

Trustees' Annual Report for the period					
From	Period start date		To	Period end date	
1 <sup>st</sup>	January	2022	31 <sup>st</sup>	December	2022

**Section A** Reference and administration details

Charity name

ASHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1165151

Charity's principal address

Francis Road

ASHFORD

Kent

Postcode TN23 7UR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gill Adsett			
2	Ernest Bate			
3	Owen Darling	Chair		
4	Geoff Gould		1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	
5	Chris Hill		From 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 to present time.	
6	Maureen Hulbert	Treasurer		

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year



## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Roger Hughes	Wayside, Forge Hill, ALDINGTON, Kent TN25 7DT
Solicitor		Hallett & Co, 11 Bank Street, ASHFORD, Kent TN23 1DA

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution.

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing Trustees.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We are: members of the Evangelical Alliance

registered with the Information Commissioner's Office  
(reg. no. ZA400221) <https://ico.org.uk>

members of Partnership UK <https://partnershipuk.org>

subscribers to Stewardship Consultancy Helpline  
<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/about-us/about-us-1>

Our Pastor is a member of the Ashford Pastors' Fellowship which forms the leadership core of Churches Together in Ashford.



**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

Our object is to advance the Christian Faith for the public benefit in accordance with our statement of beliefs (see section F of this report).

The Trustees have been conscious of the need to carry out our purposes for the public benefit and have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

We believe that the Christian Faith provides guidelines for living that are good for the individual and for society in general. A Living Faith in Jesus Christ provides the strength and peace of mind to follow these guidelines and to live a useful life. ('His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness...' 2 Peter ch 1 v 3a).

As Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed our activities have been able to return to a more normal pattern. Public confidence in meeting in groups has increased, and people are coming to services in increasing numbers. Attendance at our Sunday service had almost reached pre-Covid numbers by the end of 2022. Community groups have returned too, and there has been increased interest in using our property for community activities. Increasing fuel costs have prompted us to apply for a council welfare grant to fund a 'Warm Space' which began in December and will run throughout the winter months until March 2023. A grant from Ashford Together has allowed us to prepare and equip the building for cooking classes to be run in conjunction with another church, beginning in 2023.

'Connect', a fortnightly group for those in the community aged 16+ with learning difficulties, began in May 2022.

Some of the changes resulting from Covid may never be dropped - for example, hand sanitisers and masks at both entrances and disinfecting materials and instructions in the toilets. There is still a 'Covid Conscious' room in which those who are shielding can follow and join in worship via a TV screen.

Our Audio Visual equipment has become even more sophisticated and a dedicated team broadcast our Sunday service via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@AshfordCommunityChurchUK/streams>) and other meetings via Microsoft Teams, allowing more people to "attend". For example, through this use of technology, we have fellowship with one lady who, although living close to the church, has severe medical problems and has never been able to get to the building. She considers herself a regular attender. 'Teams' allows members who are on holiday or working abroad to participate in the weekly prayer meeting. We pray for international needs, those of our nation and local community, as well as individual needs.

We support Missionary and Relief Organisations financially and give loans or one-off gifts to individuals in need.

Details of the year's activities are recorded in Section D.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**



## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant-making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Most of the activities held in our church use volunteers. The exceptions are the leader of the WW group, and the Ashford Borough Council employees who run national and local elections.

## Section D Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievement of our charity in 2022 was, with God's help, to have further expanded our activities to the community and to our members, as the threat of Covid-19 has receded.

The church family has been kept together, encouraged, and 'fed' spiritually with the use of online technology.

We have also used this technology to reach out into the community.

Here are extracts from a review of the year given by Peter Hobbs, our Pastor, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023:

### REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2022

We believe that the promises of God are true (this was our Christmas message). And so, we believe the promise of God made in Jeremiah 29 and verse 11:

*'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'*

We review the year to give thanks to God for all that He has led us into. Some things have been very hard. Some things have been very encouraging. But, in all things we believe that God works for the good of all those who love Him and who have been called according to His purpose (Romans 8: 28).

We believe it is good and right to look back at what has happened – in like manner the Hebrews were told to place 12 stones on the bank of the Jordan as a lasting memorial to God's goodness and blessing in bringing them into the Promised Land (Joshua 4: 1-8). When future generations saw these stones, they would ask what they meant and would learn of the love of God for His people. In this same way, we review what has happened this past year to remind ourselves of the love that God has for us.

