CHRISTCHURCH, TILEHURST

England & Wales · Charity number 1169691

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-10-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN [ ] AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF [THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING] / [THE CHARITY TRUSTEES] FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: The advancement of the knowledge of the Gospel, particularly within the Tilehurst community. Key activities to accomplish this include Sunday services, meeting in homes, ad hoc events and informal support from membership.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Reading

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£81,864	£62,321	-	-
2024-03-31	£59,798	£56,776	-	-
2023-03-31	£49,319	£55,208	-	-
2022-03-31	£66,229	£48,880	-	-
2021-03-31	£60,202	£47,822	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DANIEL DWELLY	Chair	2016-10-14
Charlie Allison		2025-04-24
Graham Newton		2022-05-24
PASTOR JAMES MULDOON		2016-10-14

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Trustee Annual Report & Financial Statements

April 1st 2024 – March 31st 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1169691

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name	ChristChurch Tilehurst
Registered Charity Number	1169691
Principal Office	26 Brooksby Road Tilehurst Reading RG31 6LY

Charity Trustees

Daniel Dwelly	(Elder/Pastor)
Graham Newton	(Elder)
James Muldoon	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT

ChristChurch Tilehurst is constituted as a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** and governed by a **constitution** with **trustees** elected by charity members in accordance with our Church Handbook.

The Church Handbook also requires the elders of the Church must be trustees, though trustees do not have to be elders. Mr James Muldoon is the only serving trustee who is not also an elder. This has given greater accountability for the charity and the flexibility to ensure CCT continues to operate with the required number of trustees with proper expertise.

The elders have met on a regular basis through this year to provide oversight of the church activities and discuss both pastoral care and ministry business in light of our purpose, objectives and aims.

The members have met quarterly to discuss church business, assess the finances and vote on church matters. This year began with a membership of **58** individuals, growing to **61**. There was **1** membership transfer to another church.

ChristChurch Tilehurst is also a member of the **Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches** (FIEC, fiec.org.uk), a network organisation supporting independent churches across the UK. The FIEC has no governing authority or responsibility for the charity but offers a supporting role, facilitating partnerships with other churches in the network, running training and conferences, and providing advice.

AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

AIMS

The aims and objectives or ChristChurch Tilehurst (CCT) are set out in the charity's governing constitution which states that the purposes of the church are;

> *The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Tilehurst, Reading and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.*

OBJECTIVES

CCT is committed to its objective of furthering the Christian faith in Tilehurst, Reading and beyond. When planning activities, the elders and trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and have sought to enable anyone in our reach to live out the Christian faith within the local church community or have the opportunity to explore Christianity for themselves.

Many of the activities we engage in to achieve our objectives are described in this report, but especially include Sunday worship services.

The church also pro-actively engages with the wider community at several events through the year, including community fayres or by celebrating key festivals and cultural events (including Christmas, Easter, Harvest, All-Hallows Eve: 'Light Parties', Remembrance Sunday).

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

The focal point of church life is our weekly Sunday morning services hosted at Westwood Farm Junior School at 10.30am. The services aim to provide an engaging time of worship through contemporary and traditional music, prayers, Bible readings, the Lord's Supper, baptisms and sermons. These services have been open to all and provide a good opportunity for the general public to observe and participate in church life or connect with our Christian community.

We have had the privilege of worshipping together as a mixed group of people from different backgrounds, nationalities and economic status. It has been our aim to ensure a very warm welcome to everyone attending our services, especially visitors and newcomers and whether they are Christian believers or not.

PREACHING MINISTRIES.[1] The Bible is a primary element to our church life and remains a central component of our worship and practice. Through the Bible, we believe Jesus speaks to us, encouraging and challenging us to live our lives for him. In this year, the preaching and Bible ministry have covered:

- **'Acts: the Jesus Movement' –** Throughout 2024 we have continued with an expository sermon series through the book of Acts. This book covers the first 30+ years of the church's existence after Jesus' ascension and shows us how the message of Jesus and his followers grew and spread through the world at that time. This is an exciting book, with much to teach Christians about the power of the gospel and for us to learn from those early Christians as we seek to live out our faith in our own context today.

"Acts has taught us so much…The glory of Christ, the power of the Spirit, the wonder of the gospel, the inspiration of Christian witness, the beauty of a united, caring church, the excitement of light overcoming darkness, and the joy of salvation. It's the story of the Jesus Movement, the Gospel Empire of Jesus, growing in all the world, despite resistance, through faithful Christians preaching the same old gospel, and fulfilling God's plan."

– Pastor Dan Dwelly, Sermon: 'Acts: Gospel Empire', Nov 28th 2024

- **'Parables of the Kingdom: Matthew 13'** – a small team of men in the church (pictured in a planning meeting) who are willing and able to preach took on their own mini-series in the summer looking at some of Jesus' parables about the kingdom of God in Matthew chapter 13. The vivid imagery Jesus uses in these parables were particularly engaging for our children who were also present for these sermons.

- **Christmas 2024 –** we also enjoyed a short Advent Series called 'Christmas shows us the way things really are.' It aimed to show how the Christmas story offers us keys to understanding reality and meaning. It reveals the truth that God is real and can be known as he appears in the Christmas story. It tells us that humans really do matter as Jesus becomes one of us. It exposes the real problem with the world: human sin. And the only way back to reality, meaning and life, through knowing Jesus as Saviour.

[1] Many of our sermons are recorded and available to listen to on our website: www.ChristChurchtilehurst.org.uk/sermons

"Friends, if you're looking for a way back—to meaning, to purpose, to morality, to life—then Christmas is giving you a vision, a message and a quest. The vision is that the world is far more spectacular and wonderful when you see God in it... Will you dare to see the way things really are?"
– Pastor Dan Dwelly, Sermon: 'The Way Back', Carol Service, Dec 22nd 2024.

SPECIAL SERVICES: As well as these sermon series, our Sunday gatherings also included:

- **All-Age services** particularly aimed at children and families. These services usually take place at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas, as well as during school term breaks.
- Our **Mission Sunday** (June 2024) is an annual service when we focus on the ways we are seeking to support mission around the world. This year we were pleased to invite Pete Killingley from CARE (Christian Action, Research and Education) as our guest speaker. Pete shared with us about the work of CARE as it engages with the world of UK politics and then preached to us on being a 'voice for the voiceless' from Proverbs 31 and seeking justice for the oppressed. He also led an excellent seminar for us in the afternoon on 'How to vote at a time of political disillusionment'. This seminar tied in well with the upcoming general election and helped us think about politics and voting from a Biblical perspective. We were also pleased to partner with another church, Coley Park Baptist Church, who hosted us and to welcome several other attendees to the seminar from other churches in the town whom we had invited.
- Other guest speakers included Dr Anthony Royle, principal of Kings Evangelical Divinity School and Dr Amit Sharma who brought a message on 'Dealing With Trauma' for a special Mental Health and Christianity service.

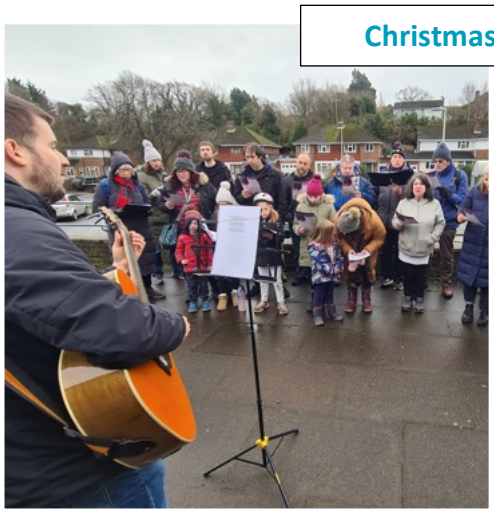
BAPTISMAL SERVICE – A very special highlight in our year was hosting some baptisms on June 23rd 2024. Three young people were baptised on the school grounds thanks to a loan of a portable baptistry from Reading Family Church. It was particularly special to host these baptisms on the school site where we regularly meet.

PRAYER MEETINGS. Enabling opportunity for corporate prayer has remained a key priority for the elders and a vital part of church life. We have hosted a monthly prayer meeting on Sunday evenings through 2024-2025. We also hosted a 'Week of Prayer' in January 2025, arranging several extra prayer meetings for the church, as well as providing a guide for personal prayer and fasting.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. We enjoyed another full Christmas programme this year. This included a Christmas Ceilidh which our wider community and other guests were invited to. We also enjoyed spreading some Christmas cheer singing carols on a Saturday morning outside some local shops. Our traditional carol service was also another lovely occasion, as well as our Christmas Day service, both of which attracted a number of visitors.

Baptismal Service

Christmas Carol Singing and Ceilidh



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

We are especially glad to welcome many young families to ChristChurch each Sunday and aim to serve our children in several ministries. Our hope is to ensure our life as a church includes and nurtures children and their families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CRECHE. Sunday School at ChristChurch has continued to meet in term-time, led by Rachel Newton, Jenny Taylor and Penny Runnalls. There are two groups, one for 4-7s, consisting of approximately 10 children, and 7-11s, which is a group of about 14 children. We have 9 teachers and 5 helpers plus 2 junior helpers. We are very grateful for all who are involved, although with our growing numbers, further additions to the team are always welcome.

We use The Good News Company's 'Click' teaching scheme. Sessions typically begin with the two groups meeting together for songs and prayer before going to their respective rooms. The remaining time consists of the teaching of the Bible lesson and a memory verse, supported by a range of activities: quizzes, games, drama and craft.

Throughout the year the children have readily participated in Sunday School and as they have become teenagers, some have joined the team as junior helpers.

Penny Runnalls

CONNECT/UNITED. We're blessed with a rich, dynamic and faith-hungry youth at ChristChurch Tilehurst. Since January 2025, I've had the pleasure of leading this ministry with a team of 10 other leaders and helpers. We have roughly equal young people to helpers.

For Connect (11-14yrs), we have been digging into God's word during the service - using the Scripture Union's Grid book as a guide.

For United (14-18yrs), we have had a crack team of volunteers leading monthly sessions about how to be a Christian in everyday life, the role of mission and tackling some of the larger questions about life and faith. These meetings are kindly hosted at members' homes after the morning service.

Other activities with our youth have included a Movie Night, a Picnic Walk, a bonfire and Christmas party.

All volunteers feel blessed engaging with youth on key Biblical and life topics raised. It's a real privilege to go deeper into these topics and explore them afresh. Thanks goes to our wonderful team of volunteers and their dedication to the spiritual development of ChristChurch Tilehurst's youth.

Long may Jesus's name be glorified in this way!

Will Allchorn

CCT Youth

SAFEGUARDING.[2] Safeguarding remains a vital part of the life and ministry of ChristChurch Tilehurst. It is both a legal responsibility and a gospel-shaped commitment to care for the vulnerable and protect all who are part of our church family.

