

# GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1167992

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-07-01

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY;&(B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID LOCATION AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;(C) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

**Activities:** To advance the Christian faith.To relieve person's in conditions of need and hardship

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cameroon
- Zimbabwe
- Wiltshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£57,357	£57,382	-	-
2024-03-31	£45,992	£54,943	-	-
2023-03-31	£49,489	£53,804	-	-
2022-03-31	£41,759	£50,184	-	-
2021-03-31	£45,716	£53,154	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Geoffrey Stephen Gale		2024-09-19
Myles Pilling		2021-06-08
Shirley Jenkins		2018-07-01

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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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<b>Trustees</b>	John Francis Firth Myles Pilling Shirley Jenkins Geoffrey Stephen Gale
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1167992
<b>Principal office</b>	55 Foundry Close SN12 8FD
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA The ARK Financial Management Consultancy Ltd 10 Gatcombe Gardens West End Hampshire SO18 3NA

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## GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

**The objectives of the CIO are:**

A. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Wiltshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time-to-time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.

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**Governance**

Nature of governing document:

The Trustees meet regularly with the pastors and leaders of the church to review achievements and activities, and to plan strategy. John and Sharon Firth lead and pastor the church, with John Firth continuing as a paid employee and as a Trustee in accordance with the CIO's constitution, which has provision for the employment of a Pastor/Trustee.

The trustees are Myles Pilling, Shirley Jenkins and Geoffrey Gale, who was appointed trustee in October 2024.

Nancy Millard is the church treasurer.

The payroll function is handled by David Bull of DC Tax and Accounts Ltd.

Sharon Firth is the Safeguarding Coordinator, and she carries out the DBS checks through Thirtyone:Eight.

The pastors of GoodNews receive spiritual support from Pastor Andy Elmes of Family Church, Portsmouth as well as maintaining its historic connections with River Valley Church, Williamsport, PA USA.

John Firth will end his employment as he and Sharon Firth are stepping aside from to roles of pastors of the church in April 2025. Nancy Millard will step down as treasure in April 2025 with John Firth taking over as interim treasurer.

**Premises:**

GoodNews Church rents 'that meeting space' from Melksham Town Council, for midweek and outreach activities. The Church also rents The Riverside Centre for Sunday morning meetings as that meeting space became too small for the church meetings.

**Activities 2024-2025**

This has been another productive year for GoodNews Church with increased visibility and impact on the community. The church holds regular Sunday meetings at the Riverside Centre with small group meetings at 'that meeting space'.

The church is closely connected with the other churches in Melksham, hosting a church wide 'Prayer for Melksham' meeting at 'that meeting space' and jointly leads praise meetings for adults with additional needs, 'SHINE', at Queensway Chapel. It also hosts a healing mentoring group (C4H) which includes people from a wide area, led by Paul Skelton, which has begun a monthly Healing Café at that meeting space.

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The attendance at the church continues to grow and an increasing number of people are joining the church since the move on Sunday mornings to the Riverside Centre.

In 2021 the pastors announced that they would be stepping down from leadership in April 2025. The Trustees and leaders have made a plan for succession for the immediate future, with the current leadership team dividing the responsibilities between them.

Visiting speakers during the year, including Arnold Muwonge, have received honorariums.

The church took in monthly collections during the year for significant needs as they arose, as well as for regular monthly support for several ministries based both in the UK and overseas.

Support was provided for the work of Pastor Tinashe Veremu in Zimbabwe, to whom the church has given financial and spiritual support for over 15 years. Regular contact is maintained with Pastor Veremu and support was sent bimonthly using WorldRemit, as well as offerings taken to help with specific needs as they arose

The church supported Jon Cassel, who works with World Team in Cameroun and Transworld Radio in Benin. Support was sent to Mr Cassel through World Remit on a bi-monthly basis, as well as offerings that were taken to help with specific needs.

The church supported Rhea Ministries whose outreach work in the Thar Desert in Pakistan includes a school and embryonic churches.

The church facilitated a fund-raising concert and area school visits by Destiny Africa Children's Choir, which raised a total of £7,000 in support of Kampala Children's Centre in Uganda.

Collections were taken during the year for identified needs. These have included Melksham Food Bank.

The now regular Tuesday morning community drop-in has attracted up to 30 people per week and has become a valuable asset to the community.

The church has continued to run regular Bereavement Journey courses and has become strongly connected with the Social Prescribers from the GP surgeries who are regularly referring people to the course.

The church was awarded an £536 grant from Melksham Town Council and a £200 grant from Melksham Without Parish Council towards the continued work of 'that meeting space'.

