

ST CLEERS CHAPEL

England & Wales · Charity number 1170400

Details

Other names ST CLEERS CHAPEL TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [10484893](#)

Registered 2016-11-25

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SOMERTON AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: St Cleers Chapel is an independent Christian Church affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance and Partnership Group of Churches. Meetings and services are held for the worship of God, teaching of the Bible, the fellowship of believers and to welcome all comers to share the spiritual, social and practical benefits of a contemporary Christian church.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, Religious Activities, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£96,213	£93,155	-	-
2024-04-05	£132,805	£344,732	-	-
2023-04-05	£137,090	£208,889	-	-
2022-04-05	£103,128	£81,503	-	-
2021-04-05	£73,980	£64,920	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr ANDREW JOHN MCMULLAN QUAYLE	Chair	2018-07-01
Lisa Webb		2023-09-04
Martin Hornby		2025-11-01
Matthew Bryer		2016-07-25
Sharon Elizabeth Huggett		2023-09-04

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10484893 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025
for
St Cleers Chapel

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for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is an independent Christian church that is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance (EA) and the Partnership Group of Churches. On 1st January 2018, in view of the planned redevelopment of the building, and increasing numbers of employees, 'St Cleers Trust' was transferred to 'St Cleers', a charitable limited company.

On June 15th, 2019, the Leadership Team had an away day to consider St Cleers Chapel Mission and Vision Statements specifically. While St Cleers Chapel evolved from Open Brethren beginnings, those who gather for worship of God, the teaching of Bible based Christian doctrine and fellowship of believers, come from differing denominational backgrounds or none. The Leadership felt the chapel needed Mission and Vision statements that reflected more closely the spiritual, social, and practical benefits offered by a contemporary Christian church. This was then presented to the Trustees and church membership and adopted as the foundational basis of St Cleers Chapel in September 2019.

Objective - Vision Statement

The Leadership team sought to define the purpose of St Cleers Chapel in a simple but all-encompassing statement.
'Sharing Jesus: Sharing Life'

Aims - Mission Statement

To fulfil the Vision Statement, three routes were identified that each had three areas to encourage the spiritual, practical, and serving application of biblical Christian living, in the church and in the wider community.

Reaching Out: - Making Mission a priority - Challenged to serve our community - Being good neighbours

Being Part of It: - Dynamic prayer and worship - Applying God's word to our lives - Commitment to one another

Pressing On: - Responding to God's call - Practicing our gifts - Serving wholeheartedly

Services and meetings are held to worship God, to teach Bible based Christian doctrine, for the fellowship of believers and to welcome all comers to share in the spiritual, social, and practical benefits associated with a contemporary Christian church.

Central to the role of the charity is a holistic view of the Christian gospel, which also seeks to relieve practical need wherever possible in the course of its activities, meeting with persons not necessarily active members of the church but who need a helping hand.

The charity receives gifts from members and supporters but does not appeal for funds from the general public. However, small grants have been applied for and allocated from outside charitable trusts towards facilitating the building project. A small supplementary income is received in the form of donations offered by community groups using the church facilities. A local firm, IJT, makes a contribution for the weekday use of the carpark by their employees.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding training for both children and vulnerable adults continues to be maintained through appropriate external providers, with regular updates in line with statutory guidance.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Church Orientated Activities

Sunday Services

During the extensive building works, the chapel moved services on a Sunday to West Street Church, Somerton but returned to St Cleers Chapel during July 2023. Following the return to the chapel, the main Sunday service runs from 10:30am to 11:30am. Some of these services are available to view following the service via our own website www.stcleers.org or Youtube. We have continued throughout to greatly benefit from Richard Cole's consistent, gifted preaching, plus that of a number of guest preachers.

Mission Group

This group has not been functioning since the death of Dr A Webb in October 2023 although it is the intention to reinstate the Mission Group as soon as possible. However, Mission support has continued via one off payments to Loving Actions; The Lord's Larder; Makers Place; Tear Fund; Counties Evangelists; Martock Christian Fellowship - Transforming Lives.

"Not Just for Ladies" Meetings

This group's name was amended to include those who wish to fellowship on a Thursday afternoon with singing, Bible readings and a talk from a visiting speaker. They enjoy refreshments at the end of the meeting. During the building work this group has been able to continue meeting in the Barn.

Youth Work

This restarted in April 2024 with a group for Year 7 and above youngsters. This met weekly on Friday evenings, with a programme including semi-organised games and activities, with a short devotional 'God slot' to finish.

Family and Children's Worker

Provided by Mrs. Linda Sambell, this is now an established role within St Cleers that seeks to maintain and broaden contact with parents and children (0 to 10 years of age) in the community who have connections to St Cleers, through regular church attendance, community outreach groups and events initiated by St Cleers, or through CTIS (Churches Together in Somerton). We aim to provide pastoral, practical, and spiritual guidance as an outcome of a relational understanding of families' needs and situations. (See Y Church and Toddler Group)

Y Church

With the return to St Cleers Chapel, the children participate in the main service on Sunday morning for the first 15 minutes and then leave for their own activities and worship around a theme. After a short time together, children separate into age-appropriate groups for further activities.

Home Groups

A number of adults attended one of four established groups who have begun meeting in homes for study and prayer during the week.

Prayer Groups

There are three regular prayer groups that meet through the month, for specific purposes including chapel pastoral needs, grandchildren and the situation in Ukraine.

Men's Breakfasts

Our bi-monthly Saturday breakfast gatherings at St Cleers Chapel for men across the local community restarted, and have been running two monthly since then with a wide variety of speakers.

Music

We enjoy live music performed at the chapel on a Sunday morning by a variety of musicians working on a rota basis.

Pastoral Work

The pastoral team, led by Mr Justyn Maynard, one of the Leadership Team, continue to support people with a range of needs.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Ecumenical Cooperation

The relationship between all the churches in Somerton remains warm with good cooperation and support for each other, and now also on a more formal basis, with two monthly meetings at St Michael's Vicarage.