Over the past year, our safeguarding and complaints policies were reviewed and updated. To make them more accessible, condensed guidance booklets were produced as quick reference guides for leaders, volunteers, and members. Safeguarding training was delivered for both church members and youth team members, with additional guidance and support provided to ministry teams throughout the year to help embed safeguarding into everyday practice.

[2] A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available online: https://www.ChristChurchtilehurst.org.uk/whats-on/events/children-youth/

All new workers serving with children, young people, or vulnerable adults completed the necessary DBS checks and safer recruitment procedures, ensuring they were properly vetted and supported for their roles. We also continue to benefit from external safeguarding support through our partnership with *Christian Safeguarding Services*, whose expertise provide wise additional support when needed.

It has been encouraging to see an increasing awareness of safeguarding responsibilities across different ministries. Engagement with training has also been positive, and a healthy culture of care and openness continues to develop within our church family.

Looking ahead, our priorities include providing refresher training for all leaders and volunteers and strengthening communication of safeguarding policies and reporting routes for the whole congregation. Above all, we remain committed to making ChristChurch Tilehurst a safe and welcoming place where the love of Christ is shown through care, respect, and protection for all.

Hannah Martin (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Fellowship Events and Pastoral Care

The elders have continued to provide pastoral care for the congregation through visitation and counselling. It has also been encouraging to see how church members have continued to care and support one another too, showing Christ-like love and compassion. We aim to offer a number of opportunities and events through the year to enable the church community to spend time together and build relationships.

Growth Groups. These are smaller groups in the church meeting in-person on a fortnightly basis for prayer, support, encouragement, and Bible teaching. We are especially grateful for the team of volunteer leaders who have led these groups. These have been a great encouragement to the members and where we have seen growth in Christian maturity.

Coffee Morning

TEA & TOTS. Tea & Tots continues to be an encouragement to parents with little ones, with fortnightly meet ups in our homes. We said goodbye to quite a few older ones at the end of the summer but welcomed three new babies this year! We pray for each other and really appreciate the mid-week contact and opportunity to support each other through parenthood.

We have hosted a couple of **coffee mornings** to share fellowship with all generations in our church family and these have been a blessed time.

Beccy Cooper

SUMMER FEST. Another highlight has been a musical event in September 2024 called Summer Fest hosted at Westwood Farm School. The event included live music, face painting, a bouncy castle, collective worship, carnival-style games, a prayer tent, and even an ice-cream van. It was a brilliant day of fun and fellowship for all the family. We were also glad to welcome along several visitors and family members as well.

Summer Fest

MEN'S BREAKFASTS. Beginning in February 2025, we launched a new monthly meeting for men. The aim was to provide opportunity for men in our church community to build relationships with others and encourage one another. We gathered on a Saturday morning for breakfast and spent time discussing some scripture and praying together. The response to these has been positive and we intend to keep the breakfasts going into the new year.

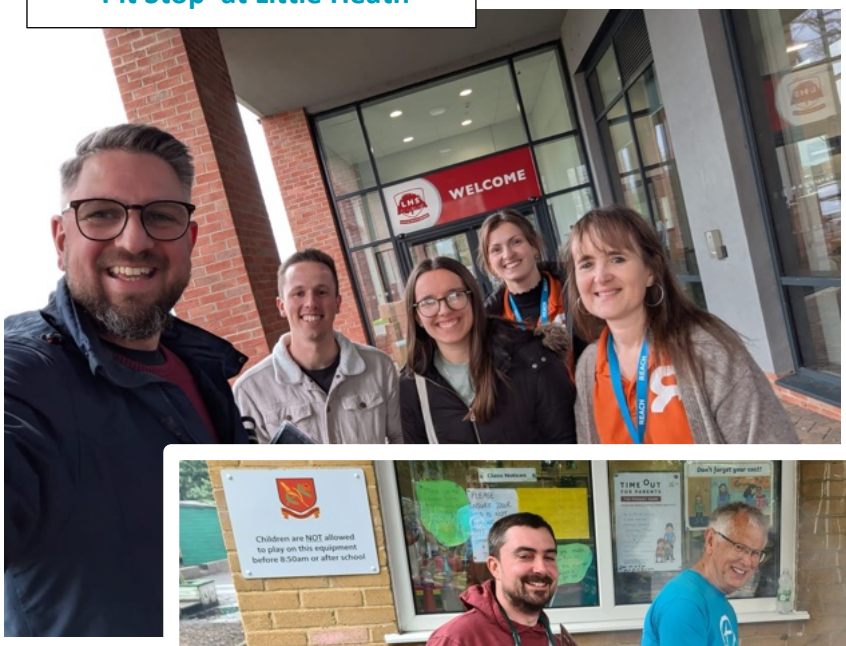
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EVANGELISM AND MISSION

Sharing the message of Jesus Christ has remained a key priority for the church during this year and we have been encouraged by some of the opportunities God has given us. These include our Sunday morning services when we often receive visitors, some of whom are not Christians, and when we seek to faithfully proclaim the good news about life in Jesus every week.

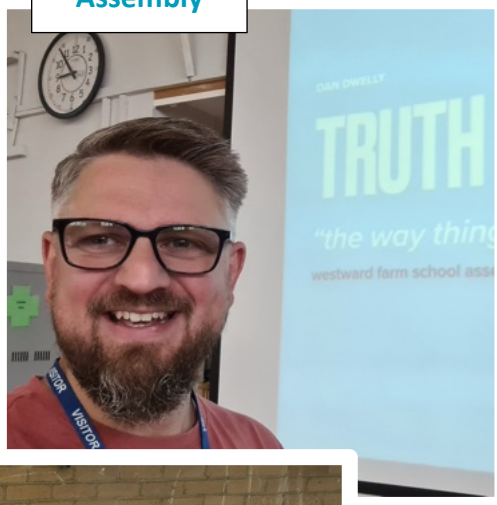
As well as these services, we can highlight some other key opportunities:

SCHOOLS WORK. We have enjoyed investing in local schools especially Westwood Farm Junior School where we hire a hall for our regular Sunday worship. Our pastor has been invited to take **assemblies** there at Easter, Harvest and Christmas and also on the theme of 'truth'. We have also supported the School's PTA with another **fayre,** running their popular BBQ. Partnering with a Christian School worker trust called **Reach** was another encouragement. Reach run a 'Pit Stop' for staff and we helped to supply some cakes as well as have our pastor join the team serving them. This ministry is a highlight for the staff, who often comment on how much they look forward to seeing those "Christians with cakes!". These have all been great opportunities to meet staff and pupils and share a Christian message in schools. This contact sometimes leads to other opportunities when our pastor, Dan, has met pupils and their families outside the school setting, strengthening our positive Christian presence in the community.

‘Pit Stop’ at Little Heath



Assembly



School Fayre BBQ

LIGHT PARTY. In October 2024 a Light Party was hosted at Westwood Farm Junior School. As an alternative celebration to Halloween, the Light Party was open to all but aimed at families and children up to age 11. The evening included crafts, games, refreshments, sparklers and a short message by Dan about the Christian faith. The event was very well attended with over 40 children coming and many from the church helping to ensure the event ran smoothly.

Jenny Taylor

TORCH & READIFOOD. We have been pleased to continue with our support and involvement with the Torch Help hub, whose work has continued to grow and expand in the Reading area. Torch has provided us with some brilliant opportunities for reaching out to people we could not have otherwise met, some of whom have now begun to regularly attend church. This year, we have had a couple of opportunities to help clients in Tilehurst with some significant gardening maintenance.

GOOD NEWS FOR TILEHURST MAGAZINE. For the past four years, we have created and distributed thousands of magazines to our community—often at Christmas time. This year, our Christmas edition was packed full of content, including personal and heartfelt stories from church members, a gospel-focused article from our pastor, a tree ornament craft, a chocolate truffle recipe, two interest pieces (one on a local area of wild beauty under threat, and another from a meteorologist about the chances of a white Christmas), children's activities, a 'song surgery' of *Mary, Did You Know,* information about local charities and support, and invitations to our services, exploring faith course, and ceilidh!

6000 copies of a 24-page magazine were given out to friends, family members, the school we meet at, and neighbouring houses. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to remind people that we're here if they ever want to visit or ask for support, while presenting them with the life-giving hope of the gospel. Seeing the stories and input from real people, who live in and around Tilehurst, adds a level of connection that would otherwise be missing from a simple flyer-drop. The magazine is professionally designed and printed—which does take up a large chunk of our outreach budget—but we believe the quality of both the content and the finished product is equally important if we want people to read and keep it. We hope they see how important this message is—that we have spent the time and money to ensure they received a copy of *Good News for Tilehurst*!

Many members have had good conversations with those they've handed them out to, especially if they are personally featured in it, and a number of people have come to the church as a result. We're praying for lasting impact as we continue to produce these magazines faithfully and regularly, knowing they reflect who we are as a church family, Jesus' love for the lost, and our longing for what he will do in our community.

Copies of our magazines can be found on our website:

Sarah Broady

Torch - gardening

EXPLORE FAITH COURSES. We have been pleased to host at least one course for people who are not Christians yet or new to church. This year, We have run a Christianity Explored Course but offer others as well. Through video presentations, Bible studies and set questions, these courses provide participants with an interactive and informal opportunity to discover the good news about Jesus for themselves.

PRO-LIFE WORK. Pastor Dan Dwelly has been active among a local network of Christian pro-life supporters who have conducted some educational outreach in the Reading town centre. Using poster boards, displays and literature, the team seeks to initiate conversations with the public about abortion with a view to changing opinion and sharing the good news about Jesus. There are often great conversations, when some have changed their mind or been challenged to think more about this topic. Others have taken information for post-abortion support. Though some oppose this work, we are often struck by the many who express support and appreciation for our efforts too.

READING FESTIVAL – STREET PASTORS. Our pastor has also had the opportunity to join the Reading Street Pastors who run some welfare tents on the Reading music festival site. Each year, thousands of people come to Reading for the festival and the Street Pastors are able to serve them. A volunteer team of almost 100 people made up of Christians from churches across the region are able to offer a safe, warm and comfortable space on the camp site for the revellers. This has provided many opportunities to share the Christian faith when asked about it, but also allowed us to help people who find themselves in need, including being intoxicated, separated from friends, or anxious.

MISSIONS & AID. The Apostle Paul was thankful for the Philippians' partnership in spreading the gospel, the Macedonian churches' generosity towards the poor Christians in Jerusalem, and he hoped for the believers in Rome to help his future plans to take the gospel to Spain. Partnership is in our spiritual pedigree.

We were blessed by Paul Chatfield visiting in July 2024. He pastors the International Church in Turin, Italy; Susie, his wife, and their dog have recently moved to a house outside the suburbs. James and Joey Knewell continue to be much in our prayers and giving (£1200). They visited us in February 2025, sharing about the work and its possible expansion. We planned for a small work party to go there in September 2025. In March 2025 Malcolm Clegg

came with Alina and Svitlana to speak about Central Eurasian Partners' (CEP) work in Eastern Europe, particularly Ukraine. We are blessed to continue to pray for Michael & Steph Baldwin in Eurasia, giving them £2400.

