

Thanet Community Churches

England & Wales · Charity number 1163414

Details

Other names	COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-09-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATEMENT OF FAITH ATTACHED HERETO TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN RELATION TO THE DOCTRINES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND HARDSHIP

Activities: The church seeks to be a community that 'loves God, loves each other and loves Thanet'. To share the good news of Jesus and compassionately care for 'the least, the last and the lost' in our district. Relieving poverty and hardship, creating community, educating and sharing wisdom.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£309,462	£264,778	-	-
2023-08-31	£320,016	£278,407	-	-
2022-08-31	£220,970	£238,714	-	-
2021-08-31	£216,545	£208,339	-	-
2020-08-31	£232,923	£192,524	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Graham Lamberton	Chair	2021-09-01
David John Parkinson		2025-01-24
Karon Wheeler		2025-01-24

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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Trustees	Paul Gammans (resigned 24th Jan 2025) Brian Lamberton Edward Mussett (resigned 24th Jan 2025) David Parkinson (appointed 24th Jan 2025) Karon Wheeler (appointed 24th Jan 2025)
Key Staff	Craig Prentice (Team Leader)
Governing Document	CIO constitution dated May 2015
Charity Registration Number	1163414
Principal Address	The Corner 60 Whitehall Road Ramsgate CT12 6DF
Independent Examiner	Archie McDowall BA CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc CAF Bank Limited

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THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its Constitution. The objects of the charity, as set out in the governing document, are to advance the Christian Religion, in particular by seeking to be a community that loves God, loves each other and loves Ramsgate, to advance education and relieve poverty and hardship.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

August 2023 – December 2023 (Terms 1 & 2)

In August many of our programmes and groups had a well-deserved rest. However we took a large group of young people away to the Newday festival and the Corner Coffee House continued to serve local families in Ramsgate

In September, as we entered a new academic year, we restarted our programmes and groups. During this term we began the Colyer Fergusson-funded 'Empower Project'. Throughout this year we ran a number of different tried and tested support groups for local people. The Pheonix project supports women escaping cycles of domestic abuse. CAP Money Coaching seeks to equip people with the tools needed to oversee a balance budget. And Fresh Start which seeks to empower people to break free from life-controlling habits. All of these groups were well attended.

We continued to make use of the funding opportunities from the Margate Early Learning Community and ran a number of outdoor 'Stay & Play' groups at our rapidly developing 'Forget-Me-Not Allotment' project in Margate. This area of Margate is fast becoming the centre of our work in Margate. Over this period we also ran a Harvest Festival event. We had planned for this to be delivered at the Forget-Me-Not but this needed to be moved to the hall at the Corner due to poor weather.

topUP continued to support older adults over this period though the funding for this project is increasingly becoming difficult as the main funder, Orbit Housing, has significantly restructured the way projects can be financially support.

Our work with CAP Debt Help was paused in December during this season when the part-time Debt Centre Manager handed in her notice because she received an offer of full-time work with another employer. We will be considering how best to move forward with CAP Debt Help in the coming months.

We also began a new group for young men, attempting to help them grow in emotional, spiritual and physical fitness. This group grew over this period to some 15 young people.

It was during this season that we also began a termly-gathering to pray for and seek to support persecuted Christians around the world.

We also hosted a 'Walk Thru the Bible' event for the community which was reasonably well attended.

Over the Christmas period we celebrated the season in a variety of ways. We had a church family service and party and we also had a series of community events. In Margate we has a 'messy nativity event' at the Cliftonville Community Centre Hall. In Ramsgate we held our very popular Carols in the Park event with many 1000s of people coming to take part.

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Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements (continued)

January 2024 – April 2024 (Terms 3 & 4)

We began the new calendar year with a week of prayer. Most of the growing church family got involved in some way.

Sadly, it was decided during this week that we would need to close down the 'Community Church Broadstairs' church planting initiative. We had some unexpected challenges with the leadership team which made continuing with this plan impossible. We regrouped the people connected to the Broadstairs plant into the Ramsgate and Margate congregations. We will revisit to vision/plan to establish a Broadstairs church in the coming years.

Our various projects got back up and running after the Christmas break, but there was some anxiety about how the topUP project would continue after April 2024, as there were limited funding opportunities. This meant that the project could close in April 2024. However, we received funding through the Kent Community Foundation for the project – £5,000. We were also awarded £4,000 from the Relational Mission Community. The funding was collected at a joint churches together service. We are able to keep the project for another year.

The Parenting Together Margate programmes at the Forget-Me-Not allotment continued to grow and thrive. Surprisingly, the poor weather didn't appear to put families off coming to the outdoor play spaces.

In January a group of our young people attended a youth weekender at Carrotty Wood in Tunbridge Wells organised by friends at The City Church, Canterbury.

In February we had some other of our friends from the City Church Canterbury come and provide some training for the church in evangelism – particularly evangelism 'on the streets' with those we don't know yet. This was well received by those who attended.

It was also during this season that we began to encourage the church family to make use of the 'i61m' app and training, so we could grow to be a blessing to our neighbours, family and friends.

As a church family, once again we redoubled efforts to celebrate Easter with our community. In Margate we ran a set of family Easter celebration events using the popular Forget-Me-Not allotment space. In Ramsgate on Easter Sunday there was a large community fun day as part of the celebrations. For the Easter Sunday itself we baptised 6 new believers at a large Easter Sunday celebration at the Royal Harbour Academy School.

May 2024 – August 2024 (Terms 5 & 6)

After the Easter break we resumed our activities across Thanet and started a number of new initiatives during our 'month of mission' in June and July. These included opening a Friday night pop-up Pizzeria, which we called L'Angolo's (Italian for Corner) in the new outdoor space at the Corner. These popular nights were also followed by 'My Songs, My Story' evenings where we invited different singers to take a night and perform a number of live songs followed by their story of their faith journey.

Also, during this 'month of mission' we carried out 100s of '10:5:1' Spirituality Surveys with the general public. We asked people to give us 10 minutes of their time, answer 5 simple questions and for doing so they would receive a chocolate bar or sweet treat. This exercise gave us lots of very interesting info about our community and led to a number of invites to our wider work.

Also, during this 'month of mission' we trialled a programme that we called '5-minutes peace'. Parents who had children in the coffee house were invited to leave their children with our volunteer 'baby-sitters' in our of our lounges, whilst they went through to our prayer space for some peace & quiet.

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Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements (continued)

Also, during this 'month of mission' we showed a series of Football world cup games on the big telly in the Coffee House.

It was also in this term that we received some further good news that the Dorothy Kerin trust have awarded us funding to build a new cabin at the Forget-Me-Not Allotment in Margate.

In July/August of this year, once again, we took a group of young people to the Newday 2024 Christian youth festival. A great time was had by all.

This year has been very good in many ways, particularly the steady growth in Margate and the 'Month of Mission'. But it has also been incredibly challenging and disappointing, following the closing down of the Broadstairs church plant initiative.

That being said, we are so grateful for all the support we have received from funders and supporters that has enabled our work and the growth we have seen.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for setting policy and for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by Craig Prentice. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they occupy within the church.

Financial review

During the year income decreased by £10,554, to £309,462, and expenditure decreased by £13,629, to £264,778. As a result surplus for the year increased by £3,075, to £44,684, and the charity's net assets increased by the same amount, to £189,553. Net current assets increased by £49,435, to £180,642.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold net unrestricted current assets of no less than £50,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held net unrestricted current assets of £108,999, and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Key risks and uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

BGL
BGL (Jun 23, 2025 15:12 GMT+1)

BRIAN LAMBERTON

Date: Jun 23, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 on pages 7 to 18 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 9-11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation] you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall (Jun 24, 2025 15:23 GMT+1)

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Date: Jun 24, 2025

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	114,430	77,389	191,819	219,446
Charitable activities	4	117,442	-	117,442	100,189
Investments	5	201	-	201	381
Total income and endowments		232,072	77,389	309,462	320,016
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	176,774	88,004	264,778	278,407
Total expenditure		176,774	88,004	264,778	278,407
Net income/(expenditure)		55,298	(10,615)	44,684	41,609
Transfers between funds	15	(565)	565	-	-
Net movement in funds		54,733	(10,050)	44,684	41,609
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		58,315	86,554	144,869	103,260
Total funds carried forward	15	113,048	76,504	189,552	144,869

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 9-17 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	4,049	4,861	8,910	13,661
		<u>4,049</u>	<u>4,861</u>	<u>8,910</u>	<u>13,661</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	9	500	-	500	500
Debtors	10	31,098	-	31,098	12,734
Cash at bank and in hand	11	104,041	71,643	175,684	145,227
		135,640	71,643	207,283	158,461
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(26,640)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,640)</u>	<u>(27,253)</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>108,999</u>	<u>71,643</u>	<u>180,642</u>	<u>131,208</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>113,048</u>	<u>76,504</u>	<u>189,553</u>	<u>144,869</u>
FUND BALANCES	15				
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		107,189	-	107,189	52,455
Designated funds		5,860	-	5,860	5,860
		<u>113,048</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,048</u>	<u>58,315</u>
Restricted Funds		-	76,504	76,504	86,554
		<u>113,048</u>	<u>76,504</u>	<u>189,552</u>	<u>144,869</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

BGL

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BRIAN LAMBERTON

Date: Jun 23, 2025

Charity number: 1163414

The notes on page 9-17 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

- iii) **Legacies.** Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from the coffee shop operated by the charity and room hire.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from and bank interest.

c) **Expenditure**

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) **Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) **Tangible fixed assets**

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Leasehold improvements	Over the lease term or, if shorter, expected useful life
Equipment	Over 4 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

g) **Stocks**

Stocks of goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks of donated items held for distribution to beneficiaries are measured at fair value; stocks of goods donated for the charity's own use are valued at an estimate of their value to the charity.