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is an established outreach at St Cleers and run once or twice a year. Once completed, this is followed up by further Bible study courses designed for those new to the Christian faith

Social investments

Toddler Group

Bump to Five (as the toddler group is known as) continues to thrive and meet every Friday morning during term time. This is led by Linda Sambell with a number of helpers, familiar to regular attendees. Our usual activities include "ride on" toys, music, puppets, crafts and special services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, as well as our annual sports day, local farm visit and Christmas party in December

Youth and Children's Work

During the year, a Friday night Youth Group for children in Year 7 and above was started. Archies Extra, a group meeting on a local sports field once a week, provides hot drinks and chat with youngsters.

Day Centre (St Cleers Friendlies)

This activity has not reopened since the pandemic.

Coffee and Company

Coffee and Company was set up to support vulnerable members of our community, providing nourishing food at a nominal cost, plus support to those who attended. It also allowed lonely people the opportunity to make new friends. It has gradually increased its activities and makes good use of the premises.

Community Kitchen/Warm Hub

Following a government initiative, St Cleers set up a Warm Hub as a warm place to meet during the cost-of-living crisis during and following the pandemic. The initial idea was to teach families how to cook nutritious meals together, alongside providing a hot meal to them and other members of the community. However, it became apparent that there was a greater need to provide a hot meal and company for the many people in our community who live alone or are lonely, so the Community Kitchen concentrates on this now.

Guides

We have three different groups of brownies/guides using the Chapel premises during the week for their meetings.

Website

St Cleers has its own website, www.stcleers.org, which is regularly updated, and which contains information about the church, its personnel, and meetings, together with recordings of previous sermons.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Property, Facilities and Assets

Improvement, Repair and Development of Facilities

As long ago as 2015, the catalyst being the poor physical state of one of the roofs of the chapel, and to meet the changing needs of the chapel, the Leadership Team initiated a plan to refurbish and extend the Chapel. Another local church, West St Chapel in Somerton, very kindly offered St Cleers Chapel the use of their building for Sunday services, for the duration of the rebuilding, for which we were very grateful. The refurbishment was started in January 2022 using a local building firm, J Symes and Son, and a Cardiff-based architect, Hiraeth Architects. The work was largely finished by July 2023, when the church was able to reoccupy the building, being finally signed off in early 2025. Grants of about 9% of the final costs were received from both local and national charities, but the remaining 90% was raised by the enormous generosity of members of the chapel, meaning that the whole project had been fully paid for by the time the chapel was reopened.

Fixed Assets

The register is updated on a rolling basis and reflects the current value of assets at the time the Trustees' report is submitted. Values are adjusted on either straight-line depreciation or variable declining balance as appropriate to the individual assets. The property in Polham Lane, Somerton remains the chief asset with an insured value of £2,776,278 in 2025. Non 'Real Estate' assets in the chapel and Portacabin are insured for £82,738, the Portacabin building £45,890, making the total insured sum £2,894,906.

Accounts

The attached accounts give details of Receipts and Payments during the period ended 5 April 2025. The Trustees are most grateful to the Church Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell together with Jeff Bailey and Martyn Hornby, for their hard work and diligence. The charity continues to enjoy sound finances solely due to the generosity of members of the chapel who remain very supportive.

Reserves Policy

St Cleers Chapel has been a small, straightforward, well insured charity with no mortgage on its property and no significant liabilities. They approached a large rebuilding project between 2021&2023 with care, the Trustees being aware of their responsibilities for good financial governance of this. The project was fully paid for by the time the building was reopened. The Trustees seek to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the charity to operate for three months in the absence of income. Trustees remain confident that St Cleers Chapel Ltd will be able to live within its means, has not potentially overstretched itself in future plans, and expends funds in a manner commensurate with its stated objectives.

Investment Policy

The charity has no investments per se; monetary assets are held on deposit and kept under review for the most advantageous interest terms.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a registered charity governed by a constitution adopted on 13 April 1993 and amended on 8 February 1999. On 31st December 2017, it was transferred to a charitable company, St Cleers Chapel 1170400.

Trustees and Leadership Team

The Trustees and the Leadership Team are appointed by unanimous resolutions of their respective boards and subsequently commissioned during a Sunday morning service. The Trustees' board includes six members, only one of whom is now on the Leadership Team as well. Using Zoom, the Trustees met as a full board with the Leadership Team 4 times during 2024/25, and the Leadership Team's managing committee met once a week. A quorum on either board consists of a simple majority of members attending the meeting. These minuted meetings are usually augmented by occasional "away days" when the church Leadership Team considers in depth the state and direction of the church. Our annual church business meeting, open to all church members and giving the opportunity for anyone there to raise issues of concern, was held on 26th March 2025, with updates on all aspects of the church, including the current financial position.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell, together with Mr Jeff Bailey and Mr Martin Hornby, have developed a financial team to spread the workload and improve our governance. A financial statement is provided monthly and prior to every meeting of the Trustees or the Leadership Team.

Deacons

The board of Deacons continues its monthly minuted meetings to administer and execute the practical tasks associated with keeping the property and equipment in good order, and to ensure the smooth, safe running of activities on the property. Recommendations for Deacon appointments may be made by any church member; these are subject to approval by the Leadership Team and new deacons are commissioned in a Sunday morning service.

Safeguarding Leads

Mr Richard Coles. School Teacher and Preaching Pastor

Mrs Lisa Webb Retired Nurse

Their contact details are available on the St Cleers Chapel Website

Involvement of Members

Trustees, Leadership Team and Deacons are themselves members of the church and are both accessible and approachable. Any member of the church may raise an issue for consideration by any of the foregoing boards, especially activity leaders and office bearers. An annual Church Business Meeting provides an open forum for all church members..

