

STROAT CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1166377

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-04-05

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO ATTACHED IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD THROUGH: THE ORGANISATION AND PROVISION OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP; THE PROVISION OF SUCH FACILITIES AND SERVICES AS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE CHURCH, TO ENABLE IT TO FULFILL ITS MISSION TO THE REGULAR ATTENDERS OF THE CHURCH, VISITORS TO THE CHURCH AND THE LOCAL AND WIDER COMMUNITY; THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR CHRISTIAN TRAINING AND SERVICE; THE SUPPORT AND PROVISION OF CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH; THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE WIDER CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ITS MINISTRIES.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£20,564	£21,197	-	-
2024-03-31	£22,652	£23,547	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,952	£20,792	-	-
2022-03-31	£40,248	£48,059	-	-
2021-03-31	£34,472	£37,673	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Mary Biddle		2017-06-28
Dr Rosalind Bounds		2023-05-01
Joy Wright		2017-07-31
KEITH BOUNDS		2023-05-01

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Trustees' annual report 2025

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Our mums' and toddlers' group continue to attract new mums and carers. We now have up to 15 adults with assorted children and babies on Thursday mornings during school term times. A new influx of babies suggests this work may well continue for some years to come.

Illness and incapacity has taken its toll on several of our older congregants who are no longer able to meet with us physically but still support us in prayer and financially. They are visited as often as time allows.

Our manse, on the premises, is currently let to a family who are willing to keep an eye on the buildings and grounds when not in use. We are also grateful for the oversight of a gardener to keep the grass cut regularly and to maintain the beds.

We continue to keep our building and grounds in acceptable order, although we are still working towards a new kitchen as mentioned in previous reports. Problems with the drainage and sewage systems have been dealt with and all is now in good working order.

The 'vision' outlined by our former administrator in previous reports has not materialised as expected, but the building is occasionally hired out for various events and activities.

We are still working on the updating of our constitution to reflect current needs, and this is to be completed as time allows.

Anne Biddle

Keith Bounds

Rosalind Bounds

Jennifer Van Loon

Joy Wright

Income

	2023/24	2024/25
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Offering/ donations	13128	9572
Gift Aid refund	0	0
Grants	0	0
Manse rent	9450	8800
Other income	50	0
Bank interest	24	7
Broadband reimbursement	0	269
Electricity reimbursement	0	1916
Total	22652	20564

Expenses

	2023/4	2024/5
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Ministry costs		
Children and Youth	0	0
Discipleship	0	0
Pastoral	0	0
Worship	263	274
Outreach	22	22
Facilities(internet)	320	620
Technical	474	14
Total	1079	930
Missionary giving		
Pappy Daniel	100	0
Harvest Time Mission	0	800
Together for youth	0	800
Community family ministry	0	800
Total	100	2400
Maintenance	14996	8763
Insurance	1757	1858
Staff costs	0	0
Cleaning	0	0
Safeguarding/training	145	150
Utilities	5153	4649
Subscriptions	200	140
Banking fees	117	192
Gardening	0	1832
Other costs	0	283
Total	23547	21197

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INCOME

	2022/23	2023/24
Offering/donations	13119	13128
Gift Aid Refund	3002	0
Grants	0	0
Manse Rent	7800	9450
Other income	31	50
Bank interest		24
TOTAL	23952	22652

EXPENSES

	2022/23	2023/24
Ministry Costs		
Children & youth	0	0
Discipleship	0	0
Pastoral	0	0
Worship	246	263
Outreach	22	22
Facilities(internet)	234	320
Technical	177	474
TOTAL	679	1079
Missionary giving		
Pappy Daniel	1000	100
Christians against Poverty	750	0
Together 4 youth	750	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	2500	100
Maintenance	1236	14996
Insurance	1655	1757
Staff costs	9331	0
Cleaning	0	0
Training/safeguarding	317	145
Utilities	4465	5153
Visiting speakers	0	0
Subscriptions	260	200
Banking fees	121	117
Other costs	228	0
Total	17613	22368
Total expenses	20792	23547

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December 2022 saw the resignation of David Price as church coordinator, treasurer and administrator leaving three church leaders, who were also trustees, in charge of church affairs. Two more trustees were subsequently appointed to comply with constitutional requirements.

A small group continues to meet on Sunday mornings for Bible study and worship. This has proved highly beneficial for all enabling us to meet individuals' needs. We are also grateful for the support of Lydney Christian Fellowship who meet with us monthly for worship on a Sunday evening.

Our mums' and toddlers' group was reconvened in September 2022, and has attracted a new group of mums and carers, as well as some pre-covid regulars. We now have up to 15 adults with assorted children and babies on Thursday mornings during school term times.

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The main building has been fitted with new fire alarms and wiring to comply with current requirements.

Our constitution is now in need of updating to reflect current needs, and this is to be looked at and worked on next year.