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- h) Pension scheme arrangements
The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.
- i) Taxation
The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.
- j) Financial instruments
The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).
- k) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement
The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.
- l) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	103,766	75,636
Other grants receivable	77,822	134,342
Income tax recoverable	10,231	9,469
	191,819	219,446

4 Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Building & room hire income	53,601	48,370
Coffee shop sales	62,665	50,623
Other income	1,176	1,196
	117,442	100,189

5 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	201	381
	201	381

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6 Charitable expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Employment costs	122,725	150,132
Rent	6,361	16,390
Maintenance	12,361	14,260
Utilities	13,298	16,533
Equipment and resources	14,359	12,497
Coffee shop costs	21,284	19,167
Ministry expenses	4,042	1,942
Miscellaneous expenses	7,448	8,740
	<u>201,878</u>	<u>239,660</u>
Grants payable (note 6c)	3,565	4,464
	<u>205,443</u>	<u>244,124</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	3,780	3,600
	<u>3,780</u>	<u>3,600</u>
Administration	7,778	9,917
Contractor costs	38,693	12,016
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,751	4,751
Insurance	4,333	3,999
	<u>59,335</u>	<u>34,283</u>
Total expenditure	<u>264,778</u>	<u>278,407</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £3,780 (2023: £3,600); in addition the charity paid £1,329 (2023: £1,329) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions	Individuals	2024
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	600	-	600
Grants for the relief of poverty	1,800	1,165	2,965
	<u>2,400</u>	<u>1,165</u>	<u>3,565</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2023
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	600	-	600
Grants for the relief of poverty	3,000	864	3,864
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>4,464</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Christians Against Poverty	1,800	3,000
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	600	600
	<u>2,400</u>	<u>3,600</u>

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7 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 15 (2023: 16). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £31,581 (2023: £30,546).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2024 £
Cost		
At 1 September 2023	19,004	19,004
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 August 2024	19,004	19,004
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 September 2023	5,342	5,342
Charge for the year	4,751	4,751
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
At 31 August 2024	10,093	10,093
Net book value		
At 31 August 2024	8,910	8,910
At 31 August 2023	13,661	13,661

In addition, the charity occupies The Corner, 60 Whitehall Road, Ramsgate, on the basis of a lease at a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum from the freeholder, the Maurice and Hilda Laing Charitable Trust. The lease is due for renewal in 2026 and the charity has no reason to expect that it will not be renewed. However, the charity's interest in the property cannot be reliably valued, although the current insurance value of the building and contents, including those referenced above is £1,547,803.

9 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Purchased for re-sale, at cost	500	500
	500	500

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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10 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	11,502	2,712
Tax recoverable	19,597	9,366
Prepayments and accrued income	-	656
Total debtors	31,098	12,734

11 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	175,554	145,097
Petty cash	130	130
	175,684	145,227

12 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	3,860	3,653
Accruals	3,780	3,600
Deferred income	19,000	20,000
	26,640	27,253

13 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises the following:

	Grants	2024	2023
		£	£
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	20,000	20,000	-
Amount released to income	(20,000)	(20,000)	-
Amount deferred in year	19,000	19,000	20,000
Balance at the end of the reporting period	19,000	19,000	20,000

The income deferred at the period end will be released to income over the following periods:

Within one year	19,000	19,000	20,000
	19,000	19,000	20,000

The deferred income relates to a grant which is funding a series of projects over a 3 year period as part of the 'Empower' fund. A grant of £20,000 was received in July 2023 to fund a series of projects under the 'Empower' fund with effect from September 2023, which was released in the current period. Another grant of £19,000 was received in July 2024 which has been deferred for use in the 2024/25 accounting period. As this project and the expenditure related to the funding does not commence until after the balance sheet date, and the grant remains repayable to the funder if it is not expended, it has been categorised as Deferred Income in these financial statements.

14 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £1,571 (2023: £1,571) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. Pension contributions of £295 were owing at the balance sheet date (2023: £295).

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15 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Gains and losses 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Mission Partners	5,860	-	-	-	-	5,860
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	5,860	-	-	-	-	5,860
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	52,455	232,072	(176,774)	(565)	-	107,188
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Total Unrestricted Funds	58,315	232,072	(176,774)	(565)	-	113,048
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<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Church Planting	26,829	-	-	-	-	26,829
Top-UP Project	13,439	5,000	(18,875)	436	-	-
The Corner (St Ben's)	35,241	44,880	(38,436)	-	-	41,685
Biblical Counselling	150	-	-	-	-	150
Empower	-	19,000	(17,147)	-	-	1,853
Parenting Together Margate	5,907	8,509	(10,510)	-	-	3,906
Parenting Together Ramsgate	1,864	-	-	-	-	1,864
Special Offering	218	-	-	-	-	218
Our Space	2,906	-	(3,036)	129	-	-
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	86,554	77,389	(88,004)	565	-	76,504
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Aggregate of funds	144,869	309,462	(264,778)	-	-	189,552
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Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	4,049	-	4,861	8,910
Stock	500	-	-	500
Debtors	31,098	-	-	31,098
Cash at bank and in hand	98,182	5,860	71,643	175,684
Creditors falling due within one year	(26,640)	-	-	(26,640)
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	107,189	5,860	76,504	189,553
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THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
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15 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Gains and losses 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Mission Partners	5,860	-	-	-	-	5,860
	5,860	-	-	-	-	5,860
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	49,335	206,164	(208,594)	5,551	-	52,455
Total Unrestricted Funds	55,195	206,164	(208,594)	5,551	-	58,315
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Church Planting	28,664	-	-	(1,835)	-	26,829
Top-UP Project	13,522	11,000	(10,517)	(566)	-	13,439
The Corner (St Ben's)	4,691	31,000	(450)	-	-	35,241
Biblical Counselling	150	-	-	-	-	150
Their First 1000 Days in Ramsgate	875	-	(875)	-	-	0
Parenting Together Margate	(4,992)	60,050	(46,001)	(3,150)	-	5,907
Parenting Together Ramsgate	4,937	103	(3,176)	-	-	1,864
Special Offering	218	-	-	-	-	218
Our Space	-	11,700	(8,794)	-	-	2,906
	48,065	113,853	(69,813)	(5,551)	-	86,554
Aggregate of funds	103,260	320,017	(278,407)	-	-	144,869

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	6,074	-	7,587	13,661
Stock	500	-	-	500
Debtors	12,734	-	-	12,734
Cash at bank and in hand	59,343	5,860	80,024	145,227
Creditors falling due within one year	(26,195)	-	(1,058)	(27,253)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	-	-	-
	52,455	5,860	86,554	144,869

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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15 Funds (continued)

The **Church Planting** fund is a fund that the church members tithe specifically to see and resource churches to be planted.

The **Top-UP Project** is funded by Orbit Housing and seeks to relieve poverty for older adults. The project focuses on Orbit customers who are over 55, informing them of the benefits they are entitled to and empowering them to apply. The transfer to this fund is to ensure the fund is not in deficit.

The **Corner** Fund relates to giving specifically for The Corner and its development.

The **Biblical Counselling** fund has been set up for the benefit of those seeking counselling.

Their First 1000 Days in Ramsgate is a small Kent County Council funded project, in partnership with Fegans, seeking to provide advice, information, support and inspiration to local parents with young children. It uses social media to engage with young local parents. It seeks to support parents who have experienced their own 'adverse' childhood experiences.

The **Parenting Together – Margate** Fund is for parenting projects in Margate. A grant from Save the Children's Margate Early Learning Community – Innovation Fund was received in October 2022 and subsequent crowdfunding achieved for the 'Forget-me-not' allotment.

The **Parenting Together – Ramsgate** Fund is for parenting projects in Ramsgate. This was started with funding from a KCC Early Help Grant of £10,938.

The **Special Offering** Fund is to help people in situations of hardship and/or crisis

The **Our Space** fund is a partnership with Fegans, funded by Save the Children, to create a group for parents to have 'time out' for their own mental health and wellbeing, and be supported in their parenting, while their children are also cared for safely and effectively in a happy and nurturing learning environment. The transfer to this fund is to ensure the fund is not in deficit.

16 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £5,140 (2023: £3,600) from trustees.
- b) no expenses (2023: nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees in relation to carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- c) Nadine Lamberton, who is closely related to Brian Lamberton, who is a trustee, received employment benefits totalling £nil (2023: £9,121) for providing media services.
- d) Emma Prentice, who is closely related to Craig Prentice, who is a member of key management, received employment benefits totalling £3,200 (2023: £3,123) for providing employment services to the charity
- e) Nathan Prentice, who is closely related to Craig Prentice, who is a member of key management, received employment benefits totalling £6,724 (2023: £6,815) for providing employment services to the charity

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
		General 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	General 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	114,430	-	77,389	191,819	105,593	-	113,853	219,446
Charitable activities	4	117,442	-	-	117,442	100,189	-	-	100,189
Investments	5	201	-	-	201	381	-	-	381
Total income and endowments		232,072	-	77,389	309,462	206,163	-	113,853	320,016
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	6	176,774	-	88,004	264,778	208,594	-	69,813	278,407
Total Expenditure		176,774	-	88,004	264,778	208,594	-	69,813	278,407
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-			-	-			-
Net income/(expenditure)		55,298	-	(10,615)	44,684	(2,431)	-	44,040	41,609
Transfers between funds	15	(565)	-	565	-	5,551	-	(5,551)	-
		54,733	-	(10,050)	44,684	3,120	-	38,489	41,609
Other recognised gains/(losses):									
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-				-
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	14				-				-
Other gains/(losses)					-				-
Net movement in funds		54,733	-	(10,050)	44,684	3,120	-	38,489	41,609
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		52,455	5,860	86,554	144,869	49,335	5,860	48,065	103,260
Total funds carried forward	15	107,188	5,860	76,504	189,553	52,455	5,860	86,554	144,869

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THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Trustees	Paul Gammans Brian Lamberton Edward Mussett
Key Staff	Craig Prentice (Team Leader)
Governing Document	CIO constitution dated May 2015
Charity Registration Number	1163414
Principal Address	The Corner 60 Whitehall Road Ramsgate CT12 6DF
Independent Examiner	Archie McDowall BA CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc CAF Bank Limited

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THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its Constitution. The objects of the charity, as set out in the governing document, are to advance the Christian Religion, in particular by seeking to be a community that loves God, loves each other and loves Ramsgate, to advance education and relieve poverty and hardship.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

August 2022 – December 2022 (Terms 1 & 2)

As we entered a new academic year in September, we redoubled our efforts to make the most of the final year of the Community Evangelist role in Margate – funded by the Laing Family Trusts and the Willats trust. Our worker recruited new volunteers to help with the Fresh Start programme, CAP Debt Help service and the CAP Money Coaching courses.