We facilitate weekly donations to Norcot Pantry (a food bank hosted by Norcot Mission Church); we also wish to help neighbours in our area.

Besides the above, many pray for Luke and Claudette Baldwin in Georgia; others support the RAHAB work, members are directly involved in the work of the Norwegian Mission Society, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Prison Fellowship, and Street Pastors.

Whilst Paul wrote to the 'local' "church of God that is in Corinth", he wanted to remind them that they were not super-special-unique; they were a manifestation of a bigger community: "all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." It is good for us, as CCT, to remember and partner with others in the universal church!

Charlie Allison

VOLUNTEERS

The elders and trustees would like to thank all our volunteers who work incredibly hard to make CCT a welcoming and supportive Christian community. We believe the church is like a body, with different members providing different gifts and abilities and it has been fantastic to see them serving each other with these gifts. We would especially like to thank Mrs Hannah Martin, our Safeguarding Lead, Mr Louie Over, our Church Treasurer, and Jan Broady and Keith Munday, our Health and Safety team.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is supported through the generous voluntary giving of its members and congregants. It has been a particular encouragement that the number of regular givers to ChristChurch has continued to grow year-on-year. As a church, we recognise the generous provision afforded to us by our Heavenly Father and the privilege we have as stewards of this to facilitate our objective of furthering the Christian Faith here in Tilehurst, Reading and beyond.

Throughout 2024/25, this generosity has allowed us to support both local and international mission, in addition to many local events including (i) baptisms, (ii) Easter and Summer Festivals, (iii) Christmas magazine publication and (iv) Light party.

As at 31 March 2025 the charity's general funds stood at £92,483. The trustees continue to implement a policy of maintaining a balance of unrestricted funds greater than or equal to approximately three months of operating costs for the charity, wherever possible. This is designed to support the ongoing operation of the charity in the event of fluctuations in donation income, upon which the charity relies. Three months is considered sufficient time for the trustees to identify an enduring decline in giving and take action to control costs or generate income as required.

Louie Over, Church Treasurer

DECLARATION

This annual report has been prepared by the trustees and approved by them.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

SIGNED:		
FULL NAME:	Daniel Dwelly	Graham Newton
POSITION:	Elder/Trustee	Elder/Trustee
DATE:	28 Jan 2026	28 Jan 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

ChristChurch, Tilehurst	1169691

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received	64,052	-	-	64,052	50,569
GiftAid Receipts	17,812	-	-	17,812	9,229
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,864	-	-	81,864	59,798
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,864	-	-	81,864	59,798
A3 Payments					
Venue Costs	5,269	-	-	5,269	3,883
Staff Costs	41,246	-	-	41,246	39,775
Guest Speaker	181	-	-	181	344
Refreshments	268	-	-	268	648
Home Groups	-	-	-	-	118
Compliance	1,426	-	-	1,426	1,053
Sunday School	395	-	-	395	285
Youth Group	107	-	-	107	215
Creche	31	-	-	31	65
Music	700	-	-	700	471
Events	4,572	-	-	4,572	3,921
Communion	-	-	-	-	-
Mission	6,260	-	-	6,260	5,540
Training/Conferences	65	-	-	65	-
Other	1,801	-	-	1,801	458
Sub total	62,321	-	-	62,321	56,776
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	62,321	-	-	62,321	56,776
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,543	-	-	19,543	3,022
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,916	24	-	72,940	69,918
Cash funds this year end	92,459	24	-	92,483	72,940

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash Funds	92,459	24	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	92,459	24	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Daniel Dwelly	27/01/26
	Graham Newton	27/1/26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: **Christchurch, Tilehurst**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 March 2025**	**Charity no (if any)**	**1169691**
Set out on pages	**1 - 2** (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:		**Date:**	20/01/2026
Name:	Sarah Tram		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
Address:	33 Beech Road, Purley on Thames Reading RG8 8DR		

CHRISTCHURCH, TILEHURST

England & Wales - Charity number 1169691

Accounts

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Life in Community

ChristChurch Tilehurst

Trustee Annual Report & Financial Statements

April 1st 2023 – March 31st 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1169691

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name	ChristChurch Tilehurst
Registered Charity Number	1169691
Principal Office	26 Brooksby Road Tilehurst Reading RG31 6LY

Charity Trustees

Daniel Dwelly	(Elder/Pastor)
Graham Newton	(Elder from June 2022)
James Muldoon	

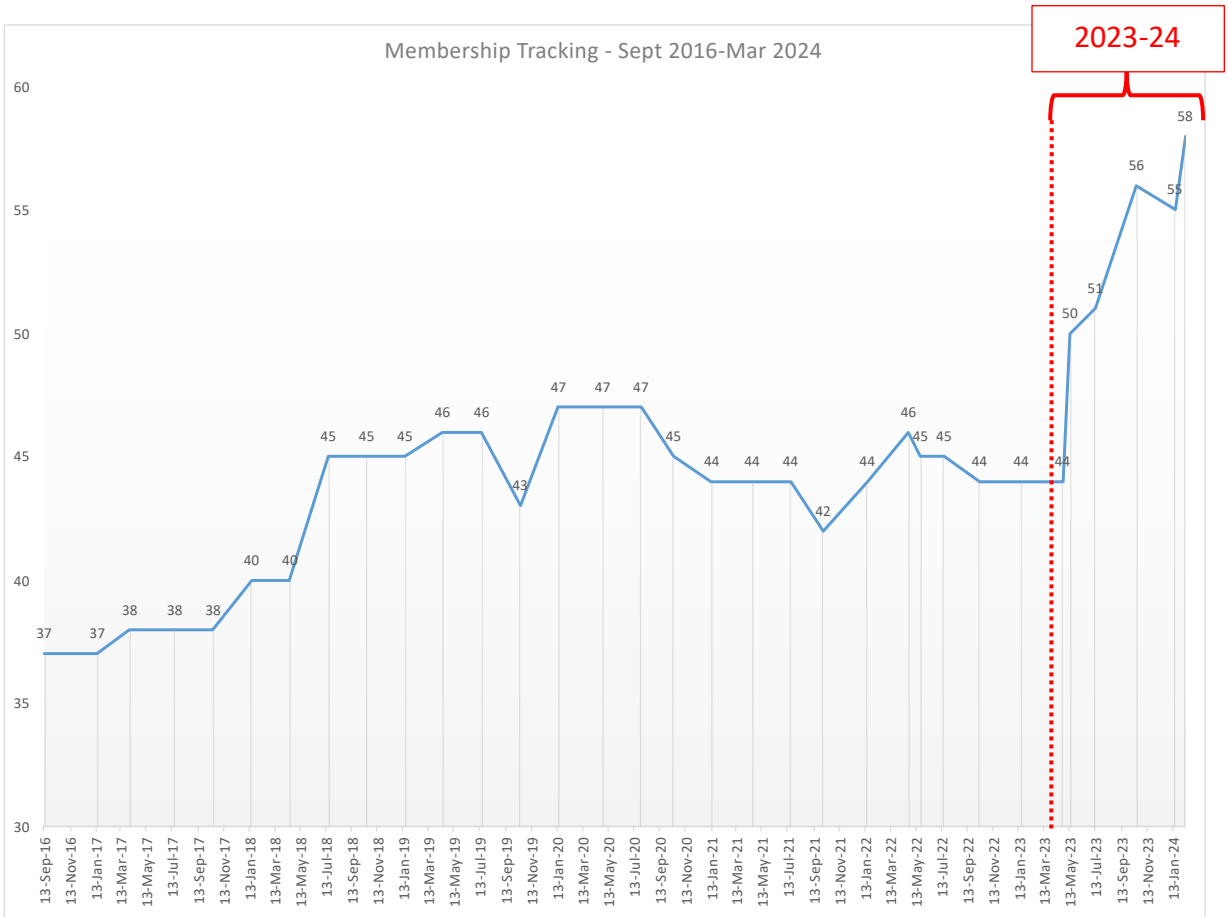
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT

ChristChurch Tilehurst is constituted as a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** and governed by a **constitution** with **trustees** elected by charity members in accordance with our Church Handbook.

The Church Handbook also requires the elders of the Church must be trustees, though trustees do not have to be elders. Mr James Muldoon is the only serving trustee who is not also an elder. This has given greater accountability for the charity and the flexibility to ensure CCT continues to operate with the required number of trustees with proper expertise.

The elders have met on a regular basis through this year to provide oversight of the church activities and discuss both pastoral care and ministry business in light of our purpose, objectives and aims.

The members have met quarterly to discuss church business, assess the finances and vote on church matters. This year began with a membership of **44** individuals, growing to **58**. There were **4** membership terminations: two sadly died and two moved away. The graph below shows the steady and encouraging growth of CCT since its inception in September 2016. This particular year has been especially significant, with **18** new members joining our fellowship.



In November 2023, the trustees and members agreed to include a provision of **Associate Membership** for CCT. This new tier of membership is designed to allow children (under 16 years) to become members of the church family following baptism, whilst relieving them of responsibility for certain charitable obligations.[1] This has been a particularly encouraging development for our church as we have witnessed some of our young people expressing personal faith and commitment to Christ and his church.

ChristChurch Tilehurst is also a member of the **Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches** (FIEC, fiec.org.uk), a network organisation supporting independent churches across the UK. The FIEC has no governing authority or responsibility for the charity but offers a supporting role, facilitating partnerships with other churches in the network, running training and conferences, and providing advice.

AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

AIMS

The aims and objectives or ChristChurch Tilehurst (CCT) are set out in the charity's governing constitution which states that the purposes of the church are;

> *The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Tilehurst, Reading and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.*

OBJECTIVES

CCT is committed to its objective of furthering the Christian faith in Tilehurst, Reading and beyond. When planning activities, the elders and trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and have sought to enable anyone in our reach to live out the Christian faith within the local church community, or have the opportunity to explore Christianity for themselves.

Many of the particular activities we engage in to achieve our objectives are described in this report, but especially include Sunday worship services.

The church also pro-actively engages with the wider community at a number of events through the year, including community fayres or by celebrating key festivals and cultural events (Christmas, Easter, Harvest, All-Hallows Eve: 'Light Parties', Remembrance Sunday).

[1] A fuller description of Associate Membership and the necessary amendments to the handbook are include in Appendix 1.

ACHEIVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

The focal point of church life is our weekly Sunday morning services hosted at Westwood Farm Junior School at 10.30am. The services aim to provide an engaging time of worship through contemporary and traditional music, prayers, Bible readings, the Lord's Supper, baptisms and sermons. These services have been open to all and provide a good opportunity for the general public to observe and participate in church life or connect with our Christian community.