As the church has administered 'that meeting space' it has become an incubator for a number of groups. These include;

- The Nature and Art Friends, which meets weekly, is hosted and supported by GoodNews
- The Red Door Singers, a social group based on enjoying singing together
- A crafting group called The Secret Crocheter
- An English language class for Ukrainian guests in the area.
- The Melksham Book Club and Melksham WI use 'that meeting space' as their bases.
- A monthly financial wellbeing drop in for Carer Support, Wiltshire

Discussions are ongoing with other community groups, so 'that meeting space' can be used more efficiently for the community.

Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
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**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO is a registered charity, number 1167992, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 9 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**John Francis Firth**



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO ('the Charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

Signed:

Dated: 9 May 2025



**Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA**

The ARK Financial Management Consultancy Ltd

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	46,186	11,171	57,357	45,992
<b>Total income</b>		<u>46,186</u>	<u>11,171</u>	<u>57,357</u>	<u>45,992</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		43,469	13,913	57,382	54,943
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>43,469</u>	<u>13,913</u>	<u>57,382</u>	<u>54,943</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>2,717</u>	<u>(2,742)</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>(8,951)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		42,545	(3,827)	38,718	47,669
Net movement in funds		2,717	(2,742)	(25)	(8,951)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>45,262</u>	<u>(6,569)</u>	<u>38,693</u>	<u>38,718</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	6,794	6,210
Cash at bank and in hand		32,283	32,858
		<u>39,077</u>	<u>39,068</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(384)	(350)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>38,693</u>	<u>38,718</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>38,693</u>	<u>38,718</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>		<u>38,693</u>	<u>38,718</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>38,693</u></u>	<u><u>38,718</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	8	(6,569)	(3,827)
Unrestricted funds	8	45,262	42,545
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>38,693</u></u>	<u><u>38,718</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 09 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**John Francis Firth**



The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.2 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

**1.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**1.4 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.5 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.6 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

**1.7 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 and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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**2. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Donations and offering	7,052	38,452	45,504	35,820
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	0	6,799	6,799	6,210
Other Giving	1,921	0	1,921	1,330
Other Income	0	531	531	223
Rental Income	2,198	0	2,198	1,969
Bank interest receivable	0	404	404	440
	<hr/> <b>11,171</b>	<hr/> <b>46,186</b>	<hr/> <b>57,357</b>	<hr/> <b>45,992</b>

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**3. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds General</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising	0	790	790	22
Children's Ministry	0	0	0	0
Gifts	2,958	0	2,958	5,931
Independent examiner's fee	0	384	384	350
Legal and professional fees	0	1,348	1,348	1,614
Ministries	0	7,133	7,133	5,969
Miscellaneous costs	50	8	58	120
Music and Sound Equipment	0	0	0	0
Phone	180	0	180	180
Rent	6,000	956	6,956	6,000
Repairs and renovation	152	0	152	86
Supplies & Equipment	2,079	359	2,438	1,986
Wages and salaries	962	32,411	33,373	31,316
Website and Internet cost	864	80	944	1,005
Light and heat	668	0	668	364
	<b>13,913</b>	<b>43,469</b>	<b>57,382</b>	<b>54,943</b>

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**4. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<b>384</b>	<b>384</b>

**5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year ended 31 March 2025, Mr John Francis Firth received remuneration of £32,411 (2024: £30,366 in relation to work carried out on behalf of the charity.

**6. Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	<b>6,794</b>	<b>6,210</b>
	<b>6,794</b>	<b>6,210</b>

**7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income	<b>384</b>	<b>350</b>

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8. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	42,545	46,186	(43,469)	45,262
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<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	(3,827)	11,171	(13,913)	(6,569)
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>38,718</b>	<b>57,357</b>	<b>(57,382)</b>	<b>38,693</b>
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8. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i> £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	46,535	34,908	(38,898)	42,545
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<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	1,134	11,084	(16,045)	(3,827)
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>47,669</u>	<u>45,992</u>	<u>(54,943)</u>	<u>38,718</u>

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**Charity registered  
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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Objectives:

**Premises:**

GoodNews Church rents 'that meeting space' from Melksham Town Council

**Activities 2023-2024**

This has been another productive year for GoodNews Church with increased visibility and impact on the community. The church holds regular Sunday meetings and small group meetings at 'that meeting space'. The church is closely connected with the other churches in Melksham hosting a church wide 'Prayer for Melksham' meeting at 'that meeting space' and jointly leading youth and praise meetings for adults with additional needs, 'SHINE', at Queensway Chapel. It also hosts a healing mentoring group which includes people from a wide area led by Paul Skelton.

The attendance at the church after restarting in person after covid was lower than pre-covid, but has rebounded over the year with about 50% of the regular attendees having joined the church during the last two years. The Trustees and leaders are considering the best way forward as the capacity of 'that meeting space' for our Sunday church meetings has been reached.

In 2021 the pastors announced that they would be stepping down from leadership in April 2025. The Trustees and leaders are working together to plan for succession and to see the implications of this change to the future of the church.