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

10484893 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1170400

Registered office

St Cleers Chapel

Polham Lane

Somerton

Somerset

TA11 6SP

Trustees

Mr M Bryer Engineer

Mr A Carruthers Retired Head Teacher (resigned 2.7.25)

Dr A J M Quayle Retired GP

Mr C L P Weedon Chartered Surveyor

Miss S E Huggett

Mrs L M Webb

Mr T C Webb (appointed 19.5.25)

Company Secretary

Mrs L L Sambell

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr J Maynard
Mrs L Sambell
Mr M Bryer
Mr R Coles

DEACONS

Mrs H Depasquale
Mrs C Marsh
Mr R Jones
Mr K Richardson
Mr M Chapman
Mr T Maclellan
Mrs R Maynard
Mrs S Richardson
Mrs V Austin
Mrs L Boulter

TREASURER

Mrs L Sambell

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Cleers Chapel**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Cleers Chapel ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Mr B Evans

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5 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.25 Total funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		87,814	7,175	94,989	128,247
Other trading activities	2	-	-	-	220
Investment income	3	1,115	109	1,224	4,338
Total		<u>88,929</u>	<u>7,284</u>	<u>96,213</u>	<u>132,805</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	69,168	-	69,168	80,336
Other		4,589	19,398	23,987	264,396
Total		<u>73,757</u>	<u>19,398</u>	<u>93,155</u>	<u>344,732</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		15,172	(12,114)	3,058	(211,927)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		25,090	13,970	39,060	250,987
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>40,262</u>	<u>1,856</u>	<u>42,118</u>	<u>39,060</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.25 Total funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		40,769	1,856	42,625	42,034
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(507)	-	(507)	(2,974)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>40,262</u>	<u>1,856</u>	<u>42,118</u>	<u>39,060</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>40,262</u>	<u>1,856</u>	<u>42,118</u>	<u>39,060</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>40,262</u>	<u>1,856</u>	<u>42,118</u>	<u>39,060</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				40,262	25,090
Restricted funds				1,856	13,970
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>42,118</u>	<u>39,060</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	220
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
Rents received	965	2,347
Deposit account interest	259	1,991
	<u>1,224</u>	<u>4,338</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
Pastoral work	42,078	38,227
Mission support	2,750	3,015
Speakers fees	525	450
Youth and Children Resources	585	725
Caterings	972	2,065
Fundraising expenses	-	707
Support costs	22,258	35,147
	<u>69,168</u>	<u>80,336</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	5.4.25	5.4.24
Administrative	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	93,176	35,071	128,247
Other trading activities	220	-	220
Investment income	2,641	1,697	4,338
Total	<u>96,037</u>	<u>36,768</u>	<u>132,805</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	80,336	-	80,336
Other	96,970	167,426	264,396
Total	<u>177,306</u>	<u>167,426</u>	<u>344,732</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(81,269)	(130,658)	(211,927)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	106,359	144,628	250,987
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>25,090</u>	<u>13,970</u>	<u>39,060</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.25 £	5.4.24 £
Trade creditors	477	2,892
Pension	30	82
	<u>507</u>	<u>2,974</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	25,090	15,172	40,262
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	13,970	(12,114)	1,856
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,060</u>	<u>3,058</u>	<u>42,118</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	88,929	(73,757)	15,172
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	7,284	(19,398)	(12,114)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>96,213</u>	<u>(93,155)</u>	<u>3,058</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	106,359	(81,269)	25,090
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	144,628	(130,658)	13,970
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>250,987</u>	<u>(211,927)</u>	<u>39,060</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	96,037	(177,306)	(81,269)
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	36,768	(167,426)	(130,658)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>132,805</u>	<u>(344,732)</u>	<u>(211,927)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	106,359	(66,097)	40,262
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	144,628	(142,772)	1,856
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>250,987</u>	<u>(208,869)</u>	<u>42,118</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	184,966	(251,063)	(66,097)
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	44,052	(186,824)	(142,772)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>229,018</u>	<u>(437,887)</u>	<u>(208,869)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2025.

St Cleers Chapel

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.25 Total funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Gifts	74,163	5,148	79,311	115,012
Gift aid	13,651	996	14,647	13,235
Legacies	-	1,031	1,031	-
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	87,814	7,175	94,989	128,247
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	-	-	-	220
Investment income				
Rents received	965	-	965	2,347
Deposit account interest	150	109	259	1,991
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	1,115	109	1,224	4,338
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	88,929	7,284	96,213	132,805
EXPENDITURE				
Raising donations and legacies				
Pastoral work	42,078	-	42,078	38,227
Mission support	2,750	-	2,750	3,015
Speakers fees	525	-	525	450
Youth and Children Resources	585	-	585	725
Caterings	972	-	972	2,065
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	707
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	46,910	-	46,910	45,189
Support costs				
Management				
Pensions	629	-	629	558
Insurance	3,298	-	3,298	3,283
Light and heat	3,492	-	3,492	3,576
Telephone	1,245	-	1,245	1,216
Postage and stationery	2,297	-	2,297	1,607
Carried forward	10,961	-	10,961	10,240

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.25 Total funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £
Management				
Brought forward	10,961	-	10,961	10,240
Advertising	60	-	60	182
Training Fees	525	-	525	30
Repairs and renewals	5,752	-	5,752	19,199
Cleaning	3,386	-	3,386	2,888
Contractors Fees	4,589	17,173	21,762	257,649
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	25,273	17,173	42,446	290,188
Governance costs				
Sundries	638	-	638	1,828
Accountancy fees	936	-	936	780
Legal fees	-	2,225	2,225	6,747
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	1,574	2,225	3,799	9,355
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	73,757	19,398	93,155	344,732
Net (expenditure)/income	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	15,172	(12,114)	3,058	(211,927)

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ST CLEERS CHAPEL

England & Wales - Charity number 1170400

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10484893 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170400

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 5 April 2024
for
St Cleers Chapel

Somerset Accountancy Services Ltd
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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is an independent Christian church that is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance (EA) and the Partnership Group of Churches. On 1st January 2018, in view of the planned redevelopment of the building, and increasing numbers of employees, 'St Cleers Trust' was transferred to 'St Cleers', a charitable limited company.

On June 15th, 2019, the Leadership Team had an away day to specifically consider St Cleers Chapel Mission and Vision Statements. While St Cleers Chapel evolved from Open Brethren beginnings, those who gather for worship of God, the teaching of Bible based Christian doctrine and fellowship of believers, come from differing denominational backgrounds or none. The Leadership felt the chapel needed Mission and Vision statements that reflected more closely the spiritual, social, and practical benefits offered by a contemporary Christian church. This was then presented to the Trustees and church membership and adopted as the foundational basis of St Cleers Chapel in September 2019.