### THE CHURCH FAMILY – MEETING AND CARING

We begin by thanking God that we have a church building – that we want to be used more and more and more for His glory. Yet, this year has shown us, as never before, that WE are the church and we have continued to be together as church whether in the building or online.

And we thank God that we are a church family who care for each other and for those around us in the community. Oh, we are not perfect, and we regret with great sorrow that there are some who have lacked care during the year. However, through our Housegroups, through



hospitality that so many of you have shown, through a structure that has continued to make sure that the most vulnerable are contacted and looked after, we have ensured that our church really is part of the family of God – that we love one another as He has loved us. This has been a year of change in the Eldership and management of the church. After a period of prayer and seeking God's will, Jim, Chris, and Peter were commissioned as the Elders of the church. Shortly after this, elections were held which returned Gill, Brian R, Linda, and Ernest as Deacons. Together, this group forms the Leadership Team of the church. Regular meetings (once a month formally for Elders, plus lunchtime meetings too, and monthly Deacon breakfasts) have meant that work to ensure that the church is well-managed and directed has been very effective this year.

We thank God for the regular meetings that are held amongst us and remember them now.

- **SUNDAY:**

- I have been part of this church family for 5 1/3 years now. We thank God for our Sunday services – our “showcase” of God's love and presence within the community. Numbers of attendees have been affected by Coronavirus and since returning to services in the church building we have seen between 40 and 50 people each week meeting in the Main Hall, watching in the Rear Hall (for those who wish or need to remain socially distanced and “masked”), or joining us on YouTube and TEAMS. This reduction in numbers from pre-pandemic levels is reflected in most, if not all, of the Ashford churches. We thank God for the technology that has allowed us to maintain our worship so effectively on a Sunday. At the end of the year our numbers of those actually meeting in the church returned to pre-pandemic figures.
- **WORSHIP** – it has been wonderful to have our first full year of Celebration services in the church since 2019.
- **TEACHING SERIES** – The focus of teaching this year has been on the state of the church within society and the challenge to “Risk, Resist, and Rebuild”. This naturally developed, after June, into series on the need of the Holy Spirit to empower us and equip us, “Heroes of the Faith” to inspire us during these dark times, and “Life on the Frontline” as a practical application of our vision for 2022. The year ended with a month-long series on “The Promises of God”.
- Although Peter led most of this teaching, we have been blessed by many internal and outside guest speakers this year as well. Dudley spoke to us in February, April, and September, Jim spoke powerfully through personal experiences in March and again in October, Brian C spoke on the work of “Open Doors” in May and then on Nehemiah in November, Oba brought a message for the first time in that month – followed by his second in July – the month when Tristan challenged us for the first time, Chris continued his “Kingdom of God” series in September, and Ernest brought us an early “Hard Questions” message in October. We entertained external speakers on two occasions: Mark Bingham from Maidstone, evangelist for Counties, spoke in January, and James Tredgett challenged us through his work for London City Mission in October. We thank God for the central place that teaching plays in the life of the church.
- **SUNDAY CLUB AND CHILDREN'S WORK** – after a period of abeyance during the pandemic, it has been wonderful to see the Sunday Club revived this year.



Led by Linda and Diana H, a rota of willing and able helpers have begun again to teach and guide our small band of children – firstly in the middle hall but latterly in a move back into the larger rear hall.

- **MONDAY:**

- U3A – have been using the church for play reading.
- Dave Workman holds English classes for Nepalese people.

- **TUESDAY:**

- OPEN ARMS – this organisation has grown almost weekly in their outreach to the homeless and vulnerable this year – we are privileged to work alongside them in the church.
- WARM SPACES – With the crisis in energy prices in the second half of this year, it was mooted that we could set up our building as a “Warm Space”. Anna was asked to progress with this idea and quickly applied for a grant from Ashford Borough Council – which was successful. She worked hard on a practical plan to make this work and was able to begin this service to the community in December of 2022. The church is a “Warm Space” on a Tuesday afternoon between 1 and 5 pm and offers soup and rolls, games and fellowship, as well as warmth. Already a good number of people have made use of the facility and thanks go to Anna and the team of volunteers who help. This work shall continue into 2023.
- CONNECT - began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May on Tuesday evenings – set up, after a lot of preparation, by Helen B and Gill, with support from volunteers, to provide a social venue for those in the community aged 16+ who have learning difficulties. Although it has been slow in uptake, this is an outreach to the community that we believe is going to go from strength to strength.