Visiting speakers during the year, including Paul Skelton and Simon Guillebaud, have received honorariums.

The church took in monthly collections during the year for significant needs, as well as regular monthly support for several ministries based both in the UK and overseas.

Support was provided for the work of Pastor Tinashe Veremu in Zimbabwe, to whom the church has given financial and spiritual support for over 15 years. Regular contact is maintained with Pastor Veremu and support is sent bimonthly using WorldRemit, as well as offerings taken to help with specific needs as they arose.

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The church facilitated the visit of Evangelist Joey Perez to the area, arranging for him to speak at St Katherine's CofE in Holt.

The church facilitated a fund-raising concert by Destiny Africa in support of Kampala Childrens Centre in Uganda.

Collections were taken during the year for identified needs. These have included Melksham Food Bank.

The now regular Tuesday morning community drop-in has attracted up to 30 people per week and has become a valuable asset to the community.

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- The Nature and Art Friends, which meets weekly, is hosted and supported by GoodNews
- The Red Door Singers, a social group based on enjoying singing together.
- An English language class for Ukrainian guests in the area.
- A group was formed for local artists, Paint at Leisure but was unable to be sustained after about 6 months.
- A group to help expectant and new mothers was established but the leader was unable to continue due work commitments
- The Melksham Singers also at 'that meeting space'.
- The Melksham Book Club and Melksham WI use 'that meeting space' as their bases.

Discussions are ongoing with other community groups, so 'that meeting space' can be used more efficiently for the community.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO ('the Charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

Signed:

Dated: 31 May 2024



**Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA**

10 Gatcombe Gardens

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	34,908	11,084	45,992	49,489
<b>Total income</b>		<u>34,908</u>	<u>11,084</u>	<u>45,992</u>	<u>49,489</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		38,898	16,045	54,943	53,804
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>38,898</u>	<u>16,045</u>	<u>54,943</u>	<u>53,804</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(3,990)</u>	<u>(4,961)</u>	<u>(8,951)</u>	<u>(4,315)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		46,535	1,134	47,669	51,984
Net movement in funds		(3,990)	(4,961)	(8,951)	(4,315)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>42,545</u>	<u>(3,827)</u>	<u>38,718</u>	<u>47,669</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note		2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			-	-
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	6	6,210	6,433	
Cash at bank and in hand		32,858	41,236	
		39,068	47,669	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(350)	-	
<b>Net current assets</b>			38,718	47,669
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			38,718	47,669
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>			38,718	47,669
<b>Total net assets</b>			38,718	47,669
<b>Charity funds</b>				
Restricted funds	8	(3,827)	1,134	
Unrestricted funds	8	42,545	46,535	
<b>Total funds</b>			38,718	47,669

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 31 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
**John Francis Firth**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.2 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

**1.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**1.4 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.5 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.6 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

**1.7 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 and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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**2. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Donations and offering	7,785	28,035	35,820	31,276
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	0	6,210	6,210	6,546
Other Giving	1,330	0	1,330	10,051
Other Income	0	223	223	832
Rental Income	1,969	0	1,969	650
Bank interest receivable	0	440	440	134
	<u>11,084</u>	<u>34,908</u>	<u>45,992</u>	<u>49,489</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**3. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds General</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising	0	22	22	0
Children's Ministry	0	0	0	451
Gifts	5,931	0	5,931	360
Independent examiner's fee	0	350	350	300
Legal and professional fees	5	1,609	1,614	1,406
Ministries	0	5,969	5,969	10,757
Miscellaneous costs	3	117	120	30
Music and Sound Equipment	0	0	0	5
Phone	180	0	180	180
Rent	6,000	0	6,000	6,000
Repairs and renovation	86	0	86	273
Supplies & Equipment	1,630	356	1,986	2,426
Wages and salaries	950	30,366	31,316	30,397
Website and Internet cost	896	109	1,005	1,219
Light and heat	364	0	364	0
	<b>16,045</b>	<b>38,898</b>	<b>54,943</b>	<b>53,804</b>

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**4. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<b>350</b>	<b>300</b>

**5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year ended 31 March 2024, Mr John Francis Firth received remuneration of £30,366 (2023: £29,468 in relation to work carried out on behalf of the charity.

**6. Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	<b>6,210</b>	<b>6,433</b>
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**7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<b>350</b>	<b>-</b>

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8. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	46,535	34,908	(38,898)	42,545
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<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	1,134	11,084	(16,045)	(3,827)
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>47,669</b>	<b>45,992</b>	<b>(54,943)</b>	<b>38,718</b>
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8. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	51,984	38,967	(44,416)	46,535
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<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	-	10,522	(9,388)	1,134
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>51,984</u>	<u>49,489</u>	<u>(53,804)</u>	<u>47,669</u>

**GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1167992

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# Accounts

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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
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<b>Trustees</b>	John Francis Firth Myles Pilling Shirley Jenkins
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1167992
<b>Principal office</b>	55 Foundry Close SN12 8FD
<b>Accountants</b>	Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA 10 Gatcombe Gardens West End Hampshire SO18 3NA

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A. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Wiltshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time-to-time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and b) Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.

