collect around 80 shoe boxes, filled with a combination of necessities and treats.

Have Trustees had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit

Para 1.18

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para
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Church meetings, Life Groups, Prayer Meetings & Community Kids enable Christians and any other members of the local community who wish to join in, to come together in worship, to support one another and grow in the Christian Faith.

Pastoral Staff. We commenced the process of recruiting a new Pastor; the Church Elders and wider Leadership Team are eminently capable of leading the Church during the interregnum; they continue to support the spiritual and pastoral needs of members and visitors.

Community Café & Friendship Group welcome anyone and facilitate friendship and companionship, which is especially important for anyone feeling cut off or isolated in our community. They provide a safe place to meet in a welcoming environment, where everyone is welcome to enjoy the activities and light refreshments.

Food Share By providing a parcel of nutritious food, once a week for up to 3 months, our "Food Share" food bank helps both relieve food poverty and enable a period of time in which other help and advice can be sought to address the reasons the family or household are in need. Foodshare is available to anyone living in or near Dorchester, who is finding it difficult to afford food.

Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative. Our support of this charity provided a "drop off point" for shoe boxes from individuals and groups in our local area. These boxes, along with those the Church have filled bring hope and joy to children in countries where conflict or poverty make the receipt of a shoe box very special.

Reflections on 2021 and what is next for DCC:

What are we about? We have a Mission Statement: 'To Celebrate and Share the Love of God.'

We seek to do that through focusing on 5 key biblical principles:-

- Belonging
- Worshipping
- Serving
- Growing
- Sharing

Belonging: every new Testament believer, with the exception of the dying thief, was 'attached to' a specific group of believers, Rome, Corinth etc. We call this Membership. Our belonging is cemented through 'Believer's Baptism', which we do by total immersion and encouraging members to meet and spend time together.

Worshipping: Corporately we are able to do this when we meet together and this should be a priority. We should also seek to worship God through the way we live.

Serving: What gifts has God given us to use? We should seek to serve the Church in some capacity; using our gifts, and following Jesus' example of serving.

	<p>Growing – We should not stand still spiritually, but look to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him. We grow from hearing and putting into practise God’s Word. This can be on our own or in a small group or when we meet together.</p> <p>Sharing: We have the best news in the world and ought to share that in both word and deed. Ministries like FoodShare are practical expressions of us ‘sharing’ our faith, as is how we are with one another. During the first lockdown, members were actively encouraged to telephone each other and maintain links and relationships with other members.</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Our Income was comparative to our expenditure, enabling us to show sound financial management. Most income comes from Members regular giving and is not generated by fundraising activities.
Investment performance against objectives	We have modest funds in a CAF Bank interest bearing deposit account, but no other investments.

Financial Review:		
Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Fund: The Accounts show a General Fund surplus for 2021 of £7,849.86, however the true position is small net shortfall of £150.14, as we await the invoices in respect of ground rent for 2020 and 2021 for the sum of £8,000.00 from the Duchy of Cornwall. 2. Building Fund: During 2021 we received a legacy of £25,000 and this, with part of the Building Fund balance has been used to repay the Members Loans. Our Kingdom Bank Mortgage continues to be repaid on schedule and the outstanding liabilities have correspondingly reduced by the sum of £59,347.79. 3. Gift Aid; We claim Gift Aid in accordance with HMRC Gift Aid regulations. 4. Food Share: This ministry expanded to meet the changing needs of food poverty during the Covid Pandemic and this is reflected in the accounts. The income and expenditure are now recorded separately from other outreach activities and a summary is shown in appendix 2. 5. Missionary Reserve: Missionary Giving in 2021 amounts to £9,547.00 and includes a transfer of £4,000 to our Missionary Reserve. This means that income allocated to the Missionary budget represents approx. 10% of our General Fund receipts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Contingency Reserve is held for financial prudence to enable sufficient funds to be available to pay staffing costs during any time when expenditure exceeds income. This reserve is maintained at a sum now less than half the annual expenditure on Staff Salaries.</p> <p>The Missionary Reserve is representative of those funds set aside as a tithe from our income for the financial support of other Christian workers and Christian Charitable organisations, but not yet distributed.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Contingency Reserve: £25,000: Missionary Reserve: £25,500:

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution Dated 13 th August 2015
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a voting membership in addition to the Trustees
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	Para 1.25	New Trustees are selected and elected into office at the Church's Members meeting in March and AGM in October of each year. Clause 17.4 requires one third of elected trustees to retire at the AGM starting with the longest serving.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dorchester Community Church
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1163128
Charity's principal address	Dorchester Community Church Liscombe Street Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3DF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not whole year)	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Glynn Barrow	Trustee & Elder		Membership
Michelle Stephanie Brown	Trustee & Chair		Membership
Martin Cook	Trustee & Elder		Membership
Paul Richard Farrall	Trustee & Elder		Membership
Roger Frapwell	Trustee & Pastor		Membership
David Herring	Trustee & Elder		Membership
Lisa Knight	Trustee & Secretary	Secretary until 07.12.21	Membership
Kevin David Meech	Trustee & Treasurer		Membership
Marion Lesley Power	Trustee	21.10.21 onwards	Membership
Christopher George Webb	Trustee & Elder		Membership
Timothy Edward Westwood	Trustee & Secretary	Secretary From 07.12.21	Membership

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	N/A
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity	
Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others	
Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Adviser	Name	Address
Solicitor	Blanchards Bailey LLP	Bunbury House, Stour Park, Blandford, Dorset. DT11 9LQ
Insurer	Congregational	Integra Insurance Solutions Ltd., Currer House, Currer Street, Bradford BD1 5BA
Accountant	Justin Merriott FCCA	ACM Accountants, 205 Littlemoor Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6AF
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill, Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ
Bank	Kingdom Bank Ltd	Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6JS

Names of Senior Staff members
Roger Frapwell: Pastor Romy Candice Barton: Pastoral Care Worker

Exemptions from disclosure

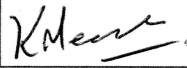
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Kevin David Meech
Position (e.g. Chair, etc)	Treasurer and Trustee
Date	15 th October 2022

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
BALANCE 1ST JANUARY	135,277.23	126,691.56
RECEIPTS		
General Fund		
Offering	98,130.66	107,276.52
Café Donations	<u>216.11</u>	<u>871.29</u>
	98,346.77	108,147.81
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid:		
General Fund	22,280.40	21,587.00
Building Fund	1,250.00	2293.00
Food Share	<u>662.50</u>	<u>427.50</u>
	24,192.90	24,307.50
Donations: Building Maintenance	2,265.85	3,535.08
Donations: Food Share	8,231.46	13,704.33
Interest:	14.71	83.94
Building Fund Receipts:	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>20,140.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>173,051.69</u>	<u>169,918.66</u>
PAYMENTS		
Bank Charges	96.00	60.00
Books and Resources	134.76	52.97
Catering	496.38	304.00
Church Magazine	0.00	300.00
Cleaning & Housekeeping	826.57	1,275.33
Equipment	5,441.52	1,561.73
Fees, Subscriptions and Licenses	2,033.62	1,776.16
Food Share	10,062.55	7,495.73
Ground Rent	0.00	4,000.00
Insurance	4,958.33	4,687.60
Missionary Gifts	5,547.00	1,540.00
New Building Costs	0.00	50,273.29
Office Supplies, Printing & Postage	561.55	774.78
Pastoral Gifts	214.13	2,292.00
Outreach	0.00	132.05
Repairs & Maintenance	3,106.49	1,985.27
Repayments:		
Mortgage	20,805.12	20,805.12
Member's Loan	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
	70,805.12	30,805.12
Safeguarding related costs	181.25	129.00
Speakers Gifts & Expenses	120.00	20.00
Staff Expenses & Recruitment Costs	292.72	542.52
Staff Salaries and Employers NIC	51,582.39	49,134.02
Training and Conferences	92.40	28.80
Utility Bills	4,567.64	4,242.50
Youth & Children's Work	<u>0.00</u>	<u>94.53</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>161,120.42</u>	<u>161,332.99</u>
BALANCE 31ST DECEMBER	<u>147,208.50</u>	<u>135,277.23</u>