Objective - Vision Statement

The Leadership team sought to define the purpose of St Cleers Chapel in a simple but all-encompassing statement.
'Sharing Jesus: Sharing Life'

Aims - Mission Statement

To fulfil the Vision Statement, three routes were identified that each had three areas to encourage the spiritual, practical, and serving application of biblical Christian living, in the church and in the wider community.

Reaching Out: - Making Mission a priority - Challenged to serve our community - Being good neighbours

Being Part of It: - Dynamic prayer and worship - Applying God's word to our lives - Commitment to one another

Pressing On: - Responding to God's call - Practicing our gifts - Serving wholeheartedly

Services and meetings are held to worship God, to teach Bible based Christian doctrine, for the fellowship of believers and to welcome all comers to share in the spiritual, social, and practical benefits associated with a contemporary Christian church.

Central to the role of the charity is a holistic view of the Christian gospel, which also seeks to relieve practical need wherever possible in the course of its activities, meeting with persons not necessarily active members of the church but who need a helping hand.

The charity receives gifts from members and supporters but does not appeal for funds from the general public. However, small grants have been applied for and allocated from outside charitable trusts towards facilitating the building project. A small supplementary income is received in the form of donations offered by community groups using the church facilities. A local firm, IJT, makes a contribution for the weekday use of the carpark by their employees.

Safeguarding

The Trustees and Leadership Team remain committed to the safety and wellbeing of all people associated with the chapel, especially the young, the aged and the vulnerable, keeping our Protection policies under regular review. We manage the statutory disclosure procedures required of us by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) through membership of the Church Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS), now known as Thirty One Eight. They also keep us abreast of emerging legislation and provide training in safeguarding, our last whole day training event for all those working with children or vulnerable adults in the chapel being on 9th February 2019.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Church Orientated Activities

Sunday Services

During the extensive building works, the chapel moved services on a Sunday to West Street Church, Somerton but returned to St Cleers Chapel during July 2023. Following the return to the chapel, the main Sunday service runs from 10:30am to 11:30am. Some of these services are available to view following the service via our own website www.stcleers.org or Youtube. We have continued throughout to greatly benefit from Richard Cole's consistent, gifted preaching, plus that of a number of guest preachers.

Mission Group

This group has not been functioning since the death of Dr A Webb in October 2023 although it is the intention to reinstate the Mission Group as soon as possible. However, Mission support has continued to via one off payments to Loving Actions; The Lord's Larder; Makers Place; Tear Fund; Counties Evangelists; Martock Christian Fellowship - Transforming Lives.

"Not Just for Ladies" Meetings

This group's name was amended to include those who wish to fellowship on a Thursday afternoon with singing, Bible readings and a talk from a visiting speaker. They enjoy refreshments at the end of the meeting. During the building work this group has been able to continue meeting in the Barn.

Youth Work

Currently under review.

Family and Children's Worker

Provided by Mrs. Linda Sambell, this is now an established role within St Cleers that seeks to maintain and broaden contact with parents and children (0 to 10 years of age) in the community who have connections to St Cleers, through regular church attendance, community outreach groups and events initiated by St Cleers, or through CTIS (Churches Together in Somerton). We aim to provide pastoral, practical, and spiritual guidance as an outcome of a relational understanding of families' needs and situations. (See Y Church and Toddler Group)

Y Church

With the return to St Cleers Chapel, the children participate in the main service on Sunday morning for the first 15 minutes and then leave for their own activities and worship around a theme. After a short time together, children separate into age appropriate groups for further activities.

Home Groups

A number of adults attended one of four established groups who have begun meeting in homes for study and prayer during the week.

Prayer Groups

There are three regular prayer groups that meet through the month, for specific purposes including chapel pastoral needs, grandchildren and the situation in Ukraine.

Men's Breakfasts

Our bi-monthly Saturday breakfast gatherings at St Cleers Chapel for men across the local community is due to re-start as soon as possible.

Music

We enjoy live music performed at the chapel on a Sunday morning by a variety of musicians working on a rota basis.

Pastoral Work

The pastoral team, led by Mr Justyn Maynard, one of the Leadership Team, continue to support people with a range of needs.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Ecumenical Cooperation

The relationship between all the churches in Somerton remains warm, with good cooperation and support for each other.

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is an established outreach at St Cleers and run once or twice a year. Once completed, this is followed up by further Bible study courses designed for those new to the Christian faith.

Social investments

Toddler Group

Bump to Five (as the toddler group is known as) continues to thrive and meet every Friday morning during term time. This is led by Linda Sambell with a number of helpers, familiar to regular attendees. Our usual activities including; "ride on" toys, music, puppets, crafts and special services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, as well as our annual sports day, local farm visit and Christmas party in December

Youth and Children's Work

Currently under review, it is hoped to start a Friday night Youth Group for children in Year 7 and above. Archies Extra, a group meeting on a local sports field once a week, provides hot drinks and chat with youngsters.

Day Centre (St Cleers Friendlies)

Post pandemic, it is uncertain how and when this will resume although it will require new helpers and attendees.

Coffee and Company

Coffee and Company was set up to support vulnerable members of our community, providing nourishing food at a nominal cost, plus support to those who attended. It also allowed lonely people the opportunity to make new friends. It has gradually increased its activities and makes good use of the premises.

Community Kitchen/Warm Hub

Following a Government initiative, St Cleers set up a Warm Hub as a warm place to meet during the cost of living crisis. The initial idea was to teach families how to cook nutritious meals together alongside providing a hot meal to them and other members of the community. However, there is a greater need to provide a hot meal and company for the many people in our community who live alone or are lonely and during the summer pause, we are reviewing how to meet the greater need.

Guides

We have three different groups of brownies/guides using the Chapel premises during the week for their meetings.