B. To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time-to-time think fit.

C. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship, or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

#### Governance

Nature of governing document:

The Trustees meet regularly with the pastors and leaders of the church to review achievements and activities, and to plan strategy. John and Sharon Firth lead and pastor the church, with John Firth continuing as a paid employee and as a Trustee in accordance with the CIO's constitution, which has provision for the employment of a Pastor/Trustee.

The trustees are Myles Pilling and Shirley Jenkins. Nancy Millard is the church treasurer. The payroll function is handled by David Bull of DC Tax and Accounts Ltd.

Sharon Firth is the Safeguarding Coordinator and she carries out the DBS checks through Thirtyone:Eight.

GoodNews is part of "Synergy Alliance", a loose fellowship of churches led by Pastor Andy Elmes of Family Church, Portsmouth.

The Church also maintains its historic connections with River Valley Church, Williamsport, PA USA.

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Support was given to Rhea Ministries to support their outreach work in the Thar Desert in Pakistan, as well as offerings that were taken to help with specific needs especially during the devastating floods of 2022.

The church ended the regular monthly support of Arnold Muwonge and his work with the Kampala Childrens Centre in Uganda, instead specific offerings were taken to support the Centre.

Collections were taken during the year for identified needs. These have included Melksham Food Bank and Open Doors (Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal). The church has also received gifts to help Ukrainians who have come to live locally after fleeing the Russian invasion.

During the year the church offered 'that meeting space' as a social base for the Ukrainian guests. As the year progressed and needs changed, we hosted Wiltshire Council English classes and latterly English classes run and administered by the church using volunteers.

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A fledgling singing group, and a woman's networking group were supported before quickly outgrowing 'that meeting space' and moving to larger premises

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Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

Signed:

Dated: 31 May 2023



**Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA**

10 Gatcombe Gardens West

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**GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	38,967	10,522	49,489	41,759
<b>Total income</b>		38,967	10,522	49,489	41,759
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		44,416	9,388	53,804	50,184
<b>Total expenditure</b>		44,416	9,388	53,804	50,184
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(5,449)	1,134	(4,315)	(8,425)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		51,984	-	51,984	60,409
Net movement in funds		(5,449)	1,134	(4,315)	(8,425)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		46,535	1,134	47,669	51,984

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	7	6,433	5,047
Cash at bank and in hand		41,236	46,937
		<u>47,669</u>	<u>51,984</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>47,669</b>	<b>51,984</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>47,669</b>	<b>51,984</b>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>		<b>47,669</b>	<b>51,984</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>47,669</b>	<b>51,984</b>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	9	1,134	-
Unrestricted funds	9	46,535	51,984
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>47,669</b>	<b>51,984</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 31 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



**John Francis Firth**

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.2 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

**1.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**1.4 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.5 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.6 Financial instruments**

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.7 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 and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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**3. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Donations and offering	31,276	0	31,276	28,910
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	6,546	0	6,546	5,047
Other Giving	179	9,872	10,051	4,651
Other Income	832	0	832	3,113
Rental Income	0	650	650	20
Bank interest receivable	134	0	134	18
	<b>38,967</b>	<b>10,522</b>	<b>49,489</b>	<b>41,759</b>

**GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**4. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising	0	0	0	21
Children's Ministry	451	0	451	25
Events	0	0	0	113
Gifts	360	0	360	2,315
Independent examiner's fee	0	0	0	300
Legal and professional fees	1,706	0	1,706	1,576
Ministries	10,757	0	10,757	7,488
Miscellaneous costs	7	23	30	144
Music and Sound Equipment	5	0	5	110
Phone	0	180	180	100
Rent	0	6,000	6,000	3,574
Repairs and renovation	0	273	273	2,905
Supplies & Equipment	1,223	1,203	2,426	2,487
Wages and salaries	29,468	929	30,397	28,446
Website and Internet cost	439	780	1,219	580
	<b>44,416</b>	<b>9,388</b>	<b>53,804</b>	<b>50,184</b>

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**GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**5. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	£	£
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<b>300</b>	300
	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

**6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year ended 31 March 2023, Mr John Francis Firth received remuneration of £29,468 (2022: £28,410 in relation to work carried out on behalf of the charity).