Examined by
JUSTIN MUMFITT FCCA
JMM
31/3/22

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
PROPERTY		
Building at Liscombe Street, Poundbury, Dorchester	963,480.42	963,480.42
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Cash Account	0.00	0.00
CAF Current Account	2,208.50	1,274.06
CAF "Gold" Instant	<u>145,000.00</u>	<u>134,003.17</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,110,688.92</u>	<u>1,098,757.65</u>
MORTGAGE & LOANS OUTSTANDING		
Kingdom Bank Ltd	308,367.18	317,714.97
Members Loan 1	0.00	30,000.00
Members Loan 2	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER	<u>802,321.74</u>	<u>731,042.68</u>

FUND & RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER

General Fund	75,495.28	67,645.42
Contingency Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00
Missionary Reserve	29,500.00	25,500.00
Food Share	5,467.51	6,636.10
Building Fund	<u>666,858.95</u>	<u>606,261.16</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCES	<u>802,321.74</u>	<u>731,042.68</u>

APPENDIX 1

MOVEMENT IN BUILDING FUND

Balance 1 st January	606,261.16	565,193.82
Receipts	40,000.00	20,140.00
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid	1,250.00	2,293.00
Reduction in outstanding Kingdom Bank Mortgage	9,347.79	8,634.34
Reduction in outstanding Members Loan 1	30,000.00	10,000.00
Reduction in outstanding Members Loan 2	20,000.00	0.00
Payment of Balance of Members Loan 1	- 20,000.00	0.00
Payment of Balance of Members Loan 2	- 20,000.00	0.00
BALANCE 31st December	<u>666,858.95</u>	<u>606,261.16</u>

APPENDIX 2

FOOD SHARE

Balance 1 st January	6,636.10	0.00
Receipts	8,231.46	13,704.33
Tax Refunded from Gift Aid	662.50	427.50
Expenditure	-10,062.55	-7,495.73
BALANCE 31st December	<u>5,467.51</u>	<u>6,636.10</u>

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES:

1. **General Fund:** The Accounts show a General Fund surplus for 2021 of £7,849.86, however the true position is small net shortfall of £150.14, as we await the invoices in respect of ground rent for 2020 and 2021 for the sum of £8,000.00 from the Duchy of Cornwall.
2. **Building Fund:** During 2021 we received a legacy of £25,000 and this, with part of the Building Fund balance has been used to repay the Members Loans. Our Kingdom Bank Mortgage continues to be repaid on schedule and the outstanding liabilities have correspondingly reduced by the sum of £59,347.79.
3. **Gift Aid:** Our Gift Aid repayment claim covering 1st October 2020 to the 31st December 2020 amounting to £5,573.27 and is included in the 2021 accounts. This has been divided between the General Fund, £5,368.27 and Food Share, £205.00. Our Gift Aid repayment claim covering 1st October 2021 to the 31st December 2021 is for the sum of £5,027.84. This was sent to the Inland Revenue in 2022 and the resulting payment will be included in the 2022 accounts. It will be divided between the General Fund (£4,952.84) and Food Share (£75.00).
4. **Food Share:** This ministry expanded to meet the changing needs of food poverty during the Covid Pandemic and this is reflected in the accounts. The income and expenditure are now recorded separately from other outreach activities and a summary is shown in appendix 2.
5. **Missionary Reserve:** Missionary Giving in 2021 amounts to £9,547.00 and includes gifts to Jack and Claire Bonham Cozens, Chris Hawthorne, Jonathan Wilkinson, Julia's House, Mission Direct, Food Share and a transfer of £4,000 to our Missionary Fund. This means that income allocated to the Missionary budget represents approx. 10% of our General Fund receipts.



KEVIN D. MEECH
JOINT TREASURER



ELIZABETH J. MEECH
JOINT TREASURER



31 March 2022

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Dear All

I have now completed my various checks into the transactions included within the accounts for Dorchester Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2021 as prepared by the charity's trustees.

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 income and expenditure 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 of 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.

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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 examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I therefore have pleasure in enclosing a certified copy of the accounts. Should you wish to receive further copies please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I enclose a note of my account for fees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Merritt', written in a cursive style.

