

**Annual report and accounts**  
**for Stroat Church**  
Charity No 1166377

## **Stroat Church**

### **Trustees' annual report 2023/2024**

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 grateful for the help and support of Lydney Christian Fellowship who meet with us monthly for worship on a Sunday evening as well as our Wednesday morning prayer times. We have also been encouraged by visitors who have joined us from time to time and confirmed the ongoing work at Stroat.

Our mums' and toddlers' group continues to attract new 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. 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. The interior of our main building has been repainted. The car parking area has recently been resurfaced with bitumen and loose chippings.

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

	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23952</b>	<b>22652</b>

## EXPENSES

	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Ministry Costs</b>		
Children & youth	0	0
Discipleship	0	0
Pastoral	0	0
Worship	246	263
Outreach	22	22
Facilities(internet)	234	320
Technical	177	474
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>1079</b>
<b>Missionary giving</b>		
Pappy Daniel	1000	100
Christians against Poverty	750	0
Together 4 youth	750	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>100</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>17613</b>	<b>22368</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>20792</b>	<b>23547</b>