We have had the privilege of worshipping together as a mixed group of people from different backgrounds, nationalities and economic status. It has been our aim to ensure a very warm welcome to everyone attending our services, especially visitors and newcomers and whether they are Christian believers or not.

PREACHING MINISTRIES. The Bible is a primary element to our church life and remains a central component of our worship and practice. Through the Bible, we believe Jesus speaks to us, encouraging and challenging us to live our lives for him. In this year, the preaching and Bible ministry has covered:

- **'Nehemiah: Rebuild'** – in Jan 2023 our pastor Dan Dwelly started preaching through the book of Nehemiah, ending the series in July. Turning to this book of the Bible has helped us re-establish and strengthen ourselves as a church and move forward into what felt like a new season for us, post-pandemic. The themes of Nehemiah encouraged us to renew our vision for what God wants the church to be, how we are all gifted and called to serve, and how we can 'build' his kingdom faithfully.
- **'Letters to the Church' (Revelation 1-3)** – a team of men in our church were able to deliver an eight-part series of sermons through Revelation chapters 1 to 3 which includes '7 letters to the church'. Spread out over the summer period, this series offered us lots of challenges and encouragements that came as a helpful follow-on from our series in Nehemiah. It was also a great encouragement to see some of our church members using their preaching gifts to bless the church.
- **'Every Spiritual Blessing' (Ephesians 1) –** Through the Autumn term, Dan brought a series of messages from chapter 1 of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesian church which covered eight 'spiritual blessings' Christians know through faith in Christ Jesus. This series greatly encouraged Christians by reminding us of who we are and what we have as followers of Christ.
- **'Acts: the Jesus Movement' –** 2024 began with a new series in the book of Acts. This book covers the first 30+ years of the church's existence after Jesus' ascension and shows us how the message of Jesus and his followers grew and spread through the world at that time. This is an exciting book, with much to teach Christians about the power of the gospel and for us to learn from those early Christians as we seek to live out our faith in our own context today.

SPECIAL SERVICES: As well as these sermon series, our Sunday gatherings also included:

- **All-Age services** particularly aimed at children and families. These services fell on Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas, as well as during school term breaks.
- Our **Mission Sunday** (June 2023) was a great opportunity to hear news from our mission partners, pray for them and renew our commitment to world-mission. We were especially glad to welcome Malcolm Clegg from CEP as our speaker (Central Eurasian Partners) and some of his colleagues, as they shared about their work, especially in war-torn Ukraine.
- Welcoming back Dr Amit Sharma once again to talk about **Mental Health and Christianity** (November 2023), bringing both a medical and a Christian perspective on the theme of anxiety.

PRAYER MEETINGS. Enabling opportunity for corporate prayer has remained a key priority for the elders and a vital part of church life. We've hosted a monthly prayer meeting on Saturday mornings through 2023 which changed to Sunday evenings in 2024. We also hosted a 'Weekend of Prayer' in January 2023, arranging several extra prayer meetings for the church, as well as providing a guide for personal prayer.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE – A very special highlight in our year was hosting some baptisms on 24th Sept 2023. Six people from a range of backgrounds, ages and stages of life were baptised at Coley Park Baptist Church, who kindly loaned us their building for the occasion. The service was held in the afternoon and was followed by refreshments.

EXPLORING IDENTITY' SERIES. Through the Autumn term, Pastor Dan and Chris Wooldridge, another CCT member, hosted a series of seminars looking at the topic of identity. This is an especially important topic in our modern western context and we wanted to explore this through a Christian perspective. The series considered what the Bible says about our identity and how this compares and contrasts with our wider secular culture. Our aim was to equip Christians with a better understanding of our world and how to respond wisely and graciously to those who think differently.

Baptismal Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. We had an especially joyful Christmas programme this year, beginning with a very atmospheric Christmas Prayer and Praise. We also held a special Christmas Eve Nativity service in the morning, followed by an afternoon Carol Service featuring our very own Christmas Choir.

EASTER. This reporting year included two Easter weekends (7th-9th Apr 2023 and 29th-31st Mar 2024). For 2023, we host a **Good Friday lunch** where we spent time together focusing on the crucifixion of Jesus and what it means for us as Christians. We shared a meal together and also celebrated Communion. We did something similar in 2024, with a large number of people attending.

We were also able to host a special **Easter Ceilidh** on Saturday 8th April 2023 when we were able to invite friends and neighbours as well. This was an really fun and happy time for us to be together and we were especially grateful to Colin Hall, Graham Newton and Beccy Cooper who led our music and dancing.

We had a special **'EasterFest'** praise and worship event on Sunday 16th April 2023, led by some of our talented music and worship team. And on Easter Sunday 31st March 2024, we held our first ever **'Walk of Witness'**, when we gathered at some nearby shops with some special banners we'd prepared. We then proceeded to walk from there to the school where we hosted our Easter Sunday Worship Service.

PRAYER AND PRAISE. We have been incredibly blessed at CCT with a large and strong music team over the years. In the early days of our church plant, P&P was set up to help establish this team by practicing together and to explore fresh approaches to sung worship and prayer. These were very encouraging and exciting times that have helped us to grow in our musical-worship. P&P has continued to run through most of 2023, usually running on a Sunday once a month.

A few factors – including a drop in attendance and availability of the team – prompted us to decide on scaling back our P&P times in 2024. Instead, we intended to focus more on one-off events, such as a Christmas Praise event in December 2023 and a very successful **Summer Fest.**

This change also allowed us to re-direct our energy and gifting in these areas into other opportunities, like our monthly Sunday evening prayer meetings. We also know that some of our congregants enjoy meeting informally for similar times of sung worship and prayer throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful to Andy Martin who has spearheaded this ministry this year, along with Beccy and Phil Cooper and Graham and Rachel Newton.

Youth and Children's Work

Sunday School & Creche. We are especially glad to welcome many young families to ChristChurch each Sunday and aim to serve our children in a Sunday School ministry. Through songs, Bible Memory Verses, stories and crafts, we have been able to teach the children about the Christian faith and deepen their knowledge of the Bible. We have been extremely grateful to Jenny Taylor, Penny Runnalls and Rachel Newton who have been leading these ministries and the wider team of volunteer teachers and helpers.

Connect/United. Beginning in April 2023, we were pleased to re-launch our ministry to teenagers at CCT under the leadership of Sarah Broady. **Connect** is a group for 11-14year-olds, typically meeting during the Sunday morning service and covering a wide range of topics and Bible passages aimed at deepening the understanding of Christianity and faith within our teenage congregants.

United is for 14-18year-olds and meets on Sunday afternoons for topical discussions around Christianity. These meetings are also hosted at different members' homes who provide lunches too.

A particular emphasis of these groups is to allow our young people to build good relationships with our adult volunteers, hosts, teachers and helpers. We believe church is a community of people or even a kind of family, and that relationships are vital to spiritual growth and perseverance. We hope that by building good relationships with our young people, they will be encouraged in their own faith-journey and enabled to persevere as they grow-up and mature. In addition to our Sunday programme, we also hosted some social events for them, including a Christmas movie night.

We want to express our gratitude to Sarah Broady in particular who has done an amazing job at launching this ministry, preparing resources, and leading a team.

Youth Led Service. As a way to further teach and equip our young people, we also included an opportunity for them to work with the pastor in planning and leading a Sunday morning service. This included the chance to choose themes, songs, and sermon topic, as well as playing the music and leading from the front. We hoped this process helped them think about what our Sunday worship service is all about as well as deepening their appreciation of the more practical elements that go in to creating each service.

Sorted Nano. This is an annual youth conference hosted in London. A few of our young people were able to attend.

SAFEGUARDING. It continues to be our priority to ensure our children, young people and volunteers are properly safeguarded while involved with our church life. We have continued to conduct DBS checks on all those working with children at CCT and follow our Safeguarding policy.[2] We are extremely grateful to Hannah Martin, our Safeguarding Lead, for her work in this important area.

EVENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

The elders have continued to provide pastoral care for the congregation through visitation and counselling. It has also been encouraging to see how church members have continued to care and support one another too, showing Christ-like love and compassion. We aim to offer a number of opportunities and events through the year to enable the church community to spend time together and build relationships.

GROWTH GROUPS. These are smaller groups in the church meeting in-person on a bi-weekly basis for prayer, support, encouragement, and Bible teaching. We are especially grateful for the team of volunteer leaders who have led these groups. These have been a great encouragement to the members and where we have seen growth in Christian maturity. Looking ahead, we anticipate needing to add more groups in order to better accommodate our growing church.

TEA & TOTS. Our parent and toddler group was hosted mainly in the pastors' home on a Thursday morning and provides a relaxed opportunity for parents to meet up and their children to play together. Through this ministry it has been encouraging to see parents practically and prayerfully supporting each other.

COFFEE MORNING & PICNICS.

About once a term, Tea and Tots would also host a coffee morning when the wider church family were invited to socialise together. Church is an inter-generational family, so it was great to provide this opportunity for a mix of people to be together. Similarly, in the summertime, we arranged a picnic lunch following a morning service. We encourage participants to bring plenty of food that can also be shared with visitors who may also wish to stay.

Coffee mornings

[2] A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available online: https://www.christchurchtilehurst.org.uk/whats-on/events/children-youth/

Picnic, June 2023

SUMMER FEST. A particular highlight was a musical event in September 2023 called Summer Fest hosted at Westwood Farm School. The event included live music, face painting, a bouncy castle, collective worship, carnival-style games, a prayer tent, and even an ice-cream van. It was a brilliant day of fun and fellowship for all the family. We were also glad to welcome along several visitors and family members as well.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EVANGELISM AND MISSION

Sharing the message of Jesus Christ has remained a key priority for the church during this year and we have been encouraged by some of the opportunities God has given us. This includes our Sunday morning services when we often receive visitors, some of whom are not Christians, and when we seek to faithfully proclaim the good news about life in Jesus every week.

As well as these services, we can highlight some other key opportunities:

ASSEMBLIES. Our Pastor Dan has been invited into Westwood Farm School on a few occasions, including Easter, Harvest and Christmas. These have been great opportunities to meet staff and pupils and share a Christian message in the school. This contact sometimes leads to other opportunities when Dan has met pupils and their families outside the school setting, strengthening our positive Christian presence in the community.

LIGHT PARTY. Another special event for families this year was a Light Party hosted on Halloween night in 2023. This family event offered a positive alternative to the traditional trick-or-treating and provides a safe and welcoming environment for anyone who feels vulnerable by themselves at home. The hall at Westwood Farm school was specially decorated and various activities, craft and games stations were set up around the room. We had firepits outside, where we all gathered for a short talk about Jesus by Pastor Dan. It was wonderful to welcome many visitors and friends of our church.

School Fayre - BBQ

SCHOOL FAYRES. It has been our privilege to support Westwood Farm School at their annual fund-raising fayres by running a BBQ. We have really enjoyed getting to meet lots of people in our community through these events but also in being able to serve as part of a team together.