In August we received funding from 'Save the Children's' 'Margate Early Learning Community (MELC)' to develop 2 programmes for families with children under 5. We were awarded funding to:

- Develop our allotment space to create a children's play area and build a classroom.
- Run 7 new Parent and Toddler groups – either at the allotment (Play & Grow), Cliftonville Community Centre (Stay & Play) or a local beach (Outdoor Play School) – in partnership with the Tide & Seek beach school.
- Support parents to access support – basic information, support and inspiration.
- Produce an online Vlog enabling parents to see what support/groups are available in Margate.
- Taking on a permanent office space at the Cliftonville Community Centre.

Over these months we saw the project launched and rapidly grow as a successful set of programmes engaging with many hundreds of local families.

As we approached the winter, there were many reports about the national 'cost of living crisis'. There was a threat that many people in Thanet would have to choose between 'eat or heat'. We set up a 'Warm Welcome Space' at the Corner a few days and early evenings each week. We recruited and trained volunteers to staff this project. Though we had some visitors it was clear by early January that this service was not really needed.

Over the Christmas period we celebrated the season in a variety of ways. We had a church family service and party and we also had a series of community events. In Broadstairs we had an evening Carol singing event at a small pub. In Margate we hired in some live animals for a set of Live Nativity events at the allotment. In Ramsgate we held our very popular Carols in the Park event with many 1000s of people coming to take part.

January 2023 – April 2023 (Terms 3 & 4)

We began the new calendar year with a week of prayer. Most of the growing church family got involved in some way.

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Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements (continued)

Our various projects got back up and running after the Christmas break, but there was some anxiety about how the topUP project would continue after April 2023, as there was limited funding opportunities. This meant that the project may close in April 2023. However, we received funding through the Kent Community Foundation for the project – £5,000 from the Dulverton Foundation for which we were very grateful. Kent Community Foundation gave us an additional £1,000 for Covid-recovery. We were also awarded £5,000 from Orbit Housing for the project. This was a large reduction in funding from them, but we were also very grateful for this. Likewise, our local church network – the Relational Mission Community gave us £5,000 towards the project. The funding was collected at a joint churches together service.

The new set of Parenting Together Margate programmes at the Margate allotment continued to grow and thrive. Surprisingly, the poor weather didn't appear to put families off coming to the outdoor play spaces.

The funding was due to come to an end at the end of March 2023, but though some elements of the project did cease, we were able to continue some of the Stay & Play groups both at the allotment and Cliftonville Community Centre.

As a church family we made extra efforts to celebrate Easter with our community. In Margate we ran a set of family Easter celebration events using the popular allotment space. In Broadstairs we used a partnering school and children's centre to run an Easter Trail – this was very well attended and received by the community. In Ramsgate on Easter Sunday there was a large community fun day as part of the celebrations.

For the Easter Sunday itself we baptised a number of new believers over two services – one in Ramsgate and one in Margate.

Over this season, the Community Church Broadstairs small group began to meet on the 4th Sunday of each month and started to experiment with using the Callis Children's Centre as a possible location and community base.

May 2023 – August 2023 (Terms 5 & 6)

After the Easter break we resumed our activities across Thanet and started a number of new initiatives.

For the growing number of teenage young men in the church family we started a group that incorporated Christian teaching and also physical fitness and wellbeing – 'Mind, Body, Spirit Fitness' (though the group has come to be called 'Jehovah's Fitness' amongst the participants).

We also began an Alpha course just before Easter and this was continued with a number of guests across this term.

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Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements (continued)

With the emerging CCB church planting small group, we began running a 'Stay and Play' group for families in Broadstairs, using the Callis Grange children's centre. This began to become quite popular with many of the small group giving their time.

During this term we were also very pleased to hear that Colyer Fergusson had agreed to fund the next 3 years of the 'Empower Project'. Where from September we will run a number of different tried and tested support groups for local people. The Phoenix project supports women escaping cycles of domestic abuse. CAP Money Coaching seeks to equip people with the tools needed to oversee a balance budget. And Fresh Start which seeks to empower people to break free from life-controlling habits.

It was also in this term that we received the good news that the Dorothy Kerin trust have awarded us funding to create an outdoor seating area and class room at the Corner. We will build a large Gazebo/class room area, as well as a paved seating area with BBQ and covered pergola. This will help us develop our work into the community in Ramsgate.

Also during this term we worked with the Space Hive Fund crowd-funding platform to raise money for the groups at the allotment – now called the 'Forget-me-not Allotment'. We ran a series of events including a quiz which raised money, which was then match funded by the NHS and Kent County Council. This money will be spent funding staff to oversee Stay & Play sessions at the allotment in September.

In July/August of this year we took a group of young people to the Newday 2023 Christian youth festival. A great time was had by all.

This year we have also seen significant growth in our community impact, particularly through life and mission in Margate. We are so grateful for all the support we have received from funders and supporters that has enabled this.

Looking to the near future, we are excited about relaunching the Community Church Broadstairs plant with their own Sunday gathering based at the Callis Grange Children's Centre.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for setting policy and for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by Craig Prentice. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they occupy within the church.

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Financial review

During the year income increased by £111,326, to £320,017, and expenditure increased by £44,880, to £278,407. As a result surplus for the year increased by £66,446, to £41,610, from a deficit the previous year of £24,836, and the charity's net assets increased by the same amount, to £144,869. Net current assets increased by £29,723, to £131,208.

The significant increase in income and expenditure was largely as a result of the expansion of the Parenting Together project in Margate, following the receipt of grant funding from Save the Children early in the financial year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold net unrestricted current assets of no less than £50,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held net unrestricted current assets of £52,251, and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Key risks and uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Brian Lamberton

[Brian Lamberton \(Jun 26, 2024 16:08 GMT+1\)](#)

BRIAN LAMBERTON

Date: Jun 26, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 on pages 8 to 20 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 10-12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation] you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Archie McDowall
Archie McDowall (Jun 27, 2024 10:51 GMT+1)

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London
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Date: Jun 27, 2024

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	105,594	113,853	219,446	124,376
Charitable activities	4	100,189	-	100,189	84,315
Investments	5	381	-	381	-
Total income and endowments		206,164	113,853	320,017	208,691
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	208,594	69,813	278,407	233,527
Total expenditure		208,594	69,813	278,407	233,527
Net income/(expenditure)		(2,430)	44,040	41,610	(24,836)
Transfers between funds	15	5,551	(5,551)	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,121	38,489	41,610	(24,836)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		55,195	48,065	103,259	128,095
Total funds carried forward	15	58,316	86,554	144,869	103,259

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 10-19 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Note				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	6,074	7,587	13,661	1,775
		<u>6,074</u>	<u>7,587</u>	<u>13,661</u>	<u>1,775</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	9	500	-	500	500
Debtors	10	12,734	-	12,734	23,887
Cash at bank and in hand	11	65,203	80,024	145,227	80,640
		78,437	80,024	158,461	105,027
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(26,195)</u>	<u>(1,058)</u>	<u>(27,253)</u>	<u>(3,543)</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>52,241</u>	<u>78,967</u>	<u>131,208</u>	<u>101,485</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>58,316</u>	<u>86,554</u>	<u>144,869</u>	<u>103,259</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	15				
General funds		52,456	-	52,456	49,335
Designated funds		5,860	-	5,860	5,860
		<u>58,316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,316</u>	<u>55,195</u>
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	86,554	86,554	48,065
		<u>58,316</u>	<u>86,554</u>	<u>144,869</u>	<u>103,259</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Brian Lamberton
Brian Lamberton (Jun 26, 2024 16:08 GMT+1)

 BRIAN LAMBERTON

 Jun 26, 2024
 Date: _____

Charity number: 1163414

The notes on page 10-19 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The previous year's accounts were prepared using the receipts and payments basis but, this year, the charity was obliged to prepare its accounts using the accruals basis. The results for 2022, which are comparatives quoted in these accounts, have been restated using the accruals basis (see note 18 for details).

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from the coffee shop operated by the charity and room hire.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from and bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Leasehold improvements	Over the lease term or, if shorter, expected useful life
Equipment	Over 4 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

g) Stocks

Stocks of goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.] [Stocks of donated items held for distribution to beneficiaries are measured at fair value; stocks of goods donated for the charity's own use are valued at an estimate of their value to the charity.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
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- h) Pension scheme arrangements
The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.
- i) Taxation
The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.
- j) Financial instruments
The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).
- k) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement
The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.
- l) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	75,636	53,034
Other grants receivable	134,342	62,037
Income tax recoverable	9,469	9,306
	219,446	124,376

4 Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Building & room hire income	48,370	40,484
Coffee shop sales	50,623	42,284
Other income	1,196	1,547
	100,189	84,315

5 Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest	381	-
	381	-

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6 Charitable expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Employment costs	150,132	136,275
Rent	16,390	5,930
Maintenance	14,260	11,741
Utilities	16,533	13,528
Equipment and resources	12,497	6,748
Coffee shop costs	19,167	14,596
Ministry expenses	1,942	2,764
Miscellaneous expenses	8,740	4,989
	<u>239,660</u>	<u>196,570</u>
Grants payable (note 8c)	4,464	5,940
	<u>244,124</u>	<u>202,510</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	3,600	1,776
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>1,776</u>
Administration	9,917	8,653
Contractor costs	12,016	16,300
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,751	592
Insurance	3,999	3,697
	<u>34,283</u>	<u>31,017</u>
Total expenditure	<u>278,407</u>	<u>233,527</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £3,600 (2022: £1,776); in addition the charity paid £1,329 (2022: £1,088) to Stewardship for payroll bureau services.

c Grants payable

	Institutions	Individuals	2023
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	600	-	600
Grants for the relief of poverty	3,000	864	3,864
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>4,464</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2022
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	920	-	920
Grants for the relief of poverty	3,618	1,402	5,020
	<u>4,538</u>	<u>1,402</u>	<u>5,940</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Christians Against Poverty	3,000	3,000
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	600	1,538
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>4,538</u>

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7 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 15.6 (2022: 11.8). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £30,546 (2022: £28,702).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2023 £
Cost		
At 1 September 2022	2,366	2,366
Additions	16,638	16,638
Disposals	-	-
At 31 August 2023	19,004	19,004
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 September 2022	592	592
Charge for the year	4,751	4,751
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
At 31 August 2023	5,342	5,342
Net book value		
At 31 August 2023	13,661	13,661
At 31 August 2022	1,775	1,775

In addition, the charity occupies The Corner, 60 Whitehall Road, Ramsgate, on the basis of a lease at a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum from the freeholder, the Maurice and Hilda Laing Charitable Trust. The lease is due for renewal in 2026 and the charity has no reason to expect that it will not be renewed. However, the charity's interest in the property cannot be reliably valued, although the current insurance value of the building and contents, including those referenced above is £1,547,803.