**7. Debtors**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	£	£
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	<b>6,433</b>	5,047
	<u>6,433</u>	<u>5,047</u>

**8. Financial instruments**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	£	£
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<b>41,236</b>	46,937
	<u>41,236</u>	<u>46,937</u>

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9. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	51,984	38,967	(44,416)	46,535
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	-	10,522	(9,388)	1,134
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>51,984</b>	<b>49,489</b>	<b>(53,804)</b>	<b>47,669</b>
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**9. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	60,409	32,723	(39,453)	(1,695)	51,984
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<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Fund	-	9,036	(10,731)	1,695	-
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>60,409</u>	<u>41,759</u>	<u>(50,184)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,984</u>

**GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1167992

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 1167992

# Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

# **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

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## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

#### **Trustees**

Mr John Francis Firth

Myles Pilling

Shirley Jenkins

#### **Principal Office**

55 Foundry Close

Melksham

SN12 8FD

#### **Charity Registration Number**

1167992

#### **Independent Examiner**

Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA

10 Gatcombe Gardens

West End

Hampshire

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# **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

## **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Public benefit***

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Objectives:**

The objectives of the CIO are:

A. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Wiltshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time-to-time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and b) Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.

B. To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time-to-time think fit.

C. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship, or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

#### **Governance Nature of governing document:**

The Trustees meet regularly with the pastors and leaders of the church to review achievements and activities, and to plan strategy. John and Sharon Firth lead and pastor the church, with John Firth continuing as a paid employee and as a Trustee in accordance with the CIO's constitution, which has provision for the employment of a Pastor/Trustee.

Owen Morse-Brown stepped down as Trustee in June 2021 and was replaced by Myles Pilling. Shirley Jenkins is also a Trustee and has agreed to remain so until 2024. Steve Knight is the Assistant Pastor. Catherine Morse-Brown is acting as Church Elder.

## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Trustees' Report**

Nancy Millard is the Church Treasurer. The payroll function is handled by David Bull of DC Tax and Accounts Ltd. Sharon Firth is the Safeguarding Coordinator and she carries out the DBS checks through Thirtyone:Eight.

GoodNews is part of "Synergy Alliance", a loose fellowship of churches led by Pastor Andy Elmes of Family Church, Portsmouth.

The Church also maintains its historic connections with the Door Fellowship, Williamsport, PA USA.

#### **Premises:**

Due to the Lockdowns, a charity café run by the Rotary Club in Melksham Market Place was forced to close. The Rotary Club decided that they would not reopen the café, and as the building is owned by Melksham Town Council, it was put forward for bids.

GoodNews Church Trustees agreed to submit a bid for use of the room for church meetings and community outreach, and after several meetings and a resubmission to meet new Council intentions for the future use of the building, Melksham Town Council agreed to rent the building to GoodNews Church.

This is the first time since the church was established that GoodNews has had a base that can be used every day and it is being rented on the understanding that it will be returned to the Council when they have decided on the use of all Council owned assets within the town.

GoodNews church named the ex-café 'that meeting space'.

#### **Activities 2021-22:**

This has been another exceptional year. Through various lockdowns and social-distancing restrictions, the church has had to be flexible in the ways that it meets together. During the times of them most severe Covid restrictions the church continued to meet on Zoom and then as the restrictions eased and the weather improved the church began to meet outside before opening up to hold hybrid (in-person/Zoom) meetings at 'that meeting space' in Melksham. Small groups continued to follow the appropriate restrictions, meeting outside when possible until conditions normalised.

As soon as it was permitted the youth group began to meet again. Now using Queensway Hall, the group has grown, and as the year ended began a Youth Alpha that has drawn in a number of young people from other churches and none.

"SHINE" is a praise meeting for the special needs community, has begun to meet again monthly at Queensway Chapel. The weekly SHINE coffee morning has moved to Queensway Hall and is now supported by Queensway Chapel with GoodNews no-longer taking the primary role.

## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Trustees' Report**

GoodNews has been involved in a number of inter-church children's events actively supporting the Melksham-wide children's holiday clubs and other events including a holiday club, Light Party and Messy Church which during the restrictions used a hybrid format where the children are supplied with activity bags and then join the activities on social media. The number of children involved for the holiday club was equal to the numbers at our most successful in person meetings from previous years.

During the year, a new cross church prayer meeting began, "Prayer for Melksham", bringing Christians together from different streams to pray. The year began with this being an on-line meeting but once again as soon as restrictions were lifted, became in person and was hosted by GoodNews at 'that meeting space'.

During the time of the pandemic a majority of the members transitioned to online giving which has meant that the financial support for the church has held steady throughout the year. This year has been a year of exceptional needs nationally and internationally. The church took in several collections during the year for areas with significant needs.

The church also continued to support the work of Arnold Muwonge and his work with the Kampala Children's Centre in Uganda. Mr Muwonge spends half his time in the UK and half his time in Uganda. Support to him is given through the NDE Network.

Support is provided for the work of Pastor Tinashe Veremu in Zimbabwe, to whom the church has given support for over 15 years. Regular contact is maintained with Pastor Veremu and £200 is sent every other month to him using WorldRemit.

