

Charity registration number: 1167992

Goodnews Church, Melksham CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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

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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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3 June 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Charitable activities		32,723	9,036	41,759	45,716
Expenditure on:					
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)
Reconciliation of funds					
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.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

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

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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.

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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.

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2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total	Total
	General	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
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>

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total	Total
	General	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
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

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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.

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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 £
Unrestricted					
General	60,409	32,723	(39,453)	(1,695)	51,984
Restricted	-	(9,036)	10,731	(1,695)	-
Total funds	(60,409)	(41,759)	50,184	-	(51,984)

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