Website

St Cleers has its own website, www.stcleers.org which is regularly updated, and which contains information about the church, its personnel, and meetings, together with recordings of previous sermons

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Property, Facilities and Assets

Improvement, Repair and Development of Facilities

In 2015, the catalyst being the poor physical state of one of the rooves of the chapel, but more significantly to meet the changing needs of the chapel, the Leadership Team initiated a plan to refurbish and extend the Chapel. A local firm of architects, after competitive tendering, was commissioned and they produced an ambitious and exciting plan to rebuild a major part of the chapel. Planning permission was obtained, but the projected cost of the plans was c£750,000, and it became clear that the chapel would struggle to raise that amount of money. A deadline of 31st December 2019 was therefore agreed upon by which to raise the finance. A remarkable quarter of a million pounds was raised through free will offerings by church members, as well as multiple fundraising events by this date, but it was decided in January 2020 to explore a less ambitious plan preserving more of the old building. It was felt wise to make a new start with an architect with more experience of advising on and developing old church buildings, and to that end, Hiraeth Architects of Cardiff were appointed, and since then have been moving the project forward with new plans to maximise changes with the money we have already raised. Unfortunately, progress was slow, partly because of the restrictions Covid enforced on us, but planning permission for the new plans was eventually obtained in January, and the process of appointing a contractor and tendering was initiated. The project began in earnest in Jan 2022 with the expectation that completion will take around six months. However, the project has taken long than expected and, while the premises were usable from Jul 2023, we are hoping the project will be signed off in spring/summer of 2024.

Fixed Assets

The register is updated on a rolling basis and reflects the current value of assets at the time the Trustees' report is submitted. Values are adjusted on either straight-line depreciation or variable declining balance as appropriate to the individual assets. The property in Polham Lane, Somerton remains the chief asset with an insured value of £2,610,00 in 2024. Non 'Real Estate' assets in the chapel and Portacabin are insured for £80,000, the Portakabin building £43,000, making the total insured sum £2,733,000.

Accounts

The attached accounts give details of Receipts and Payments during the period ended 5 April 2024. The Trustees are most grateful to the Church Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell together with Jeff Bailey and Martyn Hornby, for their hard work and diligence. The charity continues to enjoy sound finances solely due to the generosity of members of the chapel who remain very supportive.

Reserves Policy

St Cleers Chapel has been a small, straightforward, well insured charity with no mortgage on its property and no significant liabilities. They are approaching the building project with care, and the Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for good financial governance of this. The Trustees seek to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the charity to operate for six months in the absence of income. Trustees remain confident that St Cleers Chapel Ltd will be able to live within its means, has not potentially overstretched itself in future plans, and expends funds in a manner commensurate with its stated objectives.

Investment Policy

The charity has no investments per se; monetary assets are held on deposit and kept under review for the most advantageous interest terms.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a registered charity governed by a constitution adopted on 13 April 1993 and amended on 8 February 1999. On 31st December 2017, it was transferred to a charitable company, St Cleers Chapel 1170400.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees and Leadership Team

The Trustees and the Leadership Team are appointed by unanimous resolutions of their respective boards and subsequently commissioned during a Sunday morning service. The Trustees' board includes six members, only one of whom is now on the Leadership Team as well. Using Zoom online, the Trustees met as a full board together with the Leadership Team 4 times during 2023/24, and the managing committee of the Leadership Team met once a week. A quorum on either board consists of a simple majority of members attending the meeting. These minuted meetings are normally augmented by occasional "away days" when the church Leadership Team considers in depth the state and direction of the church. Our annual church business meeting, open to all church members and giving the opportunity for anyone there to raise issues of concern, was held on 17th October 2023 where an update of the rebuilding plans was given and current financial position.

Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell, together with Mr Jeff Bailey and Mr Martin Hornby, have developed a financial team to spread the workload and improve our governance. A financial statement is provided monthly and prior to every meeting of the Trustees or the Leadership Team.

Deacons

The board of Deacons continues its monthly minuted meetings to administer and execute the practical tasks associated with keeping the property and equipment in good order, and to ensure the smooth, safe running of activities on the property. Recommendations for Deacon appointments may be made by any church member; these are subject to approval by the Leadership Team and new deacons are commissioned in a Sunday morning service.

Safeguarding Leads

Mr Richard Coles. School Teacher and Preaching Pastor

Mrs Lisa Webb Retired Nurse

Their contact details are available on the St Cleers Chapel Website

Involvement of Members

Trustees, Leadership Team and Deacons are themselves members of the church and are both accessible and approachable. Any member of the church may raise an issue for consideration by any of the foregoing boards, especially activity leaders and office bearers. An annual Church Business Meeting provides an open forum for all church members..

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

10484893 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1170400

Registered office

St Cleers Chapel

Polham Lane

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Somerset

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St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

Trustees

Mr M Bryer Engineer
Mr A Carruthers Retired Head Teacher
Dr A J M Quayle Retired GP
Dr A N Webb General Practitioner (deceased 18.10.23)
Mr C L P Weedon Chartered Surveyor
Miss S E Huggett (appointed 4.9.23)
Mrs L M Webb (appointed 4.9.23)

Company Secretary

Mrs L L Sambell

Independent Examiner

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr J Maynard
Mrs L Sambell
Mr M Bryer
Mr R Coles

DEACONS

Mrs H Depasquale
Mrs C Marsh
Mr R Jones
Mr K Richardson
Mr M Chapman
Mr T Maclellan
Mrs R Maynard
Mrs S Richardson
Mrs V Austin
Mrs L Boulter

TREASURER

Mrs L Sambell

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Cleers Chapel**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Cleers Chapel ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Mr B Evans

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21 November 2024

St Cleers Chapel

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 5 April 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.24 Total funds £	5.4.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		93,176	35,071	128,247	126,314
Other trading activities	2	220	-	220	685
Investment income	3	2,641	1,697	4,338	4,091
Other income		-	-	-	6,000
Total		96,037	36,768	132,805	137,090
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	80,336	-	80,336	57,723
Other		96,970	167,426	264,396	151,166
Total		177,306	167,426	344,732	208,889
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(81,269)	(130,658)	(211,927)	(71,799)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		106,359	144,628	250,987	322,786
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		25,090	13,970	39,060	250,987

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

5 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.24 Total funds £	5.4.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		28,064	13,970	42,034	253,110
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,974)	-	(2,974)	(2,123)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>25,090</u>	<u>13,970</u>	<u>39,060</u>	<u>250,987</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>25,090</u>	<u>13,970</u>	<u>39,060</u>	<u>250,987</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>25,090</u>	<u>13,970</u>	<u>39,060</u>	<u>250,987</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				25,090	106,359
Restricted funds				13,970	144,628
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>39,060</u>	<u>250,987</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	5.4.24	5.4.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>220</u>	<u>685</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2024**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.24	5.4.23
	£	£
Rents received	2,347	2,400
Deposit account interest	1,991	1,691
	4,338	4,091