Justin Merritt FCCA

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1163128

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	01	2020	To	31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Dorchester Community Church (DCC)

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1163128

Charity's principal address

Liscombe Street
Poundbury, Dorchester
Dorset
Postcode DT1 3DF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Barrow, Glynn			
2	Brown, Michelle	Chair		
3	Cook, Martin			
4	Frapwell, Roger			
5	Herring, David			
6	Knight, Lisa	Secretary		
7	Meech, Kevin	Treasurer		
8	Webb, Christopher			
9	Westwood, Timothy			
10	Paul Farrall			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Solicitor	Blanchards Bailey LLP	Bunbury House, Stour Park, Blandford Forum, Dorset. DT11 9LQ
Insurer	Congregational	Integra Insurance Solutions Ltd., Curren House, Curren Street, Bradford BD1 5BA
Accountant	Justin Merriott FCCA, ACM Accountants	205 Littlemoor Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6AF
Bank	CAF	25 Kings Hill, Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ
Bank	Kingdom Bank	Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6JS

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Roger Frapwell, Pastor

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a voting membership in addition to the Trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New Trustees are selected and elected into office at the Church's AGM in March of each year. NB the AGM for 2020 was held in August 2020 due to COVID 19 restrictions. Clause 17.4 requires one third of elected trustees to retire at the AGM starting with the longest serving.

Policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and additional policies were introduced when we moved to our new building in September 2018 including Fire Safety, Food Safety. These are based on templates from a Christian compliance website.

A review of our Safeguarding policy was completed during 2019 and a revised policy is now in place.

The charity structure has sub-groups which deal with specific aspects of Church life and include at least one Trustee;

- Finance sub-group
- Building Management Group
- Fire Safety Coordinator

In addition, the Church also has staff members, Elders and Deacons who are responsible

for spiritual leadership and outreach.

Staff:

- Roger Frapwell, Pastor
- Jon Meech, Facilities Coordinator
- Liz Meech, Administrator

Elders:

- Glynn Barrow
- Martin Cook
- Paul Farrall
- Roger Frapwell
- David Herring
- Chris Webb

Deacons:

- Andrea Chant
- Charlane Bradley
- Mandy Buller
- Thelma Greening
- Paul Ellis
- Joy White

Community links;

During 2020, the COVID pandemic meant the majority of our activities were scaled back or suspended. Prior to that, the Church has actively supported and engaged with the community groups and Christian Fellowships listed below;

- Food Share – with local Tesco store. Food removed from shelves as wastage is distributed to families living in poverty. This also happens with a local butcher in Poundbury, Dorchester. Throughout 2020, this outreach opportunity grew exponentially and provided a key service the local communities.
- Dorford Baptist Church, The Family Church and The, Storehouse are other churches in Dorchester with whom we work closely; sharing speakers, joint holiday clubs and activities for children & young people, outreach initiatives. These activities were suspended in 2020.
- Divorce Recovery Workshops – are a Christian resource to help those affected by divorce and run as weekend workshop. The Pastor, Roger Frapwell is a tutor and workshops are promoted within the church. These activities were suspended in 2020.
- Samaritans Purse Shoebox Initiative – shoeboxes containing healthcare and wellbeing items are collected annually in November for distribution to children in deprived countries with the aim of sharing the good news of Jesus and showing love to our global ‘neighbours’. This activity was suspended in 2020.
- Praying for Poundbury – a prayer meeting at regular intervals throughout the year, open to all denominations and held at the home of a resident cleric in Poundbury. This activity was suspended in 2020.

Risk Management;

The Church considers the following risks and has policies in place to manage this;

- A COVID 19 Risk Assessment was developed, implemented and reviewed. Equipment was purchased to minimise the risk of transmission such as a fogging machine, screens in front of the worship group and speakers, one-way system

around the building, social distancing between tables/seats and a booking system when face-to-face worship was reconvened.

- Protection of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults – there is a policy in place and training is delivered by the Safeguarding Officer. Trustees, child-minders, Pastor, Junior Church Teachers and other leaders & volunteers all have DBS checks.
- Health & Safety – comprehensive policy and procedures are in place, as required by statute.
- Data Protection – new policy in line with GDPR regulations for 2018, including CCTV practice for new building.
- Food Safety – with opportunity to offer a café service to members of the public a Food Safety Policy is in place.
- Financial risks – there is a Finance Sub-group with a specific remit to review and manage budgets and expenditure. The group feeds into the main Trustee body; accounts are audited each year; accounts are reviewed at each Trustee meeting as a fixed agenda item; financial expenditure, mortgage, etc. is overseen and agreed by Trustees.
- Hire of the building – a policy and procedures are in place to ensure prospective hirers and their activities fit with our ethics and objectives. A new policy for our new building was implemented in September 2018 to cover ‘suggested donations’ from groups using our facilities.