Support is given to Rhea Ministries supporting their outreach work in the Thar Desert in Pakistan and humanitarian relief for Afghani refugees.

The Church resumed the support for Jon Cassel, formerly of CBN, but now works with World Team in Cameroun and Transworld Radio in Benin. Support is sent to Mr Cassel through World Remit on a bi-monthly basis.

Specific collections were taken during the year for identified needs. These include the help with college for a girl in Jamaica that GoodNews Church has supported since she was orphaned at the age of 4.

A collection was taken to support the widow of a missionary in Columbia, who was a regular speaker at GoodNews before his death in 2021.

A collection was made to support the work of People Against Poverty with refugees fleeing into Romania from the fighting in Ukraine.

Sometimes a church offering is taken specifically to support this work. Other humanitarian relief may be provided through connected ministries as and when the need arises.

'that meeting space'. During this year the church has taken over a redundant café in the centre of Melksham developed into a community meeting place. Once the room had been renovated the church began to hold weekly gathering and small group meetings there.

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Trustees' Report

The church began a Tuesday morning community drop-in that has attracted up to 25 people. During the drop-in a number of attendees recognized that they had a military background in common and formed a support group that meets at that meeting space.

For a few months the drop-in included one-to-one smart phone help, which developed into a course for the digitally isolated. The course was oversubscribed and two further courses have been scheduled.

Working with Celebrating Age Wiltshire, a 'Noticing Nature' course was arranged. Once the course was finished, the group had enjoyed being together so much that they formed into Nature and Art Friends, which meets weekly. This group is hosted and supported by GoodNews.

Following the trauma of the last two years, we recognized a need for helping people through their grief. We ran a 'Bereavement Journey' course at that meeting space, which had such positive results that we have repeated the course twice more and are presently planning further offerings.

Also meeting regularly at 'that meeting space' are a singalong group, Melksham Book Club, a woman's networking group and All Nations Christian Fellowship.

The church was awarded a £1000 grant towards the continued work of that meeting space. The continued hostilities in Ukraine have brought many refugees to Melksham and the surrounding area. It is hoped that 'that meeting space' can be a resource that will help them settle.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 3 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr John Francis Firth  
Trustee

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 3 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr John Francis Firth  
Trustee

**Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO 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 Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO 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 accounting 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.



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Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA

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3 June 2022

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Charitable activities		32,723	9,036	41,759	45,716
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		(39,453)	(10,731)	(50,184)	(53,154)
Total expenditure		(39,453)	(10,731)	(50,184)	(53,154)
Net expenditure		(6,730)	(1,695)	(8,425)	(7,438)
Gross transfers between funds		(1,695)	1,695	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,425)	-	(8,425)	(7,438)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		60,409	-	60,409	67,847
Total funds carried forward	8	51,984	-	51,984	60,409

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 8.

**Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

**(Registration number: 1167992)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	5,047	6,314
Cash at bank and in hand	7	<u>46,937</u>	<u>54,095</u>
		<u>51,984</u>	<u>60,409</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds		-	53,732
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>51,984</u>	<u>6,677</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	8	<u>51,984</u>	<u>60,409</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 3 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr John Francis Firth  
Trustee

## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General £	Restricted £		
Donations and offering	27,208	-	27,208	31,367
Donations towards the support of John Firth's wages	-	1,702	1,702	1,754
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	5,047	-	5,047	6,314
Miscellaneous Income	450	-	450	427
Restricted Giving - Miscellaneous	-	2,663	2,663	5,752
Rental income - TMS	-	20	20	-
Giving - That Meeting Space (TMS)	-	4,651	4,651	-
Bank interest receivable	18	-	18	102
	<u>32,723</u>	<u>9,036</u>	<u>41,759</u>	<u>45,716</u>

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General £	Restricted £		
Music and Sound Equipment	110	-	110	180
Office Supplies & Equipment	873	-	873	1,621
Wages and salaries	20,337	-	20,337	18,826
Staff NIC	6,165	-	6,165	7,327
Staff pensions	1,908	-	1,908	1,743
Advertising	21	-	21	122
Website and Internet cost	468	-	468	335
Children's Ministry	25	-	25	96
Ministries	7,488	-	7,488	16,811
Gifts	-	2,315	2,315	4,779
Events	113	-	113	-
Rent	74	-	74	117
Professional Services	625	-	625	381
Legal Requirements	946	-	946	516
Rent - TMS	-	3,500	3,500	-
Supplies - TMS	-	676	676	-
Office Equipment - TMS	-	938	938	-
Phone - TMS	-	100	100	-
Website/Internet - TMS	-	112	112	-
Legal Requirements - TMS	-	5	5	-
Renovation - TMS	-	2,905	2,905	-
Miscellaneous - TMS	-	144	144	-
Wages -TMS	-	36	36	-
Independent examiner's fee	300	-	300	300
	39,453	10,731	50,184	53,154

## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

#### **4 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

##### **Mr John Francis Firth**

Mr John Francis Firth received remuneration of £28,410 (2020: £27,896) during the year.