9 Stock

	2023 £	2022 £
Purchased for re-sale, at cost	500	500
	500	500

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10 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	2,712	350
Tax recoverable	9,366	19,492
Prepayments and accrued income	656	4,045
Total debtors	<u>12,734</u>	<u>23,887</u>

11 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	145,097	80,510
Petty cash	130	130
	<u>145,227</u>	<u>80,640</u>

12 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	3,653	297
Accruals	3,600	3,246
Deferred income	20,000	-
	<u>27,253</u>	<u>3,543</u>

13 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises the following:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	-	-
Amount released to income	-	-
Amount deferred in year	20,000	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>

The income deferred at the period end will be released to income over the following periods:

Within one year	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>

A grant of £20,000 was received in July 2023 to fund a series of projects under the 'Empower' fund with effect from September 2023. As this project and the expenditure does not commence until after the balance sheet date, and the grant remains repayable to the funder if it is not expended, it has been categorised as Deferred Income in these financial statements.

14 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £1,571 (2022: £1,578) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. Pension contributions of £295 were owing at the balance sheet date (2022: £297).

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
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15 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Gains and losses 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Mission Partners	5,860	-	-	-	-	5,860
	5,860	-	-	-	-	5,860
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	49,335	206,164	(208,594)	5,551	-	52,456
Total Unrestricted Funds	55,195	206,164	(208,594)	5,551	-	58,316
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Church Planting	28,664	-	-	(1,835)	-	26,829
Top-UP Project	13,522	11,000	(10,517)	(566)	-	13,439
The Corner (St Ben's)	4,691	31,000	(450)	-	-	35,241
Biblical Counselling	150	-	-	-	-	150
Their First 1000 Days in Ramsgate	875	-	(875)	-	-	-
Parenting Together Margate	(4,992)	60,050	(46,001)	(3,150)	-	5,907
Parenting Together Ramsgate	4,937	103	(3,176)	-	-	1,864
Special Offering	218	-	-	-	-	218
Our Space	-	11,700	(8,794)	-	-	2,906
	48,065	113,853	(69,813)	(5,551)	-	86,554
Aggregate of funds	103,259	320,017	(278,407)	-	-	144,869

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	6,074	-	7,587	13,661
Stock	500	-	-	500
Debtors	12,734	-	-	12,734
Cash at bank and in hand	59,343	5,860	80,024	145,227
Creditors falling due within one year	(26,195)	-	(1,058)	(27,253)
	52,456	5,860	86,554	144,869

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15 Funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Gains and losses 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Mission Partners	5,860	-	-	-	-	5,860
	<u>5,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,860</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	68,080	152,597	(181,562)	10,221	-	49,335
	<u>68,080</u>	<u>152,597</u>	<u>(181,562)</u>	<u>10,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,335</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>73,939</u>	<u>152,597</u>	<u>(181,562)</u>	<u>10,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,195</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Church Planting	31,579	-	-	(2,915)	-	28,664
Top-UP Project	8,715	19,654	(14,847)	-	-	13,522
The Corner (St Ben's)	4,676	15	-	-	-	4,691
Biblical Counselling	150	-	-	-	-	150
FCSS (JAM)	7,869	9,250	(10,031)	(7,089)	-	-
Town & Country	(248)	-	-	248	-	-
Their First 1000 Days in Ramsgate	1,414	15,000	(15,074)	(465)	-	875
Parenting Together Margate	-	-	(4,992)	-	-	(4,992)
Parenting Together Ramsgate	-	10,938	(6,001)	-	-	4,937
Special Offering	-	1,238	(1,020)	-	-	218
	<u>54,156</u>	<u>56,095</u>	<u>(51,965)</u>	<u>(10,221)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,065</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>128,095</u>	<u>208,691</u>	<u>(233,527)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,259</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds			2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	1,775	1,775
Stock	500	-	-	500
Debtors	19,842	-	4,045	23,887
Cash at bank and in hand	32,535	5,860	42,245	80,640
Creditors falling due within one year	(3,543)	-	-	(3,543)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	-	-	-
	<u>49,335</u>	<u>5,860</u>	<u>48,065</u>	<u>103,259</u>

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15 Funds (continued)

The **Church Planting** fund is a fund that the church members tithe specifically to see and resource churches to be planted. The transfer was written into the funding bids for the Community Church Margate Evangelist role as this position was created to enable the effective planting of the Margate Church.

The **Top-UP Project** is funded by Orbit Housing and seeks to relieve poverty for older adults. The project focuses on Orbit customers who are over 55, informing them of the benefits they are entitled to and empowering them to apply. This has been extended with further funding from Orbit (£5,000), Town & Country (£5,000, to include a focus on their clients), the Relational Mission Community Fund (£5,000) and Kent Community Foundation/Dulverton Trust Fund (£6,000). The transfer covers project

The **Corner** Fund relates to giving specifically for The Corner and its development.

The **Biblical Counselling** fund has been set up for the benefit of those seeking counselling.

The **FCSS** Fund was funded by Orbit to deliver the Financial Capability Support Service. This was later renamed this **JAM (Just About Managing)**. This project was to help Orbit residents understand and manage their money more effectively and finished in March 2022. The project ran during the height of the Covid Pandemic and it was agreed with the funder that the staff member (employed with the funding) and the management oversight of the project, as well as other budgeting cost could be incorporated into our 'Covid Response' for our service users. At the end of the project funds were transferred into the General Fund to cover these management, office and advertising costs.

The **Town & Country** Fund is funded by the housing association for the delivery of 'CAP Money' and 'TopUp' programmes.

Their First 1000 Days in Ramsgate is a small Kent County Council funded project, in partnership with Fegans, seeking to provide advice, information, support and inspiration to local parents with young children. It uses social media to engage with young local parents. It seeks to support parents who have experienced their own 'adverse' childhood experiences. The transfer to the General Fund covers the cost of hiring 'The Corner' and associated project management costs.

The **Parenting Together – Margate** Fund is for parenting projects in Margate. A grant from Save the Children's Margate Early Learning Community – Innovation Fund was received in October 2022 and subsequent crowdfunding achieved for the 'Forget-me-not' allotment. The transfer covers project management costs incurred by the General Fund.

The **Parenting Together – Ramsgate** Fund is for parenting projects in Ramsgate. This has been started with funding from KCC Early Help Grant of £10,938.

The **Special Offering** Fund is to help people in situations of hardship and/or crisis

The **Our Space** fund is a partnership with Fegans, funded by Save the Children, to create a group for parents to have 'time out' for their own mental health and wellbeing, and be supported in their parenting, while their children are also cared for safely and effectively in a happy and nurturing learning environment.

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17 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £3,600 from trustees.
- b) no expenses (2022: nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees in relation to carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity also made the following payments to, or for, related parties:

- c) Nadine Lamberton, who is closely related to Brian Lamberton, who is a trustee, received employment benefits totalling £9,121 (2022: £9,541) for providing media services.
- d) Emma Prentice, who is closely related to Craig Prentice, who is a member of key management, received employment benefits totalling £3,123 (2022: £13,395) for providing employment services to the charity
- e) Nathan Prentice, who is closely related to Craig Prentice, who is a member of key management, received employment benefits totalling £6,815 (2022: £4,427) for providing employment services to the charity

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

18 Reconciliation with previously reported funds

In the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the receipts and payments basis; in the current year the charity's income exceeded £250,000 and so it is now obliged to use the accruals basis for the preparation of its accounts. The comparatives presented in these accounts have been re-stated using the accruals basis and a reconciliation with the reserves and results reported previously follows:

Reconciliation of reserves

	2022	2021
	£	£
Previously reported reserves, at 31 August	80,640	98,384
Adjustments arising from use of accruals basis:		
Inclusion of previously excluded fixed assets	1,775	-
Inclusion of previously excluded debtors	23,887	32,121
Inclusion of previously excluded stock	500	500
Inclusion of previously excluded creditors	(3,543)	(2,910)
Re-stated reserves, at 31 August	<u>103,259</u>	<u>128,095</u>

Reconciliation of results

	2022
	£
Previously reported results	(17,744)
Adjustments arising from use of accruals basis:	
Capitalised expenditure less depreciation	1,775
Movements in debtors resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(8,234)
Movements in stock resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	-
Movements in creditors resulting in the recognition of less / (more) expenditure	(633)
Re-stated results	<u>(24,836)</u>

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds				
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	105,594	-	113,853	219,446	68,282	-	56,095	124,376
Charitable activities	4	100,189	-	-	100,189	84,315	-	-	84,315
Investments	5	381	-	-	381	-	-	-	-
Total income and endowments		206,164	-	113,853	320,017	152,597	-	56,095	208,691
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	6	208,594	-	69,813	278,407	181,562	-	51,965	233,527
Total Expenditure		208,594	-	69,813	278,407	181,562	-	51,965	233,527
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-		-	-	-		-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(2,430)	-	44,040	41,610	(28,966)	-	4,130	(24,836)
Transfers between funds	15	5,551	-	(5,551)	-	10,221	-	(10,221)	-
		3,121	-	38,489	41,610	(18,745)	-	(6,091)	(24,836)
Other recognised gains/(losses):									
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					-				-
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	14				-				-
Other gains/(losses)					-				-
Net movement in funds		3,121	-	38,489	41,610	(18,745)	-	(6,091)	(24,836)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		49,335	5,860	48,065	103,259	68,080	5,860	54,156	128,095
Total funds carried forward	15	52,456	5,860	86,554	144,869	49,335	5,860	48,065	103,259

Thanet Community Churches

England & Wales - Charity number 1163414

Accounts

Thanet Community Churches

(Formerly Community Church
Ramsgate)

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**THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
(FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Mr Craig Prentice The Corner 60 Whitehall Road Ramsgate Kent CT12 6DF
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - registered 04 September 2015
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1163414
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Paul Gammans Aaron Wish - appointed 14/09/20, stood down 24/05/22 Brian Lamberton Edward Mussett - appointed 13/06/22
Banker	Lloyds Bank plc
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**THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
(FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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Objects of the charity

The objects of the church are to advance the Christian Religion, in particular by seeking to be a community that loves God, loves each other and loves Ramsgate, to advance education and relieve poverty and hardship.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

August 2021 – December 2021 (Terms 1 & 2)

In this season we continued and strengthened our various projects as we entered a 'post-Covid world'. Our CAP projects re-gained momentum and we recruited more volunteers from the church. The Family Wellbeing Journey increased participation and the Corner and Coffee House steadily increased to pre-Covid levels of engagement. The JAM project came to an end.