TORCH. We have been pleased to continue with our support and involvement with the Torch Help hub, whose work has continued to grow and expand in the Reading area. Torch has provided us with some brilliant opportunities for reaching out to people we could not have otherwise met. Torch has a strong and clear Christian ethos and have earned a good reputation with local authorities, social prescribers and other organisations. A few of our Torch clients have now started attending church regularly and exploring the Christian faith for themselves and one was also baptised, which was very encouraging for us. We also offer regular financial support to the work.

GOOD NEWS FOR TILEHURST MAGAZINE. We have been very glad to continue producing another Easter and Christmas edition of our community magazine. This was a high quality, professionally produced 20+ page magazine. The contents included articles from the pastor and personal stories from our church members, connecting their life experiences and faith in relatable ways. There were activities for children, recipes, games and information on resources and organisations offering help, such as Torch Help Hub and Christians Against Poverty (CAP). We are especially grateful to Sarah Broady, one of our members, who worked on the design and layout for the magazine. Each magazine was delivered by our members to around 5000 homes in our area. The magazine has been well received by the community and our members have been encouraged by the opportunities it has given them to build connections with their neighbours.

'CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED' & '321 COURSE'. We have been very encouraged by a few people who have sought to investigate Christianity through these two courses. Through video presentations, Bible studies and set questions, these courses provide participants with an interactive and informal opportunity to discover the good news about Jesus for themselves.

PRO-LIFE WORK. Pastor Dan Dwelly has been active among a local network of Christian pro-life supporters who have conducted some educational outreach in the Reading town centre. Using poster boards, displays and literature, the team seeks to initiate conversations with the public about abortion with a view to changing opinion and sharing the good news about Jesus. There are often great conversations, when some have changed their mind or been challenged to think more about this topic. Others have taken information for post-abortion support having suffered trauma or know others who have suffered in the wake of an abortion. Though some oppose this work, we are often struck by the many who express support and appreciation for our efforts too.

MISSIONS & AID. We have also continued to financially support and pray for a number of overseas missionaries in India, Italy, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. We have continued to pray and support aid and outreach in the Ukraine after the outbreak of war there. A special highlight for us was welcoming Svitlana and Alina (pictured) who work with Central Eurasian Partners. They shared about some of their work reaching people in war-torn Ukraine, often at great risk to their own personal safety. We are also continuing with our weekly donation box for Norcot Pantry, which is a project of Faith Christian Group's ReadiFood Food Banks and hosted by Norcot Mission Church.

VOLUNTEERS

The elders and trustees would like to thank all our volunteers who work incredibly hard to make CCT a welcoming and supportive Christian community. We believe the church is like a body, with different members providing different gifts and abilities and it has been fantastic to see them serving each other with these gifts. We would especially like to thank Mrs Hannah Martin, our Safeguarding Lead, Mr Louie Over, our Church Treasurer, and Jan Broady and Keith Munday, our Health and Safety team.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is supported through the generous voluntary giving of its members and congregants.

The trustees have implemented a policy of maintaining a balance of unrestricted funds greater than or equal to approximately three months of operating costs for the charity, wherever possible. This is designed to support the ongoing operation of the charity in the event of fluctuations in donation income, upon which the charity relies. Three months is considered sufficient time for the trustees to identify an enduring decline in giving and take action to control costs or generate income as required.

As at 31 March 2024 the charity's general unrestricted funds stood at **£72,916**.

DECLARATION

This annual report has been prepared by the trustees and approved by them.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

SIGNED:

FULL NAME:	Daniel Dwelly	Graham Newton
POSITION:	Elder/Trustee	Elder/Trustee
DATE:	14 Jan 2025	

APPENDIX 1

After our move to more intentional consideration of baptizing children (under 16 years) at CCT, the elders believed it was necessary to create an 'associate membership' for CCT so that baptised believing children can also formally join the church.

There is no age requirement stated in the Constitution or Handbook for members. The Church Constitution states the following regarding eligible members:

> *[9.1.1] Membership of the Church is open to anyone who professes the Christian faith in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith, has satisfied such other requirements as have been specified in the Church Handbook and who in his or her application for membership has indicated his or her agreement to become a member and to accept the duty of members set out in clause 9.3.*

The Constitution also includes a section on allowing 'Informal or associate (non-voting) membership' ([9.5]). It states that:

> *[9.5.1] The Church Handbook may contain provisions for associate or other classes of non-voting membership, and may set out the rights and obligations of any such members, and the conditions for admission to, and termination of membership of any such class of members.*
>
> *[9.5.2] Other references in this constitution to "members" and "membership" do not apply to non-voting members, and non-voting members do not qualify as members for any purpose under the Charities Acts, General Regulations or Dissolution Regulations.*

Hitherto, there were no explicit conditions included in the Handbook for "associate or other classes of non-voting membership" and so we decided to make an amendment to the Handbook in order to create a new *associate membership*.

With such a provision, we have proposed that children who profess faith and are baptised should be put forward for *associate membership* at a members' meeting nearest to the date after their baptism. In this way, they can be affirmed as members of Christ's Church but, as people under 16 years, not expected to assume responsibility for our charity obligations which are bound up in our normal membership. At the age of 16, we would seek consent of the associate member to become a normal member of the church and therefore responsible for our charitable obligations as stated in the Constitution and Handbook.

As associate members, they are encouraged to be active members of the church and treated as such. We will also seek support from their parents or guardian in their ongoing discipleship. They are also encouraged to participate at the table of the Lord's Supper with the rest of the church family.

The following clauses have been included after section 2.1 of the Handbook:

> ***2.2. Associate Membership***
> *In accordance with section 9.5 of the Constitution, this Handbook makes provision for an associate membership. The intention of this provision is mainly to include*

children under 18 years of age but might also be applied to others who may not be suitable for normal formal membership, such as students or missionaries.

2.2.1. Duties and limitations of associate membership
In accordance with section 9.5 of the Constitution, associate members will be non-voting and do not qualify as members for any purpose under the Charities Acts, General Regulations or Dissolution Regulations. They will not be counted as part of the quorate for Church Business Meetings or expected to attend meetings.

They will be regarded as Christian members of this local church and benefit from its pastoral care. They are expected to take an active part in the Christian life and worship of the fellowship consistent with the stipulations of 2.1.3 of the Handbook and as far as is appropriate.

2.2.2. Eligibility
Associate membership is open to anyone who professes the Christian faith in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith, has satisfied such other requirements as have been specified in the Church Handbook, and who has indicated his or her agreement to become an associate member, accepting the duties and limitations of that membership set out in clause 2.2.1.

The Church will seek the support and guidance of parents and guardians of associate members under the age of 18 in a way that compliments and respects parental authority, taking into consideration our Safeguarding responsibilities and duty of care as well as any legal boundaries.

2.2.3. Admission procedure
A person may apply to any one of the Elders to become an associate member of the Church. Following an interview, if the application is approved by the Elders then the application shall be put to the members at a Church Business Meeting for approval.

***2.2.4. Termination of associate membership** will be in accordance with 2.1.7 and 2.1.8.*

Also, to amend clause 2.1.6 to read:

A written register shall be maintained of all Church members and associate members.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

ChristChurch, Tilehurst | 1169691

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received	50,569			50,569	44,753
GiftAid Receipts	9,229	-	-	9,229	4,566
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	59,798	-	-	59,798	49,319
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,798	-	-	59,798	49,319
A3 Payments					
Venue Costs	3,883	-	-	3,883	3,930
Staff Costs	39,775	-	-	39,775	37,534
Admin Fees to Carey	-	-	-	-	-
Guest Speaker	344	-	-	344	650
Refreshments	648	-	-	648	520
Home Groups	118	-	-	118	118
Compliance	1,053	-	-	1,053	1,150
Sunday School	285	-	-	285	382
Youth Group	215	-	-	215	-
Creche	65	-	-	65	-
Music	471	-	-	471	558
Events	3,921	-	-	3,921	3,281
Communion	-	-	-	-	-
Mission	5,540	-	-	5,540	6,000
Other	458	-	-	458	1,105
Sub total	56,776	-	-	56,776	55,208
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	56,776	-	-	56,776	55,208
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,022	-	-	3,022	- 5,889
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	69,894	24	-	69,918	75,807
Cash funds this year end	72,916	24	-	72,940	69,918

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash Funds	72,916	24	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,916	24	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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B5 Liabilities			-	
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		Daniel Dwelly	8/10/24
		Graham Newton	8/10/24

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: **Christchurch, Tilehurst**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 March 2024**	**Charity no (if any)**	**1169691**
Set out on pages	**1 - 2** (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:		**Date:**	6/01/2025
Name:	Sarah Tram		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
Address:	33 Beech Road, Purley on Thames Reading RG8 8DR		

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name	ChristChurch Tilehurst
Registered Charity Number	1169691
Principal Office	26 Brooksby Road Tilehurst Reading RG31 6LY

Charity Trustees

Daniel Dwelly	(Elder/Pastor)
Graham Newton	(Elder from June 2022)
James Muldoon	
Peter Ward	(Elder until March 2023)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT

ChristChurch Tilehurst is constituted as a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** and governed by a **constitution** with **trustees** elected by charity members in accordance with our Church Handbook.

The Church Handbook also requires the elders of the Church must be trustees, though trustees do not have to be elders. Mr James Muldoon is the only serving trustee who is not also an elder. This has given greater accountability for the charity and the flexibility to ensure CCT continues to operate with the required number of trustees with proper expertise.

The elders have met on a regular basis through this year to provide oversight of the church activities and discuss both pastoral care and ministry business in light of our purpose, objectives and aims.

In June 2022, Graham Newton was appointed an elder of ChristChurch Tilehurst. His contributions have already been significant and a tremendous benefit to the leadership team and the church. Pastor Dan Dwelly, in connection with his tenth year serving this congregation, was sent on a three-month Sabbatical (August-October 2022) for rest and refreshment, which we are pleased to report was most profitable.

This year began with a membership of 45 individuals, growing to 47 but then ended with 45 after two members sadly deceased. The members have met quarterly to discuss church business, assess the finances and vote on church matters.

In addition, ChristChurch Tilehurst is a member of the **Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches** (FIEC, fiec.org.uk), a network organisation supporting independent churches across the UK. The FIEC has no governing authority or responsibility for the charity but offers a

supporting role, facilitating partnerships with other churches in the network, running training and conferences and providing advice.

AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

AIMS

The aims and objectives or ChristChurch Tilehurst (CCT) are set out in the charity's governing constitution which states that the purposes of the church are;

> *The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Tilehurst, Reading and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.*

OBJECTIVES

CCT is committed to its objective of furthering the Christian faith in Tilehurst, Reading and beyond. When planning activities, the elders and trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and have sought to enable anyone in our reach to live out the Christian faith within the local church community, or have the opportunity to explore Christianity for themselves.