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 5 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 6 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	5,047	6,314

#### 7 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank	46,937	54,095

#### 8 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	60,409	32,723	(39,453)	(1,695)	51,984
<b>Restricted</b>	-	(9,036)	10,731	(1,695)	-
<b>Total funds</b>	(60,409)	(41,759)	50,184	-	(51,984)

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
General	16,842	38,210	(48,375)	6,677
<b>Restricted</b>	51,005	7,506	(4,779)	53,732
<b>Total funds</b>	67,847	45,716	53,154	(60,409)

**GOODNEWS CHURCH, MELKSHAM CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1167992

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 1167992

# Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

# **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

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# **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

### **Trustees**

Mr John Francis Firth  
Owen Morse-Brown  
Shirley Jenkins

### **Principal Office**

55 Foundry Close  
Melksham  
SN12 8FD

### **Charity Registration Number**

1167992

### **Independent Examiner**

Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA  
10 Gatcombe Gardens  
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# **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

## **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Objectives: The objectives of the CIO are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in the County of Wiltshire and in such other
- a) parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time-to-time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and
- b) Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such
- c) other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time-to-time think fit.
- To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial
- d) hardship, or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

### **Governance**

Nature of governing document:

The trustees meet regularly with the pastors and leaders of the church to review achievements and activities, and to plan strategy. John and Sharon Firth lead and pastor the church, with John Firth continuing as a paid employee and as a trustee in accordance with the CIO's constitution, which has provision for the employment of a pastor/trustee.

Owen Morse-Brown, and Shirley Jenkins are also trustees, with Catherine Morse-Brown acting as church elder. Steve Knight has the role of assistant pastor.

Nancy Millard is the church treasurer. The payroll function is handled by David Bull of DC Tax and Accounts Ltd. Sharon Firth is the safeguarding coordinator and the carries out the DBS checks through Thirtyoneeight

GoodNews is part of "Synergy Alliance", a loose fellowship of churches led by Pastor Andy Elmes of Family Church, Portsmouth. The Church also maintains its historic connections with the Door Fellowship, Williamsport, PA USA.

# Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

## Trustees' Report

### Activities

2020-21 has been an exceptional year. Through various lockdowns and social restrictions, the church has had to be flexible in the ways that it meets together. As the March 2020 lockdown approached, the church decided to use Zoom to meet. This meant that the meetings could maintain the personal interaction that is so characteristic of GoodNews, allowing everyone the opportunity to contribute. Hence the church met on Zoom throughout 2020/21, with the exception of a few opportunities where small groups of 6 could meet outdoors in garden meetings, or on some occasions inside when the restrictions allowed.

The church significantly increased its online and social media presences during the year and despite the restrictions were able to grow the number of young people involved in the cross-church youth work, holding weekly meetings on Zoom throughout the year.

As the church migrated onto Zoom, it became clear that those without computers and Wi-Fi were at a significant disadvantage as they were only able to join the meetings on their telephone land lines. Their experience was not very satisfying, so the church agreed to purchase a number of tablets and mobile Wi-Fi connections for some of those in need. Although not all of the members felt able to join online the majority did. The church has continued to support these members by paying for their mobile Wi-Fi. The members who took this up all lived alone and found it particularly helpful to be able to keep in touch with their families by Skype. In one case, a lady was able to be in contact with her husband on the day that he died of Covid in a care home, something that has been a great comfort to her.

“SHINE” is a church meeting for the special needs community, and it has successfully migrated onto the Zoom platform. There have been a couple of times during the year when the group has been able to meet in person and have done so at Queensway Chapel. The weekly drop-in coffee morning has had to be suspended for this period. Contact with the group has also been maintained by newsletters and activity sheets, as many of this community, besides being highly vulnerable, have also been susceptible to severe mental stress during this time.

A significant part of the success of this year online has been due to the patient and skilled support of Myles Pilling who has been able to help not only the church members and the special needs community to navigate the online environment, but also many in the community at large.

During the year there has been a contraction in the church group due to employment and life circumstances, which have meant that a number of people have left the area, though some have been able to continue to join with us for our online services. We regularly have people joining our meetings from across the UK. We are aware that as we move into the next year we will need to increase our profile locally.

One of the few advantages of meeting on-line has been that we have been able to host visiting speakers to our meetings from various parts of the world, without them having to travel to be in attendance. Sunday morning speakers have been welcomed from Africa and the USA as well as from across the UK.