We saw some miraculous transformations of people's lives through the Fresh Start addictions and dependencies programme. A number of individuals have spent this last year significantly growing in their new life and fresh start.

We recruited to a vacant post for the topUP project however, our major funder (Orbit Housing Association) sadly had to cease funding by January 2022. This brought to an end a generous 4+ years partnership with significant funding for the project. The funder had a change in structure meaning projects of our type couldn't access such significant funds. However, Orbit and another Housing association Town & Country did fund us £5K each so the topUP project could continue from Jan 2022, but it was a much smaller project.

In this season we also settled into our new Sunday gathering rhythm for the church family. In July we had implemented our new Sunday gathering structure and rhythm, and formally launched 'Community Church Broadstairs' as our third small congregation. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays in a month, we had the 3 congregations gathering across Thanet in 3 locations. In the morning, CCR gathered at the Corner, and at the same time CCM gathered at the Margate Caves Community Rooms – though this changed to the larger 'Cliftonville Community Centre' in September. In the afternoon on these Sundays CCB gathered at the Baptist Church St. Peters building. On the 2nd Sunday of the month all three congregations gathered together for a 'Together Sunday'. From September we started using a central Thanet school as a venue. On the 4th Sundays of the month the church gathered in homes as 'Home Groups' across Thanet – for fellowship, local mission and prayer.

In this season on these 4th Sundays, some Home Groups ran outreach projects together. For example, one home group started 'Sunday Connections' a 'church service for older adults and those with dementia'. Likewise, another Home Group ran a monthly 'Messy Church' event – this ceased in February 2022, but the Sunday Connections service is growing each month.

Sadly, in November 2021, our Community Evangelist in Broadstairs left the church to pursue her own vision for church planting on the estate we were serving. Around half the small flock 'followed' her in establishing her new venture. This was a huge blow for us as a leadership team and also for people who were part of the CCB plant. In January we decided to bring the 12 or so remaining people in the young flock together with the Margate Sunday gathering – which has proved very fruitful. Though there has been some activity and growth continuing in Broadstairs, we intend to relaunch the CCB plant at some point in 2023.

Christmas was a wonderful time of celebration with large outdoor community events in Broadstairs and Ramsgate. Sadly, a 'wave of Covid' meant that we moved our Margate event from inside at Cliftonville Community Centre to join our outdoor events at the bandstand in Ramsgate.

January 2022 – April 2022 (Terms 3 & 4)

In this season, one of our Elders, started a day-a-week paid role for the church. This has significantly strengthened the pastoring of the Ramsgate flock and also our general communications to people inside and outside the church family. We draw on the strengths and skills of a number of folk in the church family to formalise a 'communications strategy and processes' that would help us continue to grow well.

In addition to the strengthening of the paid Elders, we began the process of assessing and appointing a 4th Elder, who would particularly serve the Broadstairs church plant.

A significant development in Margate has been 2 new programmes. We started a Parent & Toddler Group run by our volunteers which quickly became very full and successful at reaching local families. This has formed the basis of applying for funding from Save the Children's Margate Early Learning Community – see below.

A second major development for the Margate mission was taking on a large allotment space in the Dane Valley area. The site was almost completely derelict and overgrown, but our Margate community evangelist and a number in the church developed a vision to use the space to engage with local people teaching them to grow their own food in the context of supportive community. This project has already proved to be an excellent way of deepening helping relationships with local vulnerable people.

At Easter we Baptised 5 new believers. 3 at the Margate Easter celebration service and 2 at the Ramsgate Easter Celebration service.

May 2022 – August 2022 (Terms 5 & 6)

In this season we began an experiment to extend our Coffee House opening hours to the evenings. We already had evening groups in the Corner using the hall but the Coffee House closed at 6pm. We recruited new staff and began offering coffee, cake and community to the hall users and wider community. It is fair to say that that experiment has proved unsuccessful – we did not get enough people making use of the Coffee House, so we brought this to an end in August.

We were successful in an application for a 3rd year of Kent County Council funding for our parenting project. The 'Parenting Together' project has been a successful partnership with Fegans (who are also based at the Corner). Under the new 'Parenting Together' heading, we started a new Parent and Toddler group at the Corner and 2 evening gatherings for local parents, as well as continuing a weekly support group and 1:2:1 support. The Parent & Toddler Group – names 'Stay and Play' has proved a great success.

A third very significant project development has been an extension of the Parenting Together project into Margate. Save the Children invited us to apply for funding from their 'Margate Early Learning Community' to develop programmes for families with children under 5. We were awarded funding in August to:

- Develop our allotment space to create a simple play area and classroom.
- Run 7 new Parent and Toddler groups – either at the allotment (Play & Grow), Cliftonville Community Centre (Stay & Play) or a local beach (Outdoor Play School) – in partnership with the Tide & Seek beach school.
- Support parents to access support – basic information, support and inspiration.
- Produce an online Vlog enabling parents to see what support/groups are available in Margate.
- Taking on a permanent office space at the Cliftonville Community Centre.

It is early days with this project but all our sessions are full of new local families.

This year has presented a number of challenges and disappointments, but we feel we have remained resilient and grown through them. We have also seen significant growth particularly with the life and mission of the Margate and Broadstairs church plants. We are so grateful for all the support we have received from funders and supporters that has enabled this.

Looking to the near future, we are excited about extending our presence at the Cliftonville Community Centre and we are in discussions beginning a new pre-school there in partnership with Fegans. Likewise, we would like to relaunch the Community Church Broadstairs plant with their own Sunday gathering.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year overall income increased by £4,424 to £220,970 and expenditure increased by £30,375 to £238,714. Cash held by the charity decreased by £17,744, to £80,640, of which £39,862 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. The trustees have designated £5,860 of the unrestricted funds for use by Mission Partners.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain reserves equivalent to at least three months' operating expenses which equates to approximately £45,000. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £34,002 and gift aid recovery due of £19,492 and were therefore compliant with the reserves policy.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they occupy within the church.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Brian Lamberton

Brian Lamberton - Trustees

Date: 16 June 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
(FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thanet Community Churches (formerly Community Church Ramsgate) ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall BA, CA

For and on behalf of:
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 26 June 2023

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2022	2021
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations		52,004	-	1,030	53,034	48,165
Grants		7,180	-	64,511	71,691	114,459
Gift aid receipts		8,106	-	1,275	9,381	-
Income from coffee shop		42,284	-	-	42,284	14,934
Building hire		43,032	-	-	43,032	26,833
Government Furlough Grants		-	-	-	-	11,228
Other		1,547	-	-	1,547	927
Total receipts		<u>154,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,816</u>	<u>220,970</u>	<u>216,545</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	174,761	-	58,013	232,774	204,219
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	4,920	-	1,020	5,940	4,120
Total payments		<u>179,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,033</u>	<u>238,714</u>	<u>208,339</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(25,528)	-	7,783	(17,744)	8,206
Transfers between funds		10,221	-	(10,221)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(15,307)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,438)</u>	<u>(17,744)</u>	<u>8,206</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		49,091	5,860	43,433	98,384	90,179
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>33,785</u>	<u>5,860</u>	<u>40,995</u>	<u>80,640</u>	<u>98,384</u>

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Unrestricted Funds			2022 £	2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	33,655	5,860	40,995	80,510	98,254
Petty cash	-	-	-	-	-
Coffee shop float	110	-	-	110	110
Kiddies Corner Float	20	-	-	20	20
	33,785	5,860	40,995	80,640	98,384
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	19,492	-	-	19,492	19,568
Other monetary assets	215	-	-	215	12,418
Other debtors	4,044	-	-	4,044	-
Stock	500	-	-	500	500
	24,251	-	-	24,251	32,486
C Liabilities					
Fee for 2020 Independent Examination	-	-	-	-	1,440
Fee for 2021 Independent Examination	1,470	-	-	1,470	1,470
Fee for 2022 Independent Examination	1,776	-	-	1,776	-
PAYE/NIC/Pension Payments due	272	-	-	272	-
	3,518	-	-	3,518	2,910
D Assets retained for charity's own use					Insurance value £
Building - 60 Whitehall Road					1,466,896
Soft Play Equipment					40,000
Equipment					40,907
					1,547,803

The building is leased to the charity at a peppercorn rate of £1 per annum. The lease is for 5 years and expires in 2026.

The 'Soft Play' equipment came with the building and does not belong to the Charity.

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by *Brian Lamberton*

date 16 June 2023

Brian Lamberton - Trustee

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. Accounting standards are not (and cannot) be used in the preparation of receipts and payments accounts and so they do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	105,219	-	30,759	135,978	144,744
Training	-	-	-	-	3,176
Property costs (see note 2(a))	29,382	-	5,862	35,243	23,433
Equipment and resources	4,903	-	4,211	9,114	4,392
Coffee shop expenditure	14,596	-	-	14,596	6,102
Ministry activities	2,764	-	-	2,764	698
Insurance	3,647	-	50	3,697	4,200
Admin and support costs	7,821	-	17,131	24,952	15,638
Accounts preparation and examination	1,440	-	-	1,440	90
Other costs	4,989	-	-	4,989	1,746
	<u>174,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,013</u>	<u>232,774</u>	<u>204,219</u>
2 (a) Property costs comprise:					
Rent	4,460	-	1,470	5,930	3,455
Maintenance	11,394	-	4,392	15,785	12,986
Utilities	13,528	-	-	13,528	6,992
	<u>29,382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,862</u>	<u>35,243</u>	<u>23,433</u>
3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others					
Christians Against Poverty [CAP]	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Other organisations under £1,000	1,538	-	-	1,538	1,120
Individuals	382	-	1,020	1,402	-
	<u>4,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>4,120</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

The charity had 12 employees (2021: 12).