Some of the particular activities we engage in to achieve our objectives include:

- Sunday worship services
- Prayer meetings
- Smaller learning and support groups called 'Growth Groups'
- Introductory courses to Christianity such as 'Christianity Explored'
- Special classes and courses on Christian life, the Bible and doctrine
- Support of missionary work
- Provision of pastoral care for church members and the wider community

The church also pro-actively engages with the wider community at a number of events through the year, including community fayres or by celebrating key festivals and cultural events (Christmas, Easter, Harvest, All-Hallows Eve: 'Light Parties', Remembrance Sunday).

ACHEIVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

The focal point of church life is our weekly Sunday morning services hosted at Westwood Farm Junior School at 10.30am. The services aim to provide an engaging time of worship through contemporary and traditional music, prayers, Bible readings, the Lord's Supper, baptisms and sermons. These services have been open to all and provide a good opportunity for the general public to observe and participate in church life or connect with our Christian community.

We have had the privilege of worshipping together as a mixed group of people from different backgrounds, nationalities and economic status. It has been our aim to ensure a very warm welcome to everyone attending our services, especially visitors and newcomers and whether they are Christian believers or not.

Preaching Ministries. The Bible is a primary element to our church life and remains a central component of our worship and practice. Through the Bible, we believe Jesus speaks to us, encouraging and challenging us to live our lives for him. In this year, the preaching and Bible ministry has covered:

- **'Joshua: Courage, Conquest & Covenant'** – A series in the book of Joshua chosen by a preaching group. This group, consisting of several men in the church, provides preaching experience and the opportunity for them to minister to the congregation. The group met from time to time to plan and discuss their sermon series and areas related to preaching preparation as well as offering feedback to each other on their sermons. The book of Joshua traces the Israelite occupation of the Promised Land and the lessons they learn about God's faithfulness to them and their own commitment to him. It has been especially encouraging to hear some of our men preaching and blessing the congregation. The series ended with a particularly engaging 'round table' discussion with the whole preaching team.
- **'Genesis: Beginning with Jesus'** – A short series looking at the first few chapters of the book of Genesis and attempting to show how they reveal Jesus to us. The first chapters of the Bible show us how life can only make sense through Jesus and lay the foundations and framework for the gospel itself.
- **Various** – through the summer, to cover Dan's sabbatical, the church was blessed by a number of visiting speakers, mainly from other local churches in the town. The variety of ministry was refreshing and good to strengthen ties with other local churches.
- **'Nehemiah: Rebuild'** – in Jan 2023 Dan started preaching through the book of Nehemiah. Following Dan's Sabbatical, a change in the eldership, and feeling like we had moved on well from the Covid-19 pandemic, we turned to this scripture to help us re-establish and strengthen ourselves as a church, to move forward into what felt like a new season for us. The themes of Nehemiah encouraged us to renew our vision for what God wants the church to be, how we are all gifted and called to serve, and how we can 'build' his kingdom faithfully.

Special Services: As well as these sermon series, our Sunday gatherings also included:

- **All-Age services** particularly aimed at children and families. These services typically fell on Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas.
- Our **Mission Sunday** (June 2022) was a great opportunity to hear news from our mission partners, pray for them and renew our commitment to world-mission.
- Welcoming Dr Amit Sharma in November 2022 to talk about **Mental Health and Christianity**, bringing both a medical and a Christian perspective. Congregants we able to submit questions afterwards which Dr Sharma was able to address in a subsequent video. We hope to cover further mental health topics in the future.
- Starting 2023 with a special **Prayer Service**, giving the church the opportunity for extended prayer together.

Bible Study Workshop. An interactive Bible Study working through 2 Peter.

Sunday School & Creche. We are especially glad to welcome many young families to ChristChurch each Sunday and serve our children through a Sunday School ministry. Through songs, Bible Memory Verses, stories and crafts, we have been able to teach the children about the Christian faith and deepen their knowledge of the Bible. We have been extremely grateful to Hannah Martin, Jenny Taylor, Penny Runnalls and Alex Clayton who have been leading this ministry and the wider team of volunteer teachers and helpers. A creche was also relaunched in November, catering for the very youngest in the congregation.

Prayer and Praise. CCT is blessed with a large and gifted team of musicians so we were pleased to host Prayer & Praise about once a month on a Sunday evening. These were times of informal prayer and sung worship and allowed an alternative style of worship to our Sunday morning services.

Pastoral Care & Fellowship

The elders and pastor have continued to provide pastoral care for the congregation through visitation and counselling. It has also been encouraging to see how church members have continued to care and support one another too, showing Christ-like love and compassion.

Growth Groups. These are smaller groups in the church meeting in-person on a bi-weekly basis for prayer, support, encouragement, and Bible teaching. We are especially grateful for the team of volunteer leaders who have led these groups. These proved to be a great encouragement to the members and where we have seen growth in Christian maturity.

Tea & Tots. In Autumn 2022, our parent and toddler group (originally called 'Stay and Play') was reintroduce following the pandemic. These are hosted at congregant's homes on a Thursday morning and provide a relaxed opportunity for parents to meet up and their children to play together. Through this ministry it has been encouraging to see parents practically and prayerfully supporting each other.

Coffee Morning. About once a term, Tea and Tots would also host a coffee morning when the wider church family were invited to socialise together. Church is an inter-generational family and it was great to provide this opportunity for a mix of people to be together.

Fellowship Lunches. On seven occasions, usually following a morning service, congregants were invited to bring a packed lunch and eat together. Many provided extra food to cater for any visitors with us. Sharing meals together also gave us time to build and strengthen relationships, especially with new or visiting people.

Prayer

Enabling opportunity for corporate prayer has remained a key priority for the elders and a vital part of church life. We've hosted a Sunday evening prayer meeting once a month but towards the end of 2022 we were able to reintroduce our Saturday morning prayer meeting instead. We also hosted a 'Weekend of Prayer' in January 2023.

Community Engagement, Evangelism and Mission

Sharing the message of Jesus Christ has remained a key priority for the church during this year and we have been encouraged by some of the opportunities God has given us. Perhaps our primary evangelistic endeavour this year has continued to be our Sunday morning services where we often receive visitors, some of whom are not Christians, and when we seek to faithfully proclaim the good news about life in Jesus every week.

As well as these services, we can highlight some other key opportunities:

Assemblies. Our Pastor Dan has been invited into Westwood Farm School on a few occasions, including Easter, Harvest and Christmas. These have been great opportunities to meet staff and pupils and share a Christian message in the school. This contact sometimes leads to other opportunities when Dan has met pupils and their families outside the school setting, strengthening our positive Christian presence in the community.

Good News for Tilehurst Magazine. We have been very glad to continue producing another Easter edition of our community magazine. This was a high quality, professionally produced 20-page magazine. The content included articles from the pastor and personal stories from our church members, connecting their life experiences and faith in relatable ways. There were activities for children, recipes, games and information on resources and organisations offering help, such as Torch Help Hub and Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Each magazine was delivered by our members to around 4000 homes in our area. The magazine has been well received by the community and our members have been encouraged by the opportunities it has given them to build connections with their neighbours. We have also seen new people attending our church after having received a copy.

Torch. Over this year, it has been really good to join up with the Torch Help Hub in Reading. This was an initiative that grew out of the pandemic when a small network of churches rallied together with the aim of meeting practical needs of the most vulnerable in the town. Their work has continued to expand and grow even after the pandemic. A small team from our church have become Torch volunteers and have begun serving a number of clients in our area. Torch has provided us with some brilliant opportunities for reaching out to people we could not have otherwise met. Torch has a strong and clear Christian ethos and have earned a good reputation with local authorities, social prescribers and other organisations. A few of our Torch clients have now started attending church regularly and exploring the Christian faith for themselves. The members also voted to regularly support Torch financially.

School BBQ

School Fayres. It has been our privilege to support Westwood Farm School at their annual fund-raising fayres by running their BBQ. We have really enjoyed getting to meet lots of people in our community through these events but also in being able to serve as part of a team together.

Community Carol Singing. It has become a tradition now for some of our church to gather at a nearby parade of shops to sing carols at Christmas. We run some craft activities for children and provide some mince-pies in partnership with the local Co-Op store. Members of the public have also joined in with the singing too!

'Christianity Explored' & '321 Course'. One of our Torch clients and some other new people coming to our church have responded well to our invitation to investigate Christianity through these two courses. Through video presentations, Bible studies and set questions, these courses provide participants with an interactive and informal opportunity to discover the good news about Jesus for themselves.

Pro-Life Work. Pastor Dan Dwelly has been active among a local network of Christian pro-life supporters who have conducted some educational outreach in the Reading town centre. Using poster boards, displays and literature, the team seeks to initiate conversations with the general public about abortion with a view to changing opinion and sharing the good news about Jesus. There are often great conversations, when some have changed their mind or been challenged to think more about this topic. Others have taken information for post-abortion support having suffered trauma or know others who have suffered in the wake of

Community Carols

an abortion. Though some oppose this work, we are often struck by the many who express support and appreciation for our efforts too.

Missions & Aid. We have also continued to financially support and pray for a number of overseas missionaries in India, Italy, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. We have continued to pray and support aid and outreach in the Ukraine after the outbreak of war there. We introduced a weekly donation box for Norcot Pantry which is a project of FAITH ReadiFood Food Banks and hosted by Norcot Mission Church.

VOLUNTEERS

The elders and trustees would like to thank all our volunteers who work incredibly hard to make CCT a welcoming and supportive Christian community. We believe the church is like a body, with different members providing different gifts and abilities and it has been fantastic to see them serving each other with these gifts. We would especially like to thank Mrs Hannah Martin, our Safeguarding Lead, and Mr Louie Over, our Church Treasurer. Also, Jan Broady and Keith Munday, our Health and Safety team.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is supported through the generous voluntary giving of its members and congregants.

The trustees have implemented a policy of maintaining a balance of unrestricted funds greater than or equal to approximately three months of operating costs for the charity, wherever possible. This is designed to support the ongoing operation of the charity in the event of fluctuations in donation income, upon which the charity relies. Three months is considered sufficient time for the trustees to identify an enduring decline in giving and take action to control costs or generate income as required.

As at 31 March 2023 the charity's general unrestricted funds stood at **£69,894**.