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	5.4.24	5.4.23
	£	£
Pastoral work	38,227	34,827
Mission support	3,015	4,434
Speakers fees	450	850
Youth and Children Resources	725	742
Caterings	2,065	584
Fundraising expenses	707	-
Support costs	35,147	16,286
	80,336	57,723

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2024 nor for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2024 nor for the year ended 5 April 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	5.4.24	5.4.23
Administrative	3	3

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. **COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	68,709	57,605	126,314
Other trading activities	685	-	685
Investment income	2,691	1,400	4,091
Other income	6,000	-	6,000
Total	<u>78,085</u>	<u>59,005</u>	<u>137,090</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	57,723	-	57,723
Other	-	151,166	151,166
Total	<u>57,723</u>	<u>151,166</u>	<u>208,889</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	20,362	(92,161)	(71,799)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	85,997	236,789	322,786
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>106,359</u></u>	<u><u>144,628</u></u>	<u><u>250,987</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.24	5.4.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,892	2,100
Pension	82	23
	<u>2,974</u>	<u>2,123</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 5.4.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	106,359	(81,269)	25,090
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	144,628	(130,658)	13,970
	<u>250,987</u>	<u>(211,927)</u>	<u>39,060</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	96,037	(177,306)	(81,269)
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	36,768	(167,426)	(130,658)
	<u>132,805</u>	<u>(344,732)</u>	<u>(211,927)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,997	20,362	106,359
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,789	(92,161)	144,628
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>322,786</u>	<u>(71,799)</u>	<u>250,987</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	78,085	(57,723)	20,362
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	59,005	(151,166)	(92,161)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>137,090</u>	<u>(208,889)</u>	<u>(71,799)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,997	(60,907)	25,090
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,789	(222,819)	13,970
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>322,786</u>	<u>(283,726)</u>	<u>39,060</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	174,122	(235,029)	(60,907)
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	95,773	(318,592)	(222,819)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>269,895</u>	<u>(553,621)</u>	<u>(283,726)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2024.

St Cleers Chapel

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £	5.4.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Gifts	80,662	34,350	115,012	106,880
Gift aid	12,514	721	13,235	12,495
Legacies	-	-	-	4,439
Grants	-	-	-	2,500
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	93,176	35,071	128,247	126,314
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	220	-	220	685
Investment income				
Rents received	2,347	-	2,347	2,400
Deposit account interest	294	1,697	1,991	1,691
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	2,641	1,697	4,338	4,091
Other income				
Insurance damaged roof	-	-	-	6,000
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Total incoming resources	96,037	36,768	132,805	137,090
EXPENDITURE				
Raising donations and legacies				
Pastoral work	38,227	-	38,227	34,827
Mission support	3,015	-	3,015	4,434
Speakers fees	450	-	450	850
Youth and Children Resources	725	-	725	742
Caterings	2,065	-	2,065	584
Fundraising expenses	707	-	707	-
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	45,189	-	45,189	41,437
Support costs				
Management				
Pensions	558	-	558	493
Insurance	3,283	-	3,283	2,964
Carried forward	3,841	-	3,841	3,457

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St Cleers Chapel

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £	5.4.23 Total funds £
Management				
Brought forward	3,841	-	3,841	3,457
Light and heat	3,576	-	3,576	2,469
Telephone	1,216	-	1,216	848
Postage and stationery	1,607	-	1,607	1,713
Advertising	182	-	182	658
Training Fees	30	-	30	36
Repairs and renewals	19,199	-	19,199	2,175
Cleaning	2,888	-	2,888	2,632
Contractors Fees	96,970	160,679	257,649	135,222
	<u>129,509</u>	<u>160,679</u>	<u>290,188</u>	<u>149,210</u>
Governance costs				
Sundries	1,828	-	1,828	1,608
Accountancy fees	780	-	780	690
Legal fees	-	6,747	6,747	15,944
	<u>2,608</u>	<u>6,747</u>	<u>9,355</u>	<u>18,242</u>
Total resources expended	<u>177,306</u>	<u>167,426</u>	<u>344,732</u>	<u>208,889</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(81,269)</u>	<u>(130,658)</u>	<u>(211,927)</u>	<u>(71,799)</u>

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ST CLEERS CHAPEL

England & Wales - Charity number 1170400

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10484893 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170400

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023
for
St Cleers Chapel

Somerset Accountancy Services Ltd
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St Cleers Chapel

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is an independent Christian church that is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance (EA) and the Partnership Group of Churches. On 1st January 2018, in view of the planned redevelopment of the building, and increasing numbers of employees, 'St Cleers Trust' was transferred to 'St Cleers', a charitable limited company.

On June 15th, 2019, the Leadership Team had an away day to specifically consider St Cleers Chapel Mission and Vision Statements. While St Cleers Chapel evolved from Open Brethren beginnings, those who gather for worship of God, the teaching of Bible based Christian doctrine and fellowship of believers, come from differing denominational backgrounds or none. The Leadership felt the chapel needed Mission and Vision statements that reflected more closely the spiritual, social, and practical benefits offered by a contemporary Christian church. This was then presented to the Trustees and church membership and adopted as the foundational basis of St Cleers Chapel in September 2019.

Objective - Vision Statement

The Leadership team sought to define the purpose of St Cleers Chapel in a simple but all-encompassing statement.
'Sharing Jesus: Sharing Life'

Aims - Mission Statement

To fulfil the Vision Statement, three routes were identified that each had three areas to encourage the spiritual, practical, and serving application of biblical Christian living, in the church and in the wider community.

Reaching Out: - Making Mission a priority - Challenged to serve our community - Being good neighbours

Being Part of It: - Dynamic prayer and worship - Applying God's word to our lives - Commitment to one another

Pressing On: - Responding to God's call - Practicing our gifts - Serving wholeheartedly

Services and meetings are held to worship God, to teach Bible based Christian doctrine, for the fellowship of believers and to welcome all comers to share in the spiritual, social, and practical benefits associated with a contemporary Christian church.

Central to the role of the charity is a holistic view of the Christian gospel, which also seeks to relieve practical need wherever possible in the course of its activities, meeting with persons not necessarily active members of the church but who need a helping hand.