Nadine Lamberton who is related to Brian Lamberton, a trustee, was paid £9,773 plus a pension contribution of £106 in her role as a project worker on both the 1000 days and Parenting Together Ramsgate projects.

Heather Prentice was a trustee until 31 August 2021. The following payments were made to parties related to Heather Prentice in 2021:

Craig Prentice remuneration of £27,281 plus a pension contribution of £621; Emma Prentice remuneration of £21,509 plus a pension contribution of £458 in their roles as Team Leader and Top-up Project Manager respectively.

Aaron Prentice runs 'Beardy Baker' who were paid £2,418 for the supplying the charity with cakes for the coffee house.

Joy Jars were paid £225 for supplies of food items for the coffee house. Joy Jars is run by Pamela Fane who has moved out of the country and has passed the day-to-day running of the business to Adam Prentice.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at 31 Aug 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Aug 2022 £
Designated funds					
Mission Partners	5,860	-	-	-	5,860
	<u>5,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,860</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Planting	31,579	-	-	(2,915)	28,664
Top-UP project	(940)	29,308	(16,114)	-	12,254
The Corner (St Ben's)	3,608	1,083	(4,045)	-	646
Biblical Counselling	150	-	-	-	150
FCSS (JAM)	7,869	9,250	(10,031)	(7,089)	-
Town & Country	(248)	-	-	248	-
Their First 1000 days in Ramsgate	1,414	15,000	(15,074)	(465)	875
Parenting Together Margate	-	-	(6,766)	-	(6,766)
Parenting Together Ramsgate	-	10,938	(5,983)	-	4,955
Special Offering	-	1,238	(1,020)	-	218
	<u>43,433</u>	<u>66,816</u>	<u>(59,033)</u>	<u>(10,221)</u>	<u>40,995</u>
General funds	49,091	154,153	(179,681)	10,221	33,785
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>98,384</u>	<u>220,970</u>	<u>(238,714)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,640</u>

The Church planting fund is a fund that the church members tithe specifically to see and resource churches to be planted. The transfer was written into the funding bids for the Community Church Margate Evangelist role as this position was created to enable the effective planting of the Margate Church.

The Top-UP project is funded by Orbit Housing and seeks to relieve poverty for older adults. The project focuses on Orbit customers who are over 55, informing them of the benefits they are entitled to and empowering them to apply. This has been extended with further funding from Orbit (£5,000) and Town & Country (£5,000) to include a focus on their clients too.

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The Corner Fund relates to giving specifically for The Corner and its development.

The Biblical counselling fund has been set up for the benefit of those seeking counselling.

The FCSS Fund was funded by Orbit to deliver the Financial Capability Support Service. This was later renamed this JAM (Just About Managing). This project was to help Orbit residents understand and manage their money more effectively and finished in March 2022. The project ran during the height of the Covid Pandemic and it was agreed with the funder that the staff member (employed with the funding) and the management oversight of the project, as well as other budgeting cost could be incorporated into our 'Covid Response' for our service users. At the end of the project funds were transferred into the General Fund to cover these management, office and advertising costs.

The Town & Country Fund is funded by the housing association for the delivery of 'CAP Money' and 'TopUp' programmes.

Their first 1000 days in Ramsgate' is a small Kent County Council funded project, in partnership with Fegans, seeking to provide advice, information, support and inspiration to local parents with young children. It uses social media to engage with young local parents. It seeks to support parents who have experienced their own 'adverse' childhood experiences. The transfer to the General Fund covers the cost of hiring 'The Corner' and associated project management costs.

The Parenting Together – Margate Fund is for parenting projects in Margate. There has been a grant from Save the Children's Margate Early Learning Community – Innovation Fund agreed for a September 2022 start. The fund is in deficit at the year-end due the need to prepare the allotment space ready for the start of the project prior to funding being received. Funds were received from Save the Children's 'Margate Early Learning Community – Innovation Fund' in September 2022. Funding was applied for in June/July 2022, and it was agreed in principle in late July. However the funding did not arrive until September 2022. The trustees made the decision to progress with spending some of the necessary capital spend elements of the project (creating an allotment and classroom) before the funding actually arrived in our account

The Parenting Together – Ramsgate Fund is for parenting projects in Ramsgate. This has been started with funding from KCC Early Help Grant of £10,938.21 for a project that started in April 2022 initially to be run until December 2022 but was subsequently extended until March 2023.

The Special Offering Fund is to help people in situations of hardship and/or crisis

Thanet Community Churches

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**THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Mr Craig Prentice The Corner 60 Whitehall Road Ramsgate Kent CT12 6DF
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - registered 04 September 2015
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1163414
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Paul Gammans Aaron Wish - appointed 14/09/20, stood down 24/05/22 Heather Prentice - stood down 31/08/21 Brian Lamberton - appointed 31/08/21 Edward Mussett - appointed 13/06/22
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August 2020 – December 2021 (Terms 1 & 2)

The impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic remained the main feature through this term, as we made every effort to respond and adapt to the changes in the various government imposed-restrictions.

In August our various community groups made efforts to enjoy the summer weather and engage with new people. The growing work in Broadstairs saw particular fruit from a partnership with a local youth centre in the town. Our 'Covid-response projects' remained relatively busy including our topUP project, JAM project, CAP Debt Help and CAP Money work.

In September, we were very pleased to be able to reopen The Corner Coffee House, and welcome back a number of groups to the Corner. Though there were necessary limitations to the project (including closing the food menu, introducing an on-line booking system for the play area, and limiting the maximum number of people in the building) it quickly became busy again.

Also in September, a number of new projects and posts began:

- 'Their first 1000days in Ramsgate' is a small Kent County Council funded project, in partnership with Fegans, seeking to provide advice, information, support and inspiration to local parents with young children. It uses social media to engage with young local parents. It seeks to support parents who have experienced their own 'adverse childhood experiences'.
- As part of Community Church Margate, the work of Amy Shatliff as our 'Church Community Worker' began. Funded by the Laing Family Trusts, Mr. Willat's Trust and our own savings for this project, Amy began by getting trained in CAP Debt Help, as well as delivering CAP Job Club, CAP Kick Start, CAP Fresh Start and a group for women who have experienced domestic abuse.
- The 'CAP Job Club' began on-line in late September.
- As part of the Broadstairs work, we employed Kate Grant to work a few hours on the Westover Estate promoting our projects to local residents and enabling her to build relationships.
- With funding from the Town and Country housing association, and Kent Community Foundation, we employed a project worker for 7 months to deliver the CAP Kick Start project, and an on-line friendship group to local vulnerable folk.

Also in September, the church family resumed face to face gatherings on Sundays. We used the Corner as a venue and invited in small groups from the wider congregation to congregate as we couldn't safely fit everyone in together. The services were also broadcast onto YouTube for those at home. We celebrated a baptism in this season. September also gave us our first opportunity to gather those interested in Community Church Broadstairs. Disappointingly these gatherings needed to stop in November due to another local lock-down.

Frustratingly, this new lock-down in November led to the re-closure of the Corner and the Coffee House. The building was only able to be used by the Preschool, and a few counsellors and support groups in line with the government guidance at that time.

In December we collected a great number of Christmas gifts for vulnerable families and delivered them along with a 'hope of hope'. Though we made extra effort with our online Christmas celebrations, it all felt rather understated compared to previous years.

Also in December we officially changed the name of the charity from 'Community Church Ramsgate' to 'Thanet Community Churches'. This now better reflects our vision and mission with congregations in Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs.

January 2021 – April 2021 (Terms 3 & 4)

We continued in lock-down through these terms. The negative emotional and spiritual effects of the lock-down appeared to peak in this time with a number of service users, members of the church family and staff, all significantly struggling with their mental health. That being said our work in the community continued and grew in some areas.

We ran an on-line CAP Money course as well as completing the CAP Job Club and continuing to run the CAP Kick Start courses. The Food Bank in Westover became increasingly busy.

Together with a number of other churches across Thanet we helped run an on-line Alpha course which saw us develop significant relationships with a number of local people.

In these terms we formally began an online small group for those becoming connected with the work in Broadstairs. We also began meeting with a small leadership team to pray and plan each week as the work with people on the Westover estate developed.

In April we celebrated Easter. We baptised a new believer (whilst keeping to Covid-guidelines) and made extra efforts with our on-line content. That all being said, without our normal community celebrations it felt a little underwhelming.

May 2021 – August 2021 (Terms 5 & 6)

We were able to reopen the Corner and Coffee House on the 17th May which was wonderful. We had brought our building manager and Coffee House supervisor back from furlough in late April in order to reopen well. We brought the whole staff team together in early May for a prayer and vision day, in order to refocus and relaunch our work together. The easing of restrictions meant that little by little, more of our work was able to be face-to-face as it should be.

We received good news from Kent County Council about them wanting to continue funding for 'Their first 1000days in Ramsgate' project. We expanded the work to include a second group in Broadstairs during this time.

With regards to Sunday church gatherings, we returned to face-to-face gatherings in May, but used just one venue (the Corner) and invited small congregation groups to attend in person as we need to limit to safe numbers. We encouraged the rest of the church family to gather in each other's homes on Sundays, and we uploaded video content to YouTube to serve these small groups.

In July we implemented our new Sunday gathering structure and rhythm, and formally launched 'Community Church Broadstairs' as our third small congregation. On Sundays 1 and 3 in a month, we now have the 3 congregations gathering across Thanet in 3 locations. In the morning, CCR gather at the Corner, and at the same time CCM gather at the Margate Caves Community Rooms. In the afternoon on these Sundays CCB now gather at the Baptist Church St. Peters building. This is a significant step of progress. On the 2nd Sunday of the month all three congregations gather together for a 'Together Sunday'. From September we will be using a central Thanet school as a venue. On the 4th Sundays of the month the church will gather in homes as 'Home Groups' across Thanet – for fellowship, local mission and prayer.

On these 4th Sundays, some Home Groups will choose to run outreach projects together. For example, one home group has started 'Sunday Connections' a 'church service for older adults and those with dementia'. Likewise, another Home Group is planning a monthly 'Messy Church' event.