Section C Objectives and activities

Volunteers;

Volunteers play a key and crucial role in the running of the church and its activities. Volunteer numbers are over 80 in total and involve all aspects of church life. Activities and groups were suspended during the COVID pandemic, leaving a reduced number of volunteer opportunities. These were;

- Elders, Deacons and Trustees.
- Finance and Building Sub-groups; monitoring budgets & expenditure; overseeing progress on the new building project.
- Music and sound desk and live broadcasting, which was crucial during the COVID pandemic throughout 2020.
- Online newssheet.
- FoodShare
- Community Kids children’s ministry.

AGM for 2020 was postponed due to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, taking place in October 2021 rather than March. This enabled us to hold an in-person event for those members who felt comfortable attending the building. The meeting was recorded in order to be accessible to members who did not attend.

49 members attended (from a total of 143). Apologies received from 39 members.

Our focus was (and remains) on the role of the Church in a post-pandemic world. It is important that we take stock and reflect on what we are meant to be about in the context of what is 'unchanging', and from here consider what our future role should be and how we can best use our building.

We have a Mission Statement: 'To Celebrate and Share the Love of God.' We do this through the 5 pillars of; belonging; worshipping; growing; serving; and sharing.

Safeguarding:

The Charity Trustees are responsible for reviewing and updating our policies and procedures on a regular basis, in order to meet our responsibilities under charity law and as employers. We have compiled a Building Handbook for use by members and groups using the building to ensure safety is paramount. Pre-pandemic, there was an established process in place to register children at Community Kids each week and for parents to collect children when the service is finished. The safeguarding of FoodShare volunteers was reviewed to ensure our process was sufficiently robust to protect our volunteers in the community.

Finance:

Key messages (see Treasurer's report below for detail);

- We paid the final invoices and retentions in respect of the fitting out of our new building and met our commitments in respect of mortgage and members loan repayments.
- Annual accounts for 2020 showed a net surplus of just over £14,500.
- Individual giving continued, with many members now making regular payments electronically. The move away from cash and cheque payments also helps us meet our COVID protection measures.
- Nearly £17,000 of reclaimed tax from the Gift Aid scheme.

Church meetings

Pre-pandemic, we offered a menu of six meetings; some weekly, some monthly.

Three main courses (weekly);

- Saturday morning café church.
- Sunday morning contemporary celebration.
- Sunday evening traditional service.

Three side orders (monthly);

- 'Songs of Praise': a short service designed for older people and includes singing some of the older, well-known hymns.
- 'Connect': for all age groups and designed to be inclusive of children (with lots of interaction, games, lively songs with actions and instruments, snacks to munch on and puppet shows).
- 'Encounter': an opportunity to praise God and pray together in an unhurried fashion. An

opportunity to be open to what God might be saying to us as a Church, or as an individual. An opportunity to seek God together that we might be “One in heart and mind” Acts 4:32

From March 2020, the Church building was closed and pre-recorded services were shared online. This method of meeting developed throughout 2020 and meetings are broadcast live still on YouTube. During lockdown, viewer numbers were higher than our usual members and congregational levels. Our Saturday morning ‘Café Church’ continued online throughout 2020. Trustees and other meetings continued via Zoom meetings online until we were able to meet in person once again.

Reaching the next generation:

Pre-pandemic, we had a growing number of children attending Community Kids. During lockdown and throughout the rest of 2020, children’s activities were suspended. However, our weekly broadcasts included a dedicated slot for Community Kids, which was greatly enjoyed by older members of our Church family, as well as our children.

Prayer Meetings:

Prayer is a core part of the Christian life and it is important that we come together as a church family to pray. We continue to review how we pray as a church. In-person prayer meetings were not possible during lockdown and for the rest of 2020.

Activities and outreach:

‘FOCUS’ tea parties for older people ceased from March 2020 as were the joint projects and interaction with Damers First School.

A planned weekend retreat at Lee Abbey had been planned for 2020. Sadly, this was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. There was consensus amongst all those who had been due to attend, that payments already made should be ‘donated’ to the Abbey as DCC’s contribution to supporting the community throughout lockdown.

