

**Annual report and accounts  
for Stroat Church 24/25  
Charity No 1166377**

## **Stroat Church**

### **Trustees' annual report 2025**

**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 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/<br>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         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>22652</b> | <b>20564</b> |

## Expenses

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
|  | 2023/4 | 2024/5 |
|--|--------|--------|

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|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Ministry costs</b>     |              |              |
| Children and Youth        | 0            | 0            |
| Discipleship              | 0            | 0            |
| Pastoral                  | 0            | 0            |
| Worship                   | 263          | 274          |
| Outreach                  | 22           | 22           |
| Facilities(internet)      | 320          | 620          |
| Technical                 | 474          | 14           |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>1079</b>  | <b>930</b>   |
| <b>Missionary giving</b>  |              |              |
| Pappy Daniel              | 100          | 0            |
| Harvest Time Mission      | 0            | 800          |
| Together for youth        | 0            | 800          |
| Community family ministry | 0            | 800          |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>100</b>   | <b>2400</b>  |
| 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          |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>23547</b> | <b>21197</b> |
|                           |              |              |