- **WEDNESDAY:**

- WEIGHT WATCHERS – continue to use our building on a Wednesday morning.
- SUPACOOKS – In co-operation with Ashford Together and Pneuma Church, we have set up and trialled a basic cooking course for the needy in the community. This has necessitated an investment in a new electrical circuit in the middle hall, and the purchase of high tables suitable for food preparation and electric hobs for cooking. In the New Year these courses shall “go live” with 4-week courses catering for between 4 and 6 candidates at a time.
- HOUSEGROUPS AND MONTHLY SUPERGROUP – a major restructuring of our housegroups took place this year. The outcome is that we now have 2 groups, known as “Early Birds” and “Night Owls,” that meet in person and online. The last Wednesday of each month has been set aside for our “Supergroup” in the church building where we have been studying the 10 Commandments using



the excellent J John videos.

- **THURSDAY:**

- **BIBLE STUDY** – A committed group meet fortnightly face-to-face and have enjoyed a number of studies as well as social time together.
- **EKC** – What a blessing it is to continue having this wonderful choir practising in our building on a Thursday! Small sections of the EKC have been using the building to rehearse on a Wednesday as well.
- **WORSHIP PRACTICE** – this remains open to all who would like to come along and sing, not only the Worship Team.

- **FRIDAY:**

- **REVIVAL PRAYER** - I remain in awe of the tremendous turnout week after week to this prayer meeting – proof of our belief in the power of prayer to bring revival to this area. Now driven by “Prayer Points” we meet both in person (in the church) and on TEAMS.
- **USA** – sing their hearts out on a Friday.
- **LADIES’ FELLOWSHIP** - well...I can’t say too much about this...as I am not allowed to attend! But I understand that it continues to be a time of great joy and challenge.
- **PIZZA AND HOT TOPICS** – The young adults in our church meet together at Church House on alternate Fridays. We completed the “Disciple” course this year and have moved on to looking at Hot Topics. We continue to talk openly together while enjoying pizza.
- **STREET PASTORS** – Three of our number are fully committed to this good outreach of care to the community during often very cold Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022**

- **SOUND AND VISION:** After so many years and wonderful bequests, the new “all-singing, all-dancing” sound and vision system was finally finished this year! So many thanks go to Chris and Ernest for their hard work on this – getting quotes, designing systems, setting up programmes. We now have a system that is “fit for purpose” and “future proofed” for many years to come. “Gremlins” still need to be eliminated...but all the hard work means that our outreach through YouTube and TEAMS, and our in-reach within the church building – main, mid, and rear halls – are second-to-none in the whole of Ashford.
- **OUTREACH:** It’s always wonderful to be able to share the Good News, as a church, with those around us – sometimes this is overtly through preaching; at other times it is through caring that we show the love of Jesus. This year we saw the delivery of



more than 1500 Easter and Christmas cards. In May we finally established the "Try Praying" initiative as part of our normal church life. Despite the projected rain we joined the "Big Church Jubilee Lunch" in Victoria Park with our own stall. Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 8<sup>th</sup> October was a great success. "Supacooks" began its trial in November, ready to provide basic cookery skills to the community in 2023. Linda and Ernest then pioneered the "Operation Christmas Child" with our church being used as a collection hub in November. Tied in with this was a successful Tearfund "Big Quiz" in the church on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. Anna pioneered and started "Warm Spaces" in our church beginning on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. On the 15<sup>th</sup> December the EKC and U3A blessed us with a concert in the church of singing and play reading, in order to thank us for our support of them and to raise money for the church. Carol Singing around "Victoria Quarter" on the 21<sup>st</sup> December was the first without rain! And our Christmas services – "Carols by Candlelight" on the 18<sup>th</sup>, our "Midnight Service" on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and the "Christmas Day" service – all brought in people from the community, maybe not in vast numbers, but reach out we did!