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Joy Wright

INCOME

	2021/22	2022/23
Offering/donations	29395	13119
Gift Aid Refund	3621	3002
Grants	2768	0
Manse Rent	3250	7800
Other income	1214	31
TOTAL	40248	23952

EXPENSES

	2021/22	2022/23
Ministry Costs		
Children & youth	0	0
Discipleship	0	0
Pastoral	86	0
Worship	235	246
Outreach	0	22
Facilities(internet)	272	234
Technical	0	177
TOTAL		679
Missionary giving		
Pappy Daniel	500	1000
Christians against Poverty	500	750
Together 4 youth	500	750
Other	0	0
TOTAL		2500
Maintenance	29130	1236
Insurance	1901	1655
Staff costs	11720	9331
Cleaning	8	0
Training/safeguarding	160	317
Utilities	3943	4465
Visiting speakers	0	0
Subscriptions	-	260
Banking fees		121
Other costs	603	228
Total	47466	17613
Total expenses	48059	20792

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Annual Report 2021/22

As the restrictions of COVID-19 started to ease, we were once again able to start meeting in person. Our meetings have now dropped to a dozen or so people. During the summer we met in the afternoon, adopting more of a New Testament style meeting, where we would worship, and have a Bible Study. As winter came upon us and the darker evening this has now reverted back to a Sunday morning.

Towards the end of the summer after a lot of prayer and consideration the leadership launched their Vision for the future of the Stroat Church, and its building, and is now what we are working towards achieving.

In the Autumn the flat roof above the Annex was finally replaced ensuring no more leaks, the Manse kitchen has been completed, which now gives us a brand new kitchen, and bathroom. There have been many other jobs carried out around the site, and we have started looking for funds and drawing up plans to replace the main Church kitchen.

SUMMARY OF THE VISION JULY 2021

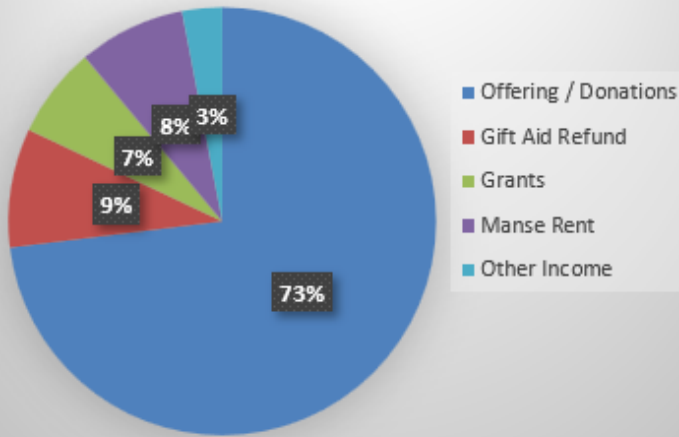
We have often heard people say that Stroat is like an Oasis a place of rest, and as we are set in such a beautiful location, with God's creation all around us, we can't disagree with this. So long term we would like to be able to offer The Manse as a retreat to Christian Workers, to come and stay for a short time, to recharge, spend time with God, and enjoy the local countryside, and for small groups like Alpha Courses, or Home Groups etc to come and spend a time at Stroat, to have time together, with use of the Hall as a meeting and worship venue. With the changes to The Manse we have been able to make it versatile so that we could have a couple staying in the back rooms using the kitchen and new bathroom, and the other bedrooms for small groups which could then use the church kitchen and facilities.

We also are looking to change the name to reflect the new chapter in the buildings, as well as exploring different options for using the hall during the week, linking in with other Christians and Churches in the surrounding area.

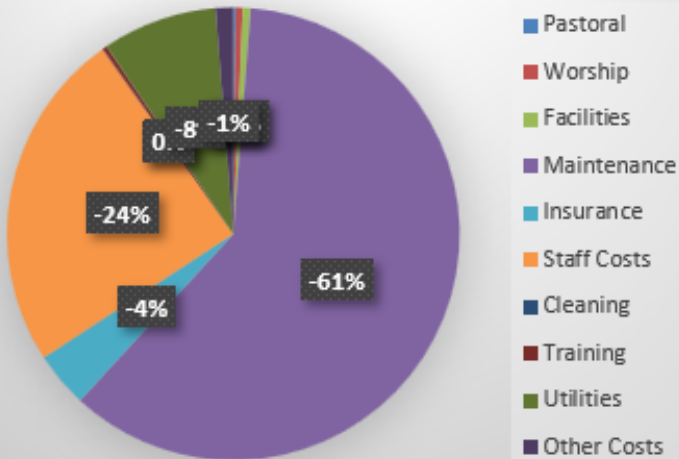
INCOME

	2020/21	2021/22
Offering / Donations	21797	29395
Gift Aid Refund	4809	3621
Grants	7708	2768
Manse Rent	0	3250
Other Income	158	1214
TOTAL	34472	40248