DECLARATION

This annual report has been prepared by the trustees and approved by them.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

SIGNED:		
FULL NAME:	Daniel Dwelly	Graham Newton
POSITION:	Elder/Trustee	Elder/Trustee
DATE:	10th January 2024	10th January 2024

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

ChristChurch, Tilehurst	1169691

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received	44,753	-	-	44,753	53,003
GiftAid Receipts	4,566	-	-	4,566	13,226
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	49,319	-	-	49,319	66,229
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,319	-	-	49,319	66,229
A3 Payments					
Venue Costs	3,930	-	-	3,930	3,381
Staff Costs	37,534	-	-	37,534	34,574
Admin Fees to Carey	-	-	-	-	-
Guest Speaker	650	-	-	650	436
Refreshments	520	-	-	520	-
Home Groups	118	-	-	118	189
Compliance	1,150	-	-	1,150	975
Sunday School	362	-	-	362	118
Youth Group	-	-	-	-	-
Creche	-	-	-	-	-
Music	558	-	-	558	581
Events	3,281	-	-	3,281	1,980
Communion	-	-	-	-	-
Mission	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
Other	1,105	-	-	1,105	647
Sub total	55,208	-	-	55,208	48,880
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,208	-	-	55,208	48,880
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,889	-	-	- 5,889	17,349
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	75,783	24	-	75,807	58,458
Cash funds this year end	69,894	24	-	69,918	75,807

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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B3 Investment assets

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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	Graham Newton	10/01/24

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	Graham Newton	10/01/24

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/ members of	**Christchurch, Tilehurst**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 March 2023**	**Charity no (if any)**	**1169691**
Set out on pages	**1 - 2**		

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Signed:		**Date:**	12/01/2024
Name:	Sarah Tram		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
Address:	33 Beech Road, Purley on Thames		
	Reading		
	RG8 8DR		

CHRISTCHURCH, TILEHURST

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Registered Charity Number 1169691

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Peter Ward (Elder)
James Muldoon

Neil Runnalls (Elder) until June 2021

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In June this year, Mr Neil Runnalls stood down as an elder and Trustee. We have been most grateful for his leadership and would like to thank him for his service in the church. We are so glad he continues to serve as an active member of the fellowship.

This year began with a membership of 44 individuals. Five new members were added in this year and five were removed from membership.[1] The members have met quarterly to discuss church business, assess the finances and vote on church matters.

1 Deceased (x2), Transferred to membership in another church (x2), Resignation (x1)

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OBJECTIVES

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- Provision of pastoral care for church members and the wider community

The church also pro-actively engages with the wider community at a number of events through the year, including community fayres or by celebrating key festivals and cultural events (Christmas, Easter, Harvest, All-Hallows Eve ‘Light Parties’, Remembrance Sunday).

ACHEIVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

The focal point of church life is our weekly Sunday morning services hosted at Westwood Farm Junior School at 10.30am. The services aim to provide an engaging time of worship through contemporary and traditional music, prayers, Bible readings, the Lord's Supper and sermons. These services have been open to all and provide a good opportunity for the general public to observe and participate in church life or connect with our Christian community.

We have had the privilege of worshipping together as a mixed group of people from different backgrounds, nationalities and economic status. It has been our aim to ensure a very warm welcome to everyone attending our services, especially visitors and newcomers and whether they are Christian believers or not.

***Covid-19*.** Meeting our objectives has continued despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. In the previous year, we produced a range of online content and live-streamed services on YouTube or Zoom when we were unable to meet in-person due to government restrictions. As the situation improved, we were pleased to host in-person services again. Due to social distancing and limited meeting space, these services could only accommodate a smaller number of people so we continued to live-stream our services for those unable to attend.

Outdoor Services. On Sunday 25th April 2021, we were thrilled to host our first in-person *outdoor* service on the school playground.[2] This service enabled us to remove many of the restrictions of our indoor gatherings and allowed the vast majority of the congregation to meet together again. A particular highlight of this service was the opportunity to share in the Lord's Supper again.

We are extremely grateful for the diligent hard work of so many volunteers who tackled the logistical challenges of setting up our PA

2 Later, we moved around to the school playing field where we hoped to minimise any sound-disturbance for local residents.

systems and chairs outside, allowing us to meet. Our Welcome & Set-Up Team did exceptionally well in making sure our congregation and visitors were warmly welcomed and comfortable too.

We continued to meet outdoors each Sunday for most of the year, resorting back to indoor services during bad weather on only a few occasions. Only one service needed to be cancelled altogether, on Sunday 25th July, after a substantial number of our team were unwell. We also continued to Live Stream or upload recorded services online.

Preaching Ministries. The Bible is a primary element to our church life and remains a central component of our worship and practice. Through the Bible, we believe Jesus speaks to us, encouraging and challenging us to live our lives for him. In this year, the preaching and Bible ministry has covered:

- **'Living in Exile: a study in 1 Peter'** – a letter to suffering Christians encouraging them to keep following Jesus despite their hardships, living lives that do good to others and honour Jesus. This has been especially relevant to our church under the pressures of a pandemic.

- **'Jesus: Our Prophet, Priest and King'** – A short series examining how the Old Testament reveals and points to who Jesus is and what he has done.

- **'Joshua: Courage, Conquest & Covenant'** – A series in the book of Joshua chosen by a preaching group. This group, consisting of several young men in the church, provides preaching experience and the opportunity for them to minister to the congregation. The group met from time to time to plan and discuss their sermon series and areas related to preaching preparation as well as offering

feedback to each other on their sermons. The book of Joshua traces the Israelite occupation of the Promised Land and the lessons they learn about God's faithfulness to them and their commitment to him. It has been especially encouraging to hear some of our young men preaching.

- **'Genesis – Beginning with Jesus' –** This series, beginning in 2022, walked through the early chapters of Genesis and how these foundational passages reveal Jesus Christ.

All-Age Services. As well as these sermon series, we included some All-Age services which are especially aimed at children and families. These services typically fell on Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas.

Sunday School. Sadly, for the duration of the pandemic and for the first half of this year we were not able to run our usually Sunday School ministry. Including children in the life of the church is important to us so we were especially glad to relaunch this in September 2021.

Anniversary Services. A very special service was held on January 16th 2022 to mark our 10year anniversary. This was a unique opportunity to reflect on the last decade since Carey Baptist Church launched a new congregation in Tilehurst and give thanks together for God's grace to our church. The all-age, interactive service included special presentations and testimonies reviewing the previous 10 years and the many significant milestones along the way. Several members of the church, old and new, shared their memories and stories of joining CCT. James Muldoon, a pastor from Carey Baptist Church and fellow trustee, preached a message from Revelation chapter 7 encouraging us to keep going with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Baptism. Another very encouraging service was held on January 23rd 2022 when we baptised one of our members. The service was held at Carey Baptist Church where we could make use of their baptismal pool and facilities.

Prayer and Praise. CCT is blessed with a large and gifted team of musicians so we were pleased to host a Sunday evening of informal prayer and sung worship. These sessions are well attended and allow an alternative style of worship to our Sunday morning services.

Many of these services can be viewed on YouTube: youtube.com/@christchurchtilehurst.

PASTORAL CARE

The elders and pastor have continued to provide pastoral care for the congregation which has been much easier as the pandemic restrictions were eased, allowing more in-person visitation and counselling. It has also been encouraging to see how church members have continued to care and support one another too, showing Christ-like love and compassion.

Growth Groups. These were smaller groups of Christians in the church meeting in-person or on Zoom on a bi-weekly basis for prayer, support, encouragement, and Bible teaching. We are especially grateful for the team of volunteer leaders who have led these groups. These proved to be a great encouragement to the members and where we saw some exciting growth in Christian maturity.

PRAYER

Enabling opportunity for corporate prayer has remained a key priority for the elders and a vital part of church life. Although prayer permeates almost everything we do, over the year, we have continued to meet either in person or on Zoom for prayer on a Sunday evening each month.

COURSES & TRAINING

The Marriage Sessions. Through October and November 2021 we hosted a series of four Zoom sessions aimed at married couples in the church. Using material produced by Care for the Family, *The Marriage Sessions* are intended to help "couples to create and sustain a strong and loving relationship." The content included a video presentation and time for personal and group discussion. Around 6 couples joined the group who found it beneficial.

Bible Study Workshop. One of our church members also ran a one-off workshop aimed at helping us learn how to properly study a Bible passage, understanding its meaning and make appropriate application to our lives. The session was well attended and more sessions have been planned for the future.

EVANGELISM AND MISSION

Sharing the message of Jesus Christ has remained a key priority for the church during this year and we have been encouraged by some of the opportunities God has given us. Perhaps our primary evangelistic endeavour this year has

continued to be our Sunday morning services where we often receive visitors, some of whom are not Christians, and when we seek to faithfully proclaim the good news about life in Jesus every week.[3]

As well as these services, we can highlight some other key opportunities:

Good News for Tilehurst Magazine. We have been very glad to continue producing two more editions of our community magazine this year. This was a high quality, professionally produced 20page magazine. The content included articles from the pastor and personal stories from our church members, connecting their life experiences and faith in relatable ways. There were activities for children, recipes, games and information on resources and organisations offering help, such as Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Each magazine was delivered by our members to around 4000 homes in our area. The magazine has been well received by the community and our members have been encouraged by the opportunities it has given them to build connections with their neighbours. We have also seen new people attending our church having received a copy.

Christianity Explored. Over the span of seven sessions, this course presents the heart of the Christian faith to those who are investigating Jesus for themselves. Through a video presentation, Bible study and set questions, this course provides participants with an interactive and informal opportunity to discover the good news about Jesus for themselves. This year, we were pleased to run the course for two new people who started attending our church.

Missions & Aid. We have also continued to support a number of overseas missionaries financially and by prayer in India, Italy, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. In March 2022, in the wake of the outbreak of war in the Ukraine, our church were eager to provide practical aid. A large collection was made of essential items which, through some contacts held by our members and in partnership with other churches, we were able to send to the Ukraine.

VOLUNTEERS

The elders and trustees would like to thank all our volunteers who work incredibly hard to make CCT a welcoming and supportive Christian community. We believe the church is like a body, with different members providing different gifts and abilities and it has been fantastic to see them serving each other with these gifts.

3 These services and messages also reach a wider ‘unseen’ audience through our online content on YouTube and social media.

We would especially like to thank Mrs Hannah Martin, our Safeguarding Lead, and Mr Louie Over, our Church Treasurer. Also, Jan Broady and Keith Munday, our Health and Safety team, who have provided excellent advice and produced helpful Risk Assessments that allowed us to safely transition to in-person and outdoor services. We are also grateful to Clive Knewell and the Welcome and Set-up team who have been very conscientious, working hard during the pandemic to make sure we could meet safely and comfortably. Each of these have given up a lot of time to help the church in these roles and assist the trustees in their responsibilities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is supported through the generous voluntary giving of its members and congregants.

The trustees have implemented a policy of maintaining a balance of unrestricted funds greater than or equal to approximately three months of operating costs for the charity, wherever possible. This is designed to support the ongoing operation of the charity in the event of fluctuations in donation income, upon which the charity relies. Three months is considered sufficient time for the trustees to identify an enduring decline in giving and take action to control costs or generate income as required.

As at 31 March 2022 the charity's general unrestricted funds stood at **£75,783**.