- **BAPTISING AND WELCOMING:** What a joy it was, after a time of preparation, to celebrate the baptisms of Abby and Catherine on the 6<sup>th</sup> November – two lovely people with a great love for Jesus, proclaiming through this act of dedication their commitment to living for Jesus forever. And what a joy it was for us to welcome Pat and Brian, and Priya and Tristan, into full church family life at a special service on the 20<sup>th</sup> November...there are a good number of others waiting to follow in their footsteps!
- **HELLOS AND GOODBYES:** On the 27<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed Joel C P into the world and dedicated him to the Lord on 21<sup>st</sup> August. With sadness we joined the rest of the nation in mourning the death of our Christian Queen Elizabeth II on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. We were also sad to say "goodbye" to Helen T who went to Heaven early in the year and whose funeral some of us attended on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. Although a member of another church she drew very close to us in her final months. In the same way we were sad to lose Ian M and many of us supported his wife, and friend of the church, Linda, at the memorial service on the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **2022 – A TIME OF MANY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Now let us go through the year chronologically to remember all the tremendous things that have taken place

04/01/22:	THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> FULL LEADERSHIP MEETING
11/01/22:	A WHEELCHAIR FOR DIANA A REVOLUTIONISED HER LIFE THIS YEAR!
23/01/22:	JOINING WITH CTA PRAISE AND PRAYER EVENING AT BRIGHT CITY CHURCH
26/01/22:	SUPERGROUP BEGINS A YEAR-LONG STUDY OF "THE 10 COMMANDMENTS"
JAN – MAR:	ELDERSHIP NOMINATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH 4 CHURCH ADVISORS
FEB 22:	HOUSEGROUP SURVEY BEGINS – DISCUSSIONS ON OVERHAUL OF STRUCTURE
19/02/22:	GAMES SOCIAL IN CHURCH
25/02/22:	FUNERAL OF HELEN T AT CHARING CREMATORIUM AND BRIGHT CITY CHURCH
27/02/22:	FIRST FAMILY FORUM HELD (TIMETABLED IN FOR 2023 ON A REGULAR



BASIS)	
MAR 22:	DEACON ELECTION NOMINATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, AND VOTING
25/03/22:	DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR THE "REBUILD" SECTION OF THE
VISION '22	
APR 22:	DELIVERY OF 1500 EASTER CARDS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
10/04/22:	COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR THE ELDERS AND DEACONS OF OUR
CHURCH	
15/04/22:	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
17/04/22:	EASTER DAY SERVICE
18-22/04/22:	SPRING HARVEST – MINEHEAD
03/05/22:	"CONNECT" BEGINS IN THE CHURCH ON A TUESDAY
MAY 22:	"TRY PRAYING" INITIATIVE ESTABLISHED
13/05/22:	"FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT" COURSE RUN IN THE CHURCH FOR THE
COMMUNITY	
05/06/22:	"BIG CHURCH JUBILEE LUNCH" WITH STALL IN VICTORIA PARK FOR
JUBILEE	
27/06/22:	BIRTH OF JOEL C P
29/06/22:	PRO-LIFE MEETING HELD IN OUR CHURCH BY CBR UK
23/07/22:	"PROGRESSIVE SUPPER" SOCIAL – GREAT SUCCESS!
AUG 22:	"SUMMER CONVERSATION" SOCIALS HELD IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS
WEEKLY	
AUG 22:	DEACON BUSINESS BREAKFASTS ESTABLISHED – TO BE MONTHLY IN
2023	
19/08/22:	SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR IAN M AT KINGSNORTH CofE
CHURCH	
21/08/22:	DEDICATION OF JOEL C P
22/08/22:	PETER BEGINS 9 MONTHS OF ONLINE TRAINING CALLED "TRANSFORM
22"	
27/08/22:	WORKPARTY TO CLEAR THE AREA AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING
07/09/22:	RESTRUCTURED HOUSEGROUPS – "EARLY BIRDS" AND "NIGHT OWLS"
BEGIN	
08/09/22:	DEATH OF THE QUEEN
19/09/22:	STATE FUNERAL OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
08/10/22:	MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
19/10/22:	ELDERS' AWAYDAY TO DISCUSS WAY FORWARD FOR 2023
02/11/22:	"SUPACOOKS" BEGINS TRIALLING BASIC COOKERY CLASSES
06/11/22:	BAPTISM OF ABBY AND CATHERINE
14-21/11/22:	"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" WITH CHURCH AS COLLECTION HUB
19/11/22:	TEARFUND "BIG QUIZ"
20/11/22:	BRINGING OF PAT AND BRIAN, PRIYA AND TRISTAN, INTO THE
CHURCH FAMILY	
DEC 22:	DELIVERY OF MORE THAN 1500 CHRISTMAS CARDS
13/12/22:	"WARM SPACES" BEGINS IN THE CHURCH
15/12/22:	EAST KENT CHORUS AND U3A CONCERT OF MUSIC AND PLAY
READING	
18/12/22:	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
21/12/22:	CAROL SINGING AROUND VICTORIA QUARTER, FOLLOWED BY
MULLED WINE	
22/12/22:	INFORMAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN S
24/12/22:	MIDNIGHT SERVICE
25/12/22:	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
NOV-DEC 22:	BUILDING OF PRAYER ROOM