This year may have been the most challenging year we have had since planting the church 10 years ago. However, we are so pleased that despite the many pressures and restrictions presented by the pandemic, the church family has continued to adapt, serve and grow in this season. We are so grateful for all the support we have received from funders and supporters that has enabled this.

Particularly pleasing is the birth of Community Church Broadstairs this year, and the fruitful work that this small congregation is already doing in the deprived Westover community. Linked to this is the strengthening of our structures and rhythms that we believe will enable us to continue to grow and thrive in the coming years.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year overall income decreased by £16,378 to £216,545 and expenditure increased by £15,815 to £208,339. Cash held by the charity increased by £8,206, to £98,384, of which £54,951 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. The trustees have designated £5,860 of the unrestricted funds for use by Mission Partners.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain reserves equivalent to at least three months' operating expenses which equates to approximately £40,000. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted, undesignated, cash of £49,091 and were complying with the Policy.

Covid-19

As outlined above, in March 2020 the charity took steps (in line with government advice) to help contain the outbreak of Covid-19. This included the temporary suspension of all physical gatherings and the charity has had to curtail, or change, how it operates; the charity has been able to continue some of its activities using on-line media. The trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on the charity's unrestricted cash.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they occupy within the church.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Brian Lamberton

Brian Lamberton - Trustees

Date: 29 June 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
(FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thanet Community Churches (formerly Community Church Ramsgate) ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jacob Farley ACA

For and on behalf of:
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 29 June 2022

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			2021 £	2020 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Receipts						
Donations		47,917	-	248	48,165	49,002
Grants		32,000	-	82,459	114,459	76,788
Gift aid receipts		-	-	-	-	18,856
Income from coffee shop		14,934	-	-	14,934	44,752
Building hire		26,833	-	-	26,833	28,042
Government Furlough Grants		11,228	-	-	11,228	13,372
Other		927	-	-	927	2,111
Total receipts		133,839	-	82,707	216,545	232,923
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	136,559	526	67,135	204,219	187,474
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	4,120	-	-	4,120	5,051
Total payments		140,679	526	67,135	208,339	192,524
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(6,840)	(526)	15,572	8,206	40,398
Transfers between funds		2,079	-	(2,079)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,762)	(526)	13,493	8,206	40,398
Cash funds as at last year end		53,853	6,386	29,940	90,179	49,780
Cash funds at this year end	A	49,091	5,860	43,433	98,384	90,178

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2021	2020
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	48,961	5,860	43,434	98,254	90,022
Petty cash	-	-	-	-	26
Coffee shop float	110	-	-	110	110
Kiddies Corner Float	20	-	-	20	20
	<u>49,091</u>	<u>5,860</u>	<u>43,434</u>	<u>98,384</u>	<u>90,178</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	19,568	-	-	19,568	10,199
Other monetary assets	12,418	-	-	12,418	32,279
Stock	500	-	-	500	500
	<u>32,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,486</u>	<u>42,978</u>
C Liabilities					
Fee for 2020 Independent Examination	1,440	-	-	1,440	1,440
Fee for 2021 Independent Examination	1,470	-	-	1,470	-
PAYE/NIC/Pension Payments due	-	-	-	-	493
	<u>2,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,910</u>	<u>1,933</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					Insurance value
					£
Building - 60 Whitehall Road					1,322,735
Soft Play Equipment					40,000
Equipment					34,024
					<u>1,396,759</u>

The building is leased to the charity at a peppercorn rate of £1 per annum. The lease is for 5 years and expires in 2026.

The 'Soft Play' equipment came with the building and does not belong to the Charity.

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Brian Lamberton date 29 June 2022
 Brian Lamberton - Trustee

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. Accounting standards are not (and cannot) be used in the preparation of receipts and payments accounts and so they do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	91,013	526	53,205	144,744	118,009
Training	3,176	-	-	3,176	3,894
Property costs (see note 2(a))	19,978	-	3,455	23,433	30,273
Equipment and resources	3,782	-	610	4,392	5,524
Coffee shop expenditure	6,102	-	-	6,102	16,532
Ministry activities	698	-	-	698	965
Insurance	3,654	-	547	4,200	3,505
Admin and support costs	6,321	-	9,317	15,638	2,384
Accounts preparation and examination	90	-	-	90	1,200
Other costs	1,746	-	-	1,746	5,188
	<u>136,559</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>67,135</u>	<u>204,219</u>	<u>187,474</u>

2 (a) Property costs comprise:

Rent	-	-	3,455	3,455	1,015
Maintenance	12,986	-	-	12,986	16,582
Utilities	6,992	-	-	6,992	12,676
	<u>19,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,455</u>	<u>23,433</u>	<u>30,273</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Christians Against Poverty [CAP]	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Other organisations under £1,000	1,120	-	-	1,120	1,760
Individuals	-	-	-	-	291
	<u>4,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,120</u>	<u>5,051</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

The charity had 12 employees [2020: 14].

Craig Prentice and Emma Prentice, related parties to Heather Prentice, a trustee, were paid £27,281 (2020: £26,514 plus a pension contribution of £631 (2020: £610) and £21,509 (2020: £20,922) plus a pension contribution of £458 (2020: £442), respectively in their roles as Team Leader and Top-up Project Manager.

Aaron Prentice who is a relative of Heather Prentice runs 'Beardy Baker' who were paid £2,418 (2020: £3,643) for the supplying the charity with cakes for the coffee house.

Joy Jars were paid £225 (2020: £1,332) for supplies of food items for the coffee house. Joy Jars is run by Pamela Fane who has moved out of the country and has passed the day-to-day running of the business to Adam Prentice who is a relative of Heather Prentice.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at 31 Aug 2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Aug 2021 £
Designated funds					
Mission Partners	6,386	-	(526)	-	5,860
	<u>6,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(526)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,860</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Planting	27,447	-	-	4,133	31,579
Top-UP project	(6,060)	41,834	(36,714)	-	(940)
Connections at the Corner	2,712	-	-	(2,712)	-
The Corner (St Ben's)	1,108	2,500	-	-	3,608
Biblical Counselling	150	-	-	-	150
FCSS (JAM)	(402)	23,125	(14,853)	-	7,869
Town & Country	4,985	248	(1,981)	(3,499)	(248)
Their First 1000 days in Ramsgate	-	15,000	(13,586)	-	1,414
	<u>29,940</u>	<u>82,707</u>	<u>(67,135)</u>	<u>(2,079)</u>	<u>43,433</u>
General funds	53,853	133,839	(140,679)	2,079	49,091
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>90,178</u>	<u>216,545</u>	<u>(208,339)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,384</u>

The Church planting fund is a fund that the church members tithe specifically to see and resource churches to be planted.

The Top-UP project is funded by Orbit Housing and seeks to relieve poverty for older adults. The project focuses on Orbit customers who are over 55, informing them of the benefits they are entitled to and empowering them to apply. The fund is in deficit at the year end due to a timing delay on funding received after the year end.

Connections at the Corner is a project that is funded by People's Health Trust and has two main aims: one to gather, support and empower the socially isolated in our community; two to gather, support and empower families who have children on the autistic spectrum.

The Corner Fund relates to giving specifically for The Corner and its development.

The Biblical counselling fund has been set up for the benefit of those seeking counselling.

The FCSS Fund is funded by Orbit to deliver the Financial Capability Support Service. They later renamed this JAM (Just About Managing). This is a project to help Orbit residents understand and manage their money more effectively.

The Town & Country Fund is funded by the housing association for the delivery of 'CAP Money' and 'TopUp' programmes.

Their first 1000 days in Ramsgate' is a small Kent County Council funded project, in partnership with Fegans, seeking to provide advice, information, support and inspiration to local parents with young children. It uses social media to engage with young local parents. It seeks to support parents who have experienced their own 'adverse childhood experiences.

The transfers out of the 'Connections at the Corner' and the 'Town & Country' Restricted Funds reflect the cost of room hire relating to courses run by these activities.

Thanet Community Churches

England & Wales - Charity number 1163414

Accounts

Thanet Community Churches

(Formerly Community Church
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**THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
(FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Mr Craig Prentice The Corner 60 Whitehall Road Ramsgate Kent CT12 6DF
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - registered 04 September 2015
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1163414
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Paula Carey - stood down 31 August 2020 Paul Gammans Aaron Wish - appointed 14 September 2020 Heather Prentice
Banker	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jacob Farley ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
(FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Objects of the charity

The objects of the church are to advance the Christian Religion, in particular by seeking to be a community that loves God, loves each other and loves Ramsgate, to advance education and relieve poverty and hardship.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

September 2019 – December 2019 (Terms 1 & 2)

In this season we settled back into our activities after the summer break and saw areas of growth and development.

The 'Corner' continued to be busy and effective in our mission to the community. The Coffee Shop was full every day and we had a few new organisations and groups using the building as a base for their work. Relationships with individuals continued to be built each week, and referrals on to our own programmes and projects, or other operating from the building, were received each month.

The 'Connections at the Corner' project continued its work supporting families with children on the autistic spectrum. The weekly friendship groups for older adults are popular with those attending. Sadly, the 2-year funding of the project (from the People's Health Trust) came to an end in November 2019. We had successfully met the targets of the project and learnt a great deal through the project. We continued the friendship group with volunteers and applied for more funding from Kent Community Foundation. (This was received, and the project restarted in April 2020 – see below).

The 'topUP' project (a project funded by Orbit Housing Association to support older adults access the benefits they are already entitled to) continued to be creative its approach to getting the good news of the project to people who need the service. The outcomes of the project continued to be spectacular, evidencing the ongoing need for the work.

The 'CAP' projects (CAP Debt Help and CAP Money management courses) were consistently well received and effective in helping local people in need. We ran another 'CAP Fresh Start' group – a support group for those struggling with life-controlling habits and addictions.

In October we launched our second congregation – Community Church Margate. Roughly 15 adults began meeting together on Sunday afternoons for a service in Cliftonville, Margate. The group also meets midweek in the evening and is seeking to support the mission work into Margate through the CAP programmes. From October to November, they met on Sundays at 'The Kitchen' but then moved to the Community Rooms at the Margate Caves.