FoodShare:

We continued and grew our work as a partner in the FoodShare initiative in Dorchester. This work was a vital support for families throughout 2020, which saw many slipping into poverty as they suffered the impact of COVID. Volunteers from the church go in pairs to deliver food parcels to families in our community who are living in poverty. We are registered to identify families who are eligible to use this vital support. At the height of the COVID pandemic, DCC volunteers provided well over 100 families with food parcels.

When first referred, it is not uncommon for a family or household to have little or no food at home and no means to buy any. The first delivery, often accompanied by a parcel from the Dorchester Food Bank, is usually needed as soon as possible.

On occasions, volunteers build relationships with some households/individuals, meaning that a family’s needs can be identified and links/referrals made to other agencies that can assist with achieving self-sufficiency. Examples are referrals to CAB, CAP and “Firstpoint”.

The Accounts of Dorchester Community Church are recorded on the Receipts and Payments basis and are kept on QuickBooks. The Treasurer, Mr Kevin Meech, is formally assisted by Mrs Liz Meech. The church employs Mrs Meech on a part-time basis. The Trustees on behalf of the Church Members would like to take this opportunity to extend their grateful thanks to Kevin and Liz Meech for all they do in looking after the church finances. Please refer to the attached accounts (with notes below prepared by the Treasurer for a full understanding of the Income and Expenditure). On the advice of the Independent Examiners, these accounts prepared by the Treasurer are acceptable to the Charity Commission.

Charity organisations are able to use our facilities on a donation basis.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)**Treasurer's comments on the 2020 audited accounts;**

We aim for the Church Accounts to be concise, clear and easy to understand and these are circulated to members ahead of the AGM meeting.

"2020 was an eventful year, with much of our activities curtailed by the COVID pandemic. We paid the final invoices and retentions in respect of the fitting out of our new building and met our commitments in respect of mortgage and members loan repayments. We are therefore very pleased to be able to report the annual accounts show an encouraging net surplus of just over £14,500.

Many members have been willing to change their method of giving to either on-line banking or standing order payment. This has helped greatly, not only by enabling us to be COVID compliant during lockdowns, but with new and increased charges for more traditional banking methods, such as cash and cheques, helps us to keep our banking costs to a minimum,

We were very encouraged by the finances for 2020, although saddened by the enforced reduction in the use of our building. As we seek to restart much of our former activity and adapt to our current and future circumstances, we would like to bring you up to date and reflect on where we are now.

There is no doubt that God has continued to be faithful to us. A legacy has enabled us to repay all of the remaining Members Loans; this will stand us in good stead considering the pending increase in our staffing, later this year.

This year's accounts currently show a surplus and we anticipate this will be around £2,000 at the close of the year. Charitable use of our building is now returning on a reduced scale and has accounted for just £1,000 of our income to date. The balance has come from the faithful giving of our members and nearly £17,000 in reclaimed tax from Gift Aid."

The Leadership Team

Elders and Deacons: The Elders are responsible for the spiritual direction of the Church. Deacons support the Elders in their role and primarily deal with the day-to-day running of the Church. Details of the process for electing Elders and Deacons, agreed in 2005, are outlined below:

- Elders and Deacons should be baptised believers and have been in membership of the Church for at least one year. We believe Elders should be male. (*Note: The Pastor is an Elder for as long as he remains with the Church*)
- As leaders of the Church, the Elders will decide as and when they feel the Church requires more Elders or Deacons. Appointments will be confirmed at a Church Members meeting.
- Names of potential or additional Elders or Deacons can be brought by any member of the Church but should be brought to the Elders in the first instance for prayerful consideration.
- Members of the Church cannot nominate themselves or any family member for either the role of Elder or Deacon
- Should the Elders feel it right before God following a member's or leadership recommendation to propose an individual's name to the Church for the role of Elder or Deacon, the Elders will first meet with the individual concerned (and if married the person's spouse) to discuss what the role entails and what is expected of those who are a part of the Leadership Team.
- An individual's permission must be given before their name can be proposed to the Church Members for either the role of Elder or of Deacon.
- Appointments will be confirmed via a simple majority at a Church Members meeting, votes being made anonymously and counted by two trusted persons from the Church.
- Appointments will usually be for a duration of 3 years unless the person concerned: -
 - a) Chooses to stand for a shorter duration
 - b) Ceases to be a member of the Church
 - c) Resigns from their position
 - d) Is unable to continue in their position
 - e) Forfeits the confidence of the Church Members