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Trustees' Report

During this year the church has actively supported the Melksham-wide children's holiday clubs and other events with local churches, especially the Messy Church, by providing administration and organisation of events in order that these clubs can operate. The holiday club, Light Party and Messy Church has used a hybrid format where the children are supplied with activity bags and then join the activities on social media. The number of children involved for the holiday club was equal to the numbers at our most successful in person meetings from previous years.

During the year, a new cross church prayer meeting began, "Prayer For Melksham", bringing Christians together from different streams to pray. This began as an in-person meeting when social distancing allowed it, but for much of the time has been online and hosted by GoodNews Church.

Although the church has been unable to meet in person and no physical offerings have been received, a majority of the members have transitioned to online giving which has meant that the financial support for the church has held steady throughout the year.

This year has been a year of exceptional need nationally and internationally. The church took in a number of collections during the year for areas with significant needs. These included help for the Kampala Children's Centre in Uganda, as the Pandemic had caused their international support to become very restricted. We continue our support for Arnold Muwonge for his work with the Kampala Children's Centre. Mr Muwonge spends half his time in the UK and half his time in Uganda. Support to him is given through the NDE Network.

An offering was taken to support humanitarian efforts in Beirut following the devastating explosion there during the year. Support was given through local contacts and regular reports of the relief work were given.

Support is provided for the work of Pastor Tinashe Veremu in Zimbabwe, to whom the church has given support for 15 years. Regular contact is maintained with Pastor Veremu and £200 is sent every other month to him using WorldRemit.

Support is provided to a pastor working in the 'underground church' in China. Sometimes a church offering is taken specifically to support this work.

Other humanitarian relief may be provided through connected ministries as and when the need arises.

The hope and plan is for GoodNews to rent a space in the town centre to provide day facilities for adults with learning difficulties, provide employability skills training and to provide a drop-in centre for young people.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 1 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr John Francis Firth  
Trustee

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 1 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr John Francis Firth  
Trustee

## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO 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 Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO 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 accounting 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.



.....  
Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA

10 Gatcombe Gardens  
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1 June 2021

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Charitable activities		38,210	7,506	45,716	49,423
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		(48,375)	(4,779)	(53,154)	(42,973)
Total expenditure		(48,375)	(4,779)	(53,154)	(42,973)
Net movement in funds		(10,165)	2,727	(7,438)	6,450
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		16,842	51,005	67,847	61,397
Total funds carried forward	8	6,677	53,732	60,409	67,847

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 8.

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### (Registration number: 1167992) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	6,314	5,674
Cash at bank and in hand	7	54,095	62,173
		<u>60,409</u>	<u>67,847</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds		53,732	51,005
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>6,677</u>	<u>16,842</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	8	<u>60,409</u>	<u>67,847</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 1 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr John Francis Firth  
Trustee

# **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis of preparation**

Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

#### **Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Income and endowments**

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### 2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	General £	Restricted £		
Donations and Offering	31,367	-	31,367	39,023
Donations towards the support of John Firth's wages	-	1,754	1,754	1,820
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	6,314	-	6,314	5,970
Miscellaneous Income	427	-	427	420
Restricted Giving - Miscellaneous	-	5,752	5,752	2,045
Bank interest receivable	102	-	102	145
	<u>38,210</u>	<u>7,506</u>	<u>45,716</u>	<u>49,423</u>

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### 3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	General £	Restricted £		
Music and Sound Equipment	180	-	180	469
Office Supplies & Equipment	1,621	-	1,621	1,134
Wages and salaries	18,826	-	18,826	21,423
Staff NIC (Employers)	7,327	-	7,327	3,455
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	1,743	-	1,743	1,685
Advertising	122	-	122	634
Website and Internet cost	335	-	335	24
Children's Ministry	96	-	96	108
Ministries	16,811	-	16,811	8,480
Gifts	-	4,779	4,779	1,349
Rent	117	-	117	2,403
Professional Services	381	-	381	809
Legal Requirements	516	-	516	487
Missions and Needs	-	-	-	213
Independent examiner's fee	300	-	300	300
	48,375	4,779	53,154	42,973

## **Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

#### **4 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

##### **Mr John Francis Firth**

Mr John Francis Firth received remuneration of £27,896 (2020: £26,562) during the year.

## Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### 5 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 6 Debtors

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	6,314	5,674

#### 7 Cash and cash equivalents

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank	54,095	62,173

#### 8 Funds

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2020</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
General	16,842	38,210	(48,375)	6,677
<b>Restricted</b>	(51,005)	(7,506)	4,779	(53,732)
<b>Total funds</b>	(67,847)	(45,716)	53,154	(60,409)
	<b>Balance at 1 April 2019</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
General	12,908	45,558	(41,624)	16,842
<b>Restricted</b>	(48,489)	(3,865)	1,349	(51,005)
<b>Total funds</b>	(61,397)	(49,423)	42,973	(67,847)