The charity receives gifts from members and supporters but does not appeal for funds from the general public. However, small grants have been applied for and allocated from outside charitable trusts towards facilitating the building project. A small supplementary income is received in the form of donations offered by community groups using the church facilities. A local firm, IJT, makes a contribution for the weekday use of the carpark by their employees.

Safeguarding

The Trustees and Leadership Team remain committed to the safety and wellbeing of all people associated with the chapel, especially the young, the aged and the vulnerable, keeping our Protection policies under regular review. We manage the statutory disclosure procedures required of us by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) through membership of the Church Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS), now known as Thirty One Eight. They also keep us abreast of emerging legislation and provide training in safeguarding, our last whole day training event for all those working with children or vulnerable adults in the chapel being on 9th February 2019.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Church Orientated Activities

Sunday Services

With the commencement of work on the building at St Cleers Chapel, we have moved the Sunday Service to West Street Church Somerton for the time being with effect from November 2022. However, the main service has moved from 10:30am to 3:30pm to accommodate established services at West Street Church. We have continued to stream these services via our own website www.stcleers.org or Youtube. We have continued throughout to greatly benefit from Richard Cole's consistent, gifted preaching, plus that of a number of guest preachers.

Mission Group

This was unable to meet in person, but members of this group continued to support two overseas charities in particular. The link with Mpongwe Mission Hospital in Zambia was maintained through contact with the independent trust, "Friends of MBA, Zambia", and the Swedish trust that commenced the work many years ago, with the work focused mainly on their Orphans and Vulnerable Children's work. "Loving Actions", a long-established project supporting the welfare and education of orphan girls in India has been supported in the past by visits from Jayne Bagwell, a St Cleers member. Our members, and the church itself, supported the local covid support network in Somerton, as well as the work of the Lord's Larder, a charity based in Yeovil, but covering a larger area including Somerton, providing food and family support for those in need.

"Not Just for Ladies" Meetings

This group's name was amended to include those who wish to fellowship on a Thursday afternoon with singing, Bible readings and a talk from a visiting speaker. They enjoy refreshments at the end of the meeting. During the building work this group has been able to continue meeting in the Barn.

Youth Work

Currently under review.

Family and Children's Worker

Provided by Mrs. Linda Sambell, this is now an established role within St Cleers that seeks to maintain and broaden contact with parents and children (0 to 10 years of age) in the community who have connections to St Cleers, through regular church attendance, community outreach groups and events initiated by St Cleers, or through CTIS (Churches Together in Somerton). We aim to provide pastoral, practical, and spiritual guidance as an outcome of a relational understanding of families' needs and situations. (See Kidz Group and Toddler Group)

Kidz Group

With the move to West Street, Kidz Group now meets at the same time as the main Sunday service. The children participate in the main service for the first 15 minutes and then leave for their own activities and worship around a theme. After a short time together, children separate into age appropriate groups for further activities.

Messy Church

Currently, we feel that other community outreach events are more important although future Messy Church has not been ruled out.

Home Groups

A number of adults attended one of four established groups who have begun meeting in homes for study and prayer during the week.

Prayer Groups

There are three regular prayer groups that meet through the month, for specific purposes including chapel pastoral needs, grandchildren and the situation in Ukraine.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Men's Breakfasts

Our bi-monthly Saturday breakfast gatherings at St Cleers Chapel for men across the local community is due to re-start as soon as possible.

Music

We enjoy live music performed at the chapel on a Sunday morning by a variety of musicians working on a rota basis.

Pastoral Work

The pastoral team, led by Mr Justyn Maynard, one of the Leadership Team, continue to support people with a range of needs.

Ecumenical Cooperation

The relationship between all the churches in Somerton remains warm, with good cooperation and support for each other. Unfortunately, the Christian Liaison for Young People (CLYP) project in our local secondary school has had to close because of the withdraw of funding by the diocese. The "Just4You" services, designed for people with mental and physical disabilities, continues to be on hold.

Alpha Course

Since 2013 we have been running the Alpha course once a year, followed up with a post Alpha course. These have re-started following the covid lockdown and the most recent course has been held at St Michaels Parish Church in Somerton as a joint event.

Social investments

Toddler Group

Toddlers continues to thrive post lockdown and we were able to meet face to face at the chapel both at St Cleers Chapel and then from Nov 22 at West Street Church. This was led by Linda Sambell with a number of helpers, familiar to regular attendees. Our usual activities including; "ride on" toys, music, puppets, crafts and special "Bright Sparks" services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, as well as our annual sports day, local farm visit and Christmas party in December

Youth and Children's Work

As described under the previous section, our youth work remains in abeyance apart from Archies Extra, a group meeting on a local sports field for hot drinks and chat with youngsters knocking around town.

Day Centre (St Cleers Friendlies)

Post pandemic, it is uncertain how and when this will resume although it will require new helpers and attendees.

Coffee and Company

Coffee and Company was set up to support vulnerable members of our community, providing nourishing food at a nominal cost, plus support to those who attended. It also allowed lonely people the opportunity to make new friends. It has gradually increased its activities as the regulations allowed, initially outside as small groups, but moving inside again latterly.

Community Kitchen/Warm Hub

Following a Government initiative, St Cleers set up a Warm Hub as a warm place to meet during the cost of living crisis. This is now evolving into teaching families how to cook nutritious meals together and providing a hot meal to them and other members of the community.

Guides

We have three different groups of brownies/guides using the Chapel premises during the week for their meetings which have now resumed.