**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

**Our policy is to retain sufficient reserves:**

- To ensure that the Church has sufficient funds to meet its financial commitments;
- To ensure that the Church is able to manage future unforeseen financial difficulties;
- To ensure that excessive funds are not held without an identifiable reason or purpose.
- We hold a reserve of £24,000. This would cover six months salary for Peter Hobbs and major unexpected items up to £10,000.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Most of our funds come from members' donations. We received two grants towards specific projects aimed at helping the local community. Our regular income has been increasing throughout the year. The large legacy, earmarked for projects the church family feel would be in line with the donors' wishes, has now been spent on them. Our bank balance is slowly increasing. This will allow the leadership some freedom to decide which areas of activity to develop next.

**Section F Other optional information**

What we believe in:

- 1 The one true God who lives eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- 2 The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
- 3 The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God - fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
- 4 The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet



corrupted by sin, which incurs divine judgement.

5 The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ - born of the Virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.

6 The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.

7 The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first-fruits of our resurrection; His ascension to the Father, and His reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.

8 The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God and faith in Jesus Christ.

9 The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.

10 The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.

11 The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfill the purposes of God who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and a new earth.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>OHS Darling</i>	<i>G. D. Adsett</i>
Full name(s)	<i>OWEN HENRY SHILINGTON DARLING</i>	<i>GILL ADSETT</i>
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<i>CHAIR</i>	<i>TRUSTEE</i>

Date *12-03-23*



Ashford Community Church

Statement of income and expenditure year ended 31st December 2

	2022		2021	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Tithes	45836		37248	
Gift aid	9566		7589	
Rent	3030		1191	
Donations	30		2972	
Sundries	60		40	
Youth Worker Fund	197			
Interest	1	<u>58720</u>	<u>58720</u>	<u>1</u>
				<u>49041</u>
<b><u>Less Expenditure</u></b>				
Salaries	24619		26965	
Ministers expenses	1378			
PPS	38		17	
Advertising	1237			
Insurance	1269		1162	
Licence fees			240	
Activities	1432		3333	
"Connect"	14			
Overseas Mission	4619		4060	
Home Mission	3680		3750	
Church family	630			
Speakers gifts	206		683	
Church Maintenance	5909		5314	
Prayer Room	2119			
DBS	332			
Small equipment	404			
Subscriptions	1523			
Utilities	2997	<u>52406</u>	<u>52406</u>	1455
			6314	46979
				2062
<b><u>Church House Costs</u></b>				
Maintenance			715	
Utilities	1987		1784	
Insurance	225		216	
Sundries			963	
Professional fees			1640	
		<u>2212</u>	<u>2212</u>	<u>5318</u>
<u>Excess of income over expenditure</u>			<u>4102</u>	<u>-3256</u>
Less				
Depreciation of assets		<u>4461</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>Balance carried forward</u>		<u>-359</u>		3256

Balance sheet as at 31st December 2022

Fixtures and fittings

Balance as at 1st January 2022	0	
Additions at cost	13383	
Less Depreciation	<u>4461</u>	
	<u>8922</u>	8922

Current assets

NatWest current account	44875	
NatWest reserve account	505	
Restricted fund	<u>-3020</u>	<u>42360</u>
		<u>51282</u>

Represented by

Opening balance as at 1st January 2022

NatWest bank account	51136	
NatWest bank reserve account	<u>506</u>	
	51641	
<u>Less excess of expenditure over income</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>51282</u>





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

ASHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1165151

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

11<sup>TH</sup> September  
2023

Name:

ROGER ASHLEY HUGHES

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ACCOUNTANT AND TAXATION CONSULTANT  
ICP



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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.