Election of Charity Trustees

- Charity Trustees must subscribe or adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of beliefs of the Church.
- A Trustees meeting will decide as and when it considers the Church requires more Trustees. Appointments will be confirmed at a Church Members meeting.
- Members of the Church cannot nominate themselves or any family member for the role of Trustee.
- An individual's permission must be given before their name can be proposed to the Church Members the role of Trustee.
- Appointments will be confirmed via a simple majority at a Church Members meeting, votes being made anonymously and counted by two trusted persons from the Church.
- Future Trustees are to be elected at a General Meeting. One third (or the number

nearest one third) of the Trustees must retire at each AGM, those longest in office retiring first and the choice between any of equal service being made by agreement or failing agreement by the Chair.

- A retiring Trustee who remains qualified may be re-elected.
- Every Trustee after election or re-election must sign a declaration of willingness to act as a Charity Trustee of the Church before he may vote at any meeting of the Trustees.
- Appointments will usually be for a duration of 3 years unless the person concerned chooses to stand for a shorter duration
- A Trustee ceases to be a Trustee if he/she:
 - a) is or becomes disqualified under the Charities Act 2006 as amended or any other legislation from acting as a Charity Trustee;
 - b) ceases to be a member of the Church;
 - c) is incapable, whether mentally or physically, of managing his/her own affairs;
 - d) resigns by written notice to the Trustees (but only if at least three Trustees will remain in office);
 - e) or is removed for good and sufficient reason by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the other Trustees after they have invited the views of the Trustee concerned and considered the matter in the light of any such views including (without limitation) if he/she ceases in the reasonable opinion of the other Trustees to subscribe or adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.

Reflections on 2020 and what next for DCC:

What are we about? “Celebrating & Sharing the love of God”, which is the Greatest Commandment and as instructed by Jesus in The Great Commission. We seek to do that through focusing on 5 key biblical principles:-

- Belonging
- Worshipping
- Serving
- Growing
- Sharing

These reflect what occurred at the birth of the first Christian Church at Pentecost.

Belonging: every new Testament believer, with the exception of the dying thief, was ‘attached to’ a specific group of believers, Rome, Corinth etc. We call this Membership. Our belonging is cemented through ‘Believer’s Baptism’, which we do by total immersion and encouraging members to meet and spend time together.

Worshipping: Corporately we are able to do this when we meet together and this should be a priority. We should also seek to worship God through the way we live.

Serving: What gifts has God given us to use? We should seek to serve the Church in some capacity; using our gifts, and following Jesus’ example of serving.

Growing – We should not stand still spiritually, but look to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him. We grow from hearing and putting into practise God’s Word. This can be on our own or in a small group or when we meet together.

Sharing: We have the best news in the world and ought to share that in both word and deed.

Ministries like FoodShare are practical expressions of us 'sharing' our faith, as is how we are with one another. During the first lockdown, members were actively encouraged to telephone each other and maintain links and relationships with other members.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lisa Knight	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date		

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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Building Fund Receipts:	<u>20,140.00</u>	<u>3,966.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>169,918.66</u>	<u>155,635.21</u>
PAYMENTS		
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Catering	304.00	843.09
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Checked by
 Justine
 14/6/21

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

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APPENDIX 2

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Balance 1 st January	0.00
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12/10/20*

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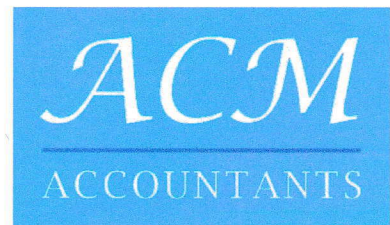


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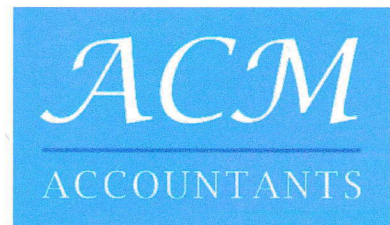


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