Income 2021-2022



Expenses 2021/22



EXPENSES

	2020/21	2021/22
Ministry Costs		
Children & Youth	128	0
Discipleship	0	0
Pastoral	0	86
Worship	347	235
Outreach	0	0
Facilities	11	272
Technical	91	0
TOTAL	577	593
Missionary Giving		
Pappy Daniel	500	0
Christians Against Poverty	500	0
Together 4 Youth	500	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	1500	0
Other Costs		
Maintenance	12543	29130
Insurance	1321	1901
Staff Costs	16868	11720
Cleaning	487	8
Training	0	160
Utilities	4008	3943
Visiting Speakers	-160	0
Other Costs	529	603
TOTAL	35596	47466
TOTAL EXPENSES	37673	48059

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With COVID19 still affecting the country and what we were able to do or not do. As a church family we were still initially meeting on Zoom., with a short time of worship, and a Bible study. When ever possible we would distribute goody bags around to the wider church family, with little treats and activities,

The building work on The Manse was progressing and during the year many jobs have been completed, including re-roofing the rear of the sunlounge, replacing rotten roof joists, and leaking gullies. Re-aligning sewers that were running up hill,= and kept blocking. Painting, and lots of other smaller jobs that needed doing.

In late September as restrictions started to lift, we were able to start meeting again in person, this started as an informal time together with some still joining us via Zoom.

During the year we said goodbye to Bernie & Ce-Faye Dumbleton who moved to be closer to their family, and to Shirley Webb, who also moved to be closer to her family—they are all truly missed, and we thank them for everything they contributed during their time at Stroat.

At the end of December 2020 Avril Lewis resigned her post as Community Link Worker, and has started work for Forest New Life, to enable her to complete her work experience for her Theological Degree.

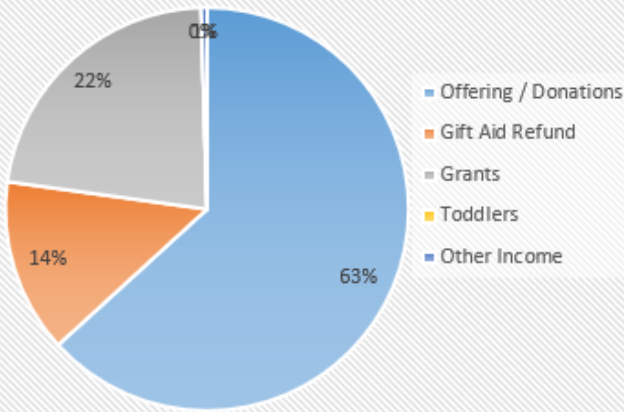
As we continued through COVID, and with us being able to do many activities or events, the Leadership have started to look at the what God has planned for the future of Stroat Church, and its buildings. We have been praying and listening to Gog, and know that he is in control, and he has bright plans for Stroat, and we are looking forward to walking the journey He has mapped out for us.

Stroat Church Trustees

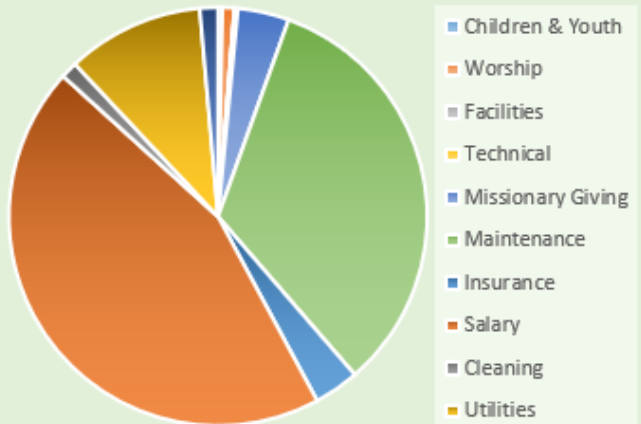
INCOME

	2019/20	2020/21
Offering / Donations	35063	21797
Gift Aid Refund	8045	4809
Grants	0	7708
Toddlers	572	0
Other Income	10091	158
TOTAL	53772	34472

Income 2020/21



Expenses 2020/21



EXPENSES

	2019/20	2020/21
Ministry Costs		
Children & Youth	359	128
Discipleship	122	0
Pastoral	20	0
Worship	393	347
Outreach	230	0
Facilities	5	11
Technical	337	91
TOTAL	1466	577
Missionary Giving		
Pappy Daniel	568	500
Christians Against Poverty	568	500
Together 4 Youth	568	500
Mercy Ships	568	0
Other	1085	0
TOTAL	3357	1500
Other Costs		
Maintenance	16955	12543
Insurance	1247	1321
Salary	15302	16868
Cleaning	106	487
Training	510	0
Utilities	3695	4008
Visiting Speakers	920	-160
Other Costs	1182	529
TOTAL	39917	35596
TOTAL EXPENSES	44740	37673

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