As a church we saw a number of new families settle into church life with us during this season – both at Community Church Ramsgate (CCR) and also at Community Church Margate (CCM). In Ramsgate we held our annual carols by candlelight event. We ran this event at the Corner in a marquee because the park bandstand was out of use at this time. In Margate we used the Margate Caves buildings for a CCM ‘Carols in the Caves’ event. Both were very well attended.

January 2020 – April 2020 (Terms 3 & 4)

The year started well with a busy building - The Corner and Coffee House continuing to operate successfully. The projects were achieving their targets and the Church congregations were thriving.

However, in March 2020, things dramatically changed with the arrival of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the government enforced lock-down. Much like other organisations we had to cease or adapt our work.

The Corner and Corner Coffee House was closed to the public. Our Coffee House members of staff and Centre Manager were all furloughed. All our project staff began working from home.

The church gatherings on Sundays were ‘broadcast’ on-line and small groups moved to Zoom. Our projects adapted as best we could, taking the work on the phone and on-line. We worked with a number of local churches to set up a new local food bank and started a meal delivery service from the Coffee House. Volunteers from the church made themselves available to call local vulnerable people who were suffering with isolation.

Though the pandemic greatly affected how projects would be delivered, we had funding agreed in this season for 3 new projects.

Kent Community Foundation awarded us 1 year funding to continue and develop the ‘Connections at The Corner’ project. This began in April 2020, attempting to engage as many older, isolated and vulnerable adults as we could but needed to keep within Covid-19 restrictions.

We had funding agreed from Kent County Council to for a project called ‘Their first 1000 days in Ramsgate’ seeking to provide Advice, Information, Support and Inspiration to local families – especially with those with children under 3. It was agreed that because of the pandemic we would postpone the start of the project until September 2020.

We also received funding from Orbit Housing Association to deliver a ‘financial resilience’ project for their residents (This project was later named JAM – Just About Managing – in September 2020). From April to August 2020 the small team involved in this project supported residents in need of financial coaching, both locally and nationally.

As a Church family we had to take our Easter celebration service on -line. Even so, we baptised 1 new Christian (Covid-safe measures were taken) and celebrated with the whole community.

May 2020– Aug 2020 (Terms 5 & 6)

This season continued to be marked by the limitations caused by the pandemic. We adapted our work to meet local needs – see above.

During this season we had a member of staff and a volunteer train to run the ‘CAP Job Club’. This was delivered on-line which made it more accessible.

We also received good news from a number of funders in this season (Mr. Willats Trust, The Laing Family Trusts). We will be able to employ a Church Community Worker for the Margate Church plant from September 2020. They will develop CAP programmes to serve the Cliftonville area of Margate, and also support people who connect with the church and its wider work.

The Joseph Rank Trust generously gifted us a grant of £30,000 over 3 years. We received the first installment of £15,000 this year. This was given to support us in our core costs to enable us to continue to operate and develop our work during the financially testing and uncertain COVID season.

Though the pandemic limited many areas of our work members of the church who lived in and around the Westover area of Broadstairs met on-line to pray and plan for the launching of a third small congregation at some point in the future. Over this season, as church members served the Westover community as best they could, a number of people joined the small group. By August 2020 plans were being developed to formally launch a small congregation at some point in 2021 after the pandemic – Community Church Broadstairs.

In summary, this year was marked by the Covid-19 pandemic. Though we sadly had to close the Corner and the Coffee Shop, our existing work adapted to meet the needs of the community. We also started new programmes to meet presenting need. The result of this has been the continued growth and impact of our work across Thanet.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year overall income increased by £26,607 to £232,923 and expenditure decreased by £8,027 to £192,524. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £5,765, to £90,178, of which £49,780 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. The trustees have designated £6,386 of the unrestricted funds for use by Mission Partners.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain reserves equivalent to at least three months' operating expenses which equates to approximately £40,000. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted, undesignated, cash of £53,853 and were complying with the Policy.

Covid-19

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We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Heather Prentice - Trustees

Date: 21 June 2021

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For and on behalf of:
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Date: 29 June 2021

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			2020 £	2019 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Receipts						
Donations		48,452	-	550	49,002	46,633
Grants		19,800	-	56,988	76,788	46,534
Gift aid receipts		18,856	-	-	18,856	8,944
Income from coffee shop		44,752	-	-	44,752	70,708
Building hire		28,042	-	-	28,042	32,953
Government Furlough Grants		13,372	-	-	13,372	-
Other		2,111	-	-	2,111	544
Total receipts		<u>175,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,538</u>	<u>232,923</u>	<u>206,316</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	145,548	-	41,926	187,474	194,927
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	4,009	-	1,042	5,051	5,624
Total payments		<u>149,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,968</u>	<u>192,524</u>	<u>200,551</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		25,828	-	14,570	40,398	5,765
Transfers between funds		14,921	-	(14,921)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>40,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(351)</u>	<u>40,398</u>	<u>5,765</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		13,103	6,386	30,291	49,780	44,015
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>53,853</u>	<u>6,386</u>	<u>29,940</u>	<u>90,178</u>	<u>49,780</u>

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2020 £	2019 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
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Cash at bank with immediate access	53,697	6,386	29,940	90,022	49,624
Petty cash	26	-	-	26	26
Coffee shop float	110	-	-	110	110
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	<u>53,853</u>	<u>6,386</u>	<u>29,940</u>	<u>90,178</u>	<u>49,780</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	10,199	-	-	10,199	18,776
Other monetary assets	32,279	-	-	32,279	315
Stock	500	-	-	500	500
	<u>42,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,978</u>	<u>19,591</u>
C Liabilities					
Fee for Independent Examination	1,440	-	-	1,440	960
PAYE/NIC/Pension Payments due	493	-	-	493	3,917
	<u>1,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,933</u>	<u>4,877</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					Insurance value £
Building - 60 Whitehall Road					1,321,422
Soft Play Equipment					40,000
Equipment					34,024
					<u>1,395,446</u>

The building is leased to the charity at a peppercorn rate of £1 per annum. The lease is for 5 years and expires in 2021.

The 'Soft Play' equipment came with the building and does not belong to the Charity.

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Heather Prentice - Trustee date 21 June 2021

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. Accounting standards are not (and cannot) be used in the preparation of receipts and payments accounts and so they do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	86,161	-	31,848	118,009	114,008
Training	3,014	-	880	3,894	1,814
Property costs (see note 2(a))	24,563	-	5,710	30,273	27,761
Equipment and resources	4,067	-	1,458	5,524	7,154
Coffee shop expenditure	16,532	-	-	16,532	26,936
Ministry activities	852	-	113	965	3,047
Insurance	3,505	-	-	3,505	3,551
Admin and support costs	2,254	-	130	2,384	3,410
Accounts preparation and examination	1,200	-	-	1,200	960
Other costs	3,400	-	1,788	5,188	6,285
	<u>145,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,926</u>	<u>187,474</u>	<u>194,927</u>

2 (a) Property costs comprise:

Rent	-	-	1,015	1,015	180
Maintenance	11,887	-	4,695	16,582	12,113
Utilities	12,676	-	-	12,676	15,467
	<u>24,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,710</u>	<u>30,273</u>	<u>27,761</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Christians Against Poverty [CAP]	3,000	-	-	3,000	2,750
Other organisations under £1,000	718	-	1,042	1,760	1,798
Individuals	291	-	-	291	1,076
	<u>4,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,042</u>	<u>5,051</u>	<u>5,624</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

The charity had 14 employees [2019: 15].

Craig Prentice and Emma Prentice, related parties to Heather Prentice, a trustee, were paid £26,514 (2019: £26,144) plus a pension contribution of £610 (2019: £602) and £20,922 (2019: £18,758) plus a pension contribution of £442 (2019: £380), respectively in their roles as Team Leader and Top-up Project Manager.

Aaron Prentice who is a relative of Heather Prentice runs 'Beardy Baker' who were paid £3,643 (2019: £5,722) for the supplying the charity with cakes for the coffee house.

Joy Jars were paid £1,332 (2019: £796) for supplies of food items for the coffee house. Joy Jars is run by Pamela Fane who has moved out of the country and has passed the day-to-day running of the business to Adam Prentice who is a relative of Heather Prentice.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at 31 Aug 2019 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Aug 2020 £
Designated funds					
Mission Partners	6,386	-	-	-	6,386
	<u>6,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,386</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Planting	24,843	200	(2,146)	4,550	27,447
Top-UP project	(7,140)	44,427	(28,921)	(14,427)	(6,060)
Connections at the Corner	8,244	1,508	(2,725)	(4,315)	2,712
The Corner (St Ben's)	4,194	1,779	(4,864)	-	1,108
Biblical Counselling	150	-	-	-	150
FCSS (JAM)	-	4,625	(4,297)	(730)	(402)
Town & Country	-	5,000	(15)	-	4,985
	<u>30,291</u>	<u>57,538</u>	<u>(42,968)</u>	<u>(14,921)</u>	<u>29,940</u>
General funds	13,103	175,385	(149,556)	14,921	53,853
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>49,780</u>	<u>232,923</u>	<u>(192,524)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,178</u>

The Church planting fund is a fund that the church members tithe specifically to see and resource churches to be planted.

The Top-UP project is funded by Orbit Housing and seeks to relieve poverty for older adults. The project focuses on Orbit customers who are over 55, informing them of the benefits they are entitled to and empowering them to apply. The transfer out of this fund is to reimburse the general funds for the cost of room hire, the use of the office and postage costs incurred in 2018 but accounted for in the General Fund. The fund is in deficit at the year end due to a timing delay on funding received after the year end.

Connections at the Corner is a project that is funded by People's Health Trust and has two main aims: one to gather, support and empower the socially isolated in our community; two to gather, support and empower families who have children on the autistic spectrum. The transfer out of this fund is to reimburse the general funds for the cost of room hire and for professional fees incurred in 2019 but accounted for in the General Fund.

The Corner Fund relates to giving specifically for The Corner and its development.

The Biblical counselling fund has been set up for the benefit of those seeking counselling.

The FCSS Fund is funded by Orbit to deliver the Financial Capability Support Service. They later renamed this JAM (Just About Managing). This is a project to help Orbit residents understand and manage their money more effectively.

The Town & Country Fund is funded by the housing association for the delivery of 'CAP Money' and 'TopUp' programmes.