DECLARATION

This annual report has been prepared by the trustees and approved by them.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

SIGNED:		
FULL NAME:		
POSITION:		
DATE:		

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

ChristChurch, Tilehurst	1169691

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received	53,003	-	-	53,003	48,980
GiftAid Receipts	13,226	-	-	13,226	11,222
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	66,229	-	-	66,229	60,202
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	66,229	-	-	66,229	60,202
A3 Payments					
Venue Costs	3,381	-	-	3,381	2,806
Staff Costs	34,574	-	-	34,574	33,700
Admin Fees to Carey	-	-	-	-	-
Guest Speaker	435	-	-	435	50
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	-
Home Groups	189	-	-	189	101
Compliance	975	-	-	975	854
Sunday School	118	-	-	118	71
Youth Group	-	-	-	-	-
Creche	-	-	-	-	33
Music	581	-	-	581	1,156
Events	1,980	-	-	1,980	2,811
Communion	-	-	-	-	53
Mission	6,000	-	-	6,000	5,050
Other	647	-	-	647	1,137
Sub total	48,880	-	-	48,880	47,822
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,880	-	-	48,880	47,822
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,349	-	-	17,349	12,380
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	58,434	24	-	58,458	46,080
Cash funds this year end	75,783	24	-	75,807	58,460

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash Funds	75,783	24	-

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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	75,783	24	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Daniel Dwelly	26-01-23
	Peter Ward	26 Jan 23

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	**Christchurch, Tilehurst**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 March 2022**	**Charity no (if any)**	**1169691**
Set out on pages	**1 - 2**		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2022**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:		**Date:**	27/01/2023
Name:	Sarah Tram		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
Address:	33 Beech Road, Purley on Thames Reading RG8 8DR		

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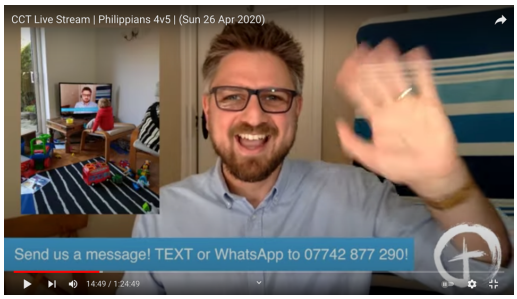
The most significant challenge and change to our usual pattern and style of worship came with the Covid-19 pandemic and national lockdowns that began in March 2020. The in-person gathering of the church is a crucial part of Christian faith and practice and the extended lockdowns and separation has been extremely challenging to counter.

In response to this crisis, the trustees initially postponed our in-person services at the school and instead, immediately launched a live-streamed service online through YouTube. It was a steep learning curve for the pastor, elders and membership to adjust to this new medium but over time, our skills and production quality improved significantly which meant we were still able to deliver engaging content similar to our usual in-person services.



The online medium also allowed for some creative and unique content designed to reach the wider online viewer, including animated and interactive content.

Our online presence also meant that we were able to attract consistently greater numbers of viewers than we would usually through in-person services. Most of our live-streamed services attracted an approximate average audience of 35 viewers. This represented between 60 and 90 individuals, including a few from overseas. Once uploaded, our videos continued to attract viewers into the hundreds.

Eventually, by the Summer, when it seemed safe to do so, we began meeting in-person again but continued with a live-streamed element for those still unable to attend. We implemented a booking system in order to control numbers which we could safely accommodate in the school hall as well has a range of other government mandated or suggested mitigations, including mask wearing and social distancing.

Covid-19 Response and Pastoral Care

As well as moving our services online, the elders immediately moved from bi-monthly to weekly elders' meetings over Zoom for around the first few months to ensure we continued to care spiritually and practically for the membership and regularly assess and respond to the rapidly changing and developing pandemic. A particular challenge was maintaining good communication and contact with the membership, especially those who were most isolated and vulnerable. The elders, especially through the pastor, systematically contacted each member, keeping regular communication with the neediest.

The significant draw-back of lockdowns to our ministry over a long period of time is that it robs us of the crucial need for physical, in-person contact. The Christian practices of mutual encouragement, service and relationship building was significantly hindered or impossible.

The burden of the lockdowns and the concern over the pandemic presented a significant emotional, mental, physical and spiritual strain on the membership.

However, many of the members reported how encouraging and helpful the online content had been and, at times, a life-line for those who have been struggling. It was also encouraging to see members supporting one another in various way, whether through regular phone calls or in assisting with shopping or collecting prescriptions.

The elders also greatly appreciated and relied much on the wisdom and experience of some of our members who offered counsel and advice especially around our return to in-person services.

Online Ministry
The pandemic required the church to deliver a substantial part of its services through online channels, especially YouTube, Social Media and Zoom.

In addition to the live-streamed and pre-recorded Sunday services, the elders were also able to produce short devotional content, offering encouragement and Bible teaching to our viewers. We also produced a short series of Bible talks through Easter Week

The **Children's ministry team** created a series of children's videos entitled 'Alphabet Attributes' and a series of book readings from the 'Stories That Tell The Truth' books published by The Good Book Company. They also produced a brilliant **Nativity Video** with many children and church members involved. The **Music Team** were also able to produce some high-quality music videos of some of our favourite worship songs.

It has been extremely encouraging to see so many of our membership use their own creative gifts and abilities in producing this contact for the benefit of the whole church and the wider watching world. In some instances, other churches and groups requested to use some of our content for their own church and community's benefit too.

Most of our video content can be seen at www.youtube.com.

Growth Groups
One of the most important ministries we were able to continue online were our Growth Groups. There were three smaller groups of Christians in the church meeting on Zoom on a weekly or bi-weekly basis for prayer, support and encouragement, and Bible teaching.

Meeting Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, these groups proved to be vital in maintaining our relationships and continuing to support each other through the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns.

Prayer Meetings
Enabling opportunity for corporate prayer has remained a key priority for the elders and a vital part of church life. Over the year, we have continued to meet either in person or on Zoom for prayer on a Sunday evening each month. Through January to March 2021, each Friday, we hosted a 30-minute morning, afternoon and evening prayer meeting on Zoom,

allowing for a more intensive season of prayer for the church, with around four to six different people at each meeting.

Courses & Training

We have aimed to provide key discipleship and teaching opportunities for Christians in our church, including a '**Raising Faith'** course produced by **Care for the Family**. This is a series of six sessions or video content and discussion around the issue of strengthening the spiritual life of the family, especially for the benefit of children. This was hosted over Zoom on Sunday evenings to allow both parents of young children to attend. It was attended by as many as 9 families in the church.

There has also been opportunity to provide **Baptismal Classes** to congregants exploring this for themselves.

Evangelism and Mission

Sharing the message of Jesus Christ has remained a key priority for the church during this year, though like many other aspect of our ministry during the pandemic and lockdowns, it has been severely curtailed. Our online content and messages have been a key way we have continued to proclaim our message to our community though it is hard to assess the exact impact of this on non-Christians, though we know many have seen and engaged with the content.

One of our most successful outreach initiatives during this year has been the production of two editions of a **magazine** at Christmas and Easter called '**Good News for Tilehurst**'. Since we were not able to host our usual community events at Christmas and Easter when often people come to us, we felt this would be a good way for us to "go to them". The magazine was a high quality, professional produced 20page magazine. The content included articles from the pastor and personal stories from our church members, connecting their life experiences and faith in relatable ways. There were activities for children, recipes and information on resources and organisations offering help, such as Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Each magazine was delivered by our members to around 4000 homes in our area. Feedback from the community was very positive with one new family attending the church regularly after receiving the magazine. Our members have also been encouraged by the opportunities it has given them to build connections with their neighbours.

At Christmas time, we organised a **Christmas Tree Trail** in our local area. During the lockdowns, we noticed a lot more people and families making the most of being outside. The idea of a Christmas Tree Trail provided an enjoyable activity for families and allowed us to connect with the community. Wooden pallets were fashioned into Christmas tree shapes and painted. A QR-code was attached which linked you to a page on our website detailing a character or element of the Christmas nativity story. These tree-pallets were then installed at various members' homes around the area and a map created for people to follow and log their progress. We observed dozens or families attempting the trail. We created a similar Easter Egg trail in April as well.

We have also continued to support a number of overseas missionaries in prayer and financially in India, Italy, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Volunteers

The elders and trustees would like to thank all our volunteers who work incredibly hard to make CCT a welcoming and supportive Christian community. This year has been exceptionally challenging under the pandemic restrictions but we are so grateful for the commitment, prayers and encouragement of our congregation. We believe the church is like a body, with different members providing different gifts and abilities and it has been fantastic to see the church support each other over the year.

We would especially like to thank Mrs Hannah Martin, our Safeguarding Lead, and Mr Louie Over, our Church Treasurer. They have both given up a lot of time to help the church in these roles and assist the trustees in their responsibilities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is supported through the generous voluntary giving of its members and congregants.

The trustees have implemented a policy of maintaining a balance of unrestricted funds greater than or equal to approximately three months of operating costs for the charity, wherever possible. This is designed to support the ongoing operation of the charity in the event of fluctuations in donation income, upon which the charity relies. Three months is considered sufficient time for the trustees to identify an enduring decline in giving and take action to control costs or generate income as required.

As at 31 March 2021 the charity's general unrestricted funds stood at £58,436.

DECLARATION

This annual report has been prepared by the trustees and approved by them.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

SIGNED:		
FULL NAME:	Daniel Dwelly	Peter Ward
POSITION:	Pastor/Elder/Trustee	Elder/Trustee
DATE:	28/01/2022	28/01/2022

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

ChristChurch, Tilehurst	1169691

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received	48,840	140	-	48,980	50,716
GiftAid Receipts	11,222	-	-	11,222	6,885
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	60,062	140	-	60,202	57,601
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,062	140	-	60,202	57,601
A3 Payments					
Venue Costs	2,806	-	-	2,806	4,095
Staff Costs	33,700	-	-	33,700	33,550
Admin Fees to Carey		-	-	-	-
Guest Speaker	50	-	-	50	1,057
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	659
Home Groups	101	-	-	101	-
Compliance	854	-	-	854	1,065
Sunday School	71	-	-	71	362
Youth Group	-	-	-	-	27
Creche	33	-	-	33	40
Music	1,156	-	-	1,156	499
Events	2,811	-	-	2,811	1,260
Communion	53	-	-	53	13
Mission	5,050	-	-	5,050	3,573
Other	947	190	-	1,137	369
Sub total	47,632	190	-	47,822	46,569
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,632	190	-	47,822	46,569
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,430	- 50	-	12,380	11,032
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,006	74	-	46,080	35,048
Cash funds this year end	58,436	24	-	58,460	46,080

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash Funds	58,436	24	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,436	24	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Daniel Dwelly	28/01/2022
		Peter Ward	28/01/2022

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: **Christchurch, Tilehurst**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 March 2021**	**Charity no (if any)**	**1169691**
Set out on pages	**1 - 2** (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2021**.

Responsibilties and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

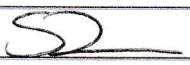
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:		**Date:**	28/1/2022
Name:	Sarah Tram		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
Address:	33 Beech Road, Purley on Thames Reading RG8 8DR		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	