Website

St Cleers has its own website, www.stcleers.org which is regularly updated, and which contains information about the church, its personnel, and meetings, together with recordings of previous sermons

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Property, Facilities and Assets

Improvement, Repair and Development of Facilities

In 2015, the catalyst being the poor physical state of one of the rooves of the chapel, but more significantly to meet the changing needs of the chapel, the Leadership Team initiated a plan to refurbish and extend the Chapel. A local firm of architects, after competitive tendering, was commissioned and they produced an ambitious and exciting plan to rebuild a major part of the chapel. Planning permission was obtained, but the projected cost of the plans was c£750,000, and it became clear that the chapel would struggle to raise that amount of money. A deadline of 31st December 2019 was therefore agreed upon by which to raise the finance. A remarkable quarter of a million pounds was raised through free will offerings by church members, as well as multiple fundraising events by this date, but it was decided in January 2020 to explore a less ambitious plan preserving more of the old building. It was felt wise to make a new start with an architect with more experience of advising on and developing old church buildings, and to that end, Hiraeth Architects of Cardiff were appointed, and since then have been moving the project forward with new plans to maximise changes with the money we have already raised. Unfortunately, progress was slow, partly because of the restrictions Covid enforced on us, but planning permission for the new plans was eventually obtained in January, and the process of appointing a contractor and tendering was initiated. The the project began in earnest in Jan 2022 with the expectation that completion will take around six months.

Fixed Assets

The register is updated on a rolling basis and reflects the current value of assets at the time the Trustees' report is submitted. Values are adjusted on either straight-line depreciation or variable declining balance as appropriate to the individual assets. The property in Polham Lane, Somerton remains the chief asset with an insured value of £2,080,433 in 2022. Non 'Real Estate' assets in the chapel are insured for £60,777, the Portakabin building £33,511, Portakabin contents £3,040 making the total insured sum £2,178,761

Accounts

The attached accounts give details of Receipts and Payments during the period ended 5 April 2023. The Trustees are most grateful to the Church Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell together with Jeff Bailey and Martyn Hornby, for their hard work and diligence. The charity continues to enjoy sound finances solely due to the generosity of members of the chapel who remain very supportive.

Reserves Policy

St Cleers Chapel has been a small, straightforward, well insured charity with no mortgage on its property and no significant liabilities. They are approaching the building project with care, and the Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for good financial governance of this. The Trustees seek to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the charity to operate for six months in the absence of income. Trustees remain confident that St Cleers Chapel Ltd will be able to live within its means, has not potentially overstretched itself in future plans, and expends funds in a manner commensurate with its stated objectives.

Investment Policy

The charity has no investments per se; monetary assets are held on deposit and kept under review for the most advantageous interest terms.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a registered charity governed by a constitution adopted on 13 April 1993 and amended on 8 February 1999. On 31st December 2017, it was transferred to a charitable company, St Cleers Chapel 1170400.

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees and Leadership Team

The Trustees and the Leadership Team are appointed by unanimous resolutions of their respective boards and subsequently commissioned during a Sunday morning service. The Trustees' board includes six members, only one of whom is now on the Leadership Team as well. Using Zoom online, the Trustees met as a full board together with the Leadership Team 4 times during 2022/23, and the managing committee of the Leadership Team met once a week. A quorum on either board consists of a simple majority of members attending the meeting. These minuted meetings are normally augmented by occasional "away days" when the church Leadership Team considers in depth the state and direction of the church, but clearly that was impossible during this last year. Our annual church business meeting, open to all church members and giving the opportunity for anyone there to raise issues of concern, was held on 4th April 2022, where an update of the rebuilding plans was given

Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell, together with Mr Jeff Bailey and Mr Martin Hornby, have developed a financial team to spread the workload and improve our governance. A financial statement is provided monthly and prior to every meeting of the Trustees or the Leadership Team.

Deacons

The board of Deacons continues its monthly minuted meetings to administer and execute the practical tasks associated with keeping the property and equipment in good order, and to ensure the smooth, safe running of activities on the property. Recommendations for Deacon appointments may be made by any church member; these are subject to approval by the Leadership Team and new deacons are commissioned in a Sunday morning service.

Safeguarding Leads

Dr Anthony Webb. General Practitioner and Occupational Health Physician

Mr Richard Coles. School Teacher and Preaching Pastor

Mrs Karen McLellan. Civil Servant (Human Resources)

Their contact details are available on the St Cleers Chapel Website

Involvement of Members

Trustees, Leadership Team and Deacons are themselves members of the church and are both accessible and approachable. Any member of the church may raise an issue for consideration by any of the foregoing boards, especially activity leaders and office bearers. An annual Church Business Meeting provides an open forum for all church members.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

10484893 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1170400

Registered office

St Cleers Chapel

Polham Lane

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Somerset

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St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

Trustees

Mr M Bryer Engineer
Mr A Carruthers Retired Head Teacher
Mrs K P Mclellan Civil Servant (resigned 10.1.23)
Dr A J M Quayle Retired GP
Dr A N Webb General Practitioner
Mr C L P Weedon Chartered Surveyor

Company Secretary

Mrs L L Sambell

Independent Examiner

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr J Maynard
Mrs L Sambell
Mr M Bryer
Mr R Coles

DEACONS

Mrs H Depasquale
Mrs C Marsh
Mr R Jones
Mr K Richardson
Mr M Chapman
Mr T Maclellan
Mrs R Maynard
Mrs S Richardson
Mrs V Austin

TREASURER

Mrs L Sambell

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Cleers Chapel**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Cleers Chapel ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Mr B Evans

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11 December 2023

St Cleers Chapel

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.23 Total funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		68,709	57,605	126,314	99,639
Other trading activities	2	685	-	685	-
Investment income	3	2,691	1,400	4,091	3,464
Other income		6,000	-	6,000	25
Total		78,085	59,005	137,090	103,128
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	57,723	-	57,723	42,351
Other		-	151,166	151,166	39,152
Total		57,723	151,166	208,889	81,503
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		20,362	(92,161)	(71,799)	21,625
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		85,997	236,789	322,786	301,161
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		106,359	144,628	250,987	322,786

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Cleers Chapel

Balance Sheet

5 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.23 Total funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		108,481	144,628	253,109	327,176
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,122)	-	(2,122)	(4,390)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		106,359	144,628	250,987	322,786
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		106,359	144,628	250,987	322,786
NET ASSETS		106,359	144,628	250,987	322,786
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				106,359	85,997
Restricted funds				144,628	236,789
TOTAL FUNDS				250,987	322,786

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>685</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Rents received	2,400	2,475
Deposit account interest	1,691	989
	<u>4,091</u>	<u>3,464</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Pastoral work	34,827	32,731
Mission support	4,434	6,882
Speakers fees	850	1,200
Youth and Children Resources	742	979
Caterings	584	559
Support costs	16,286	-
	<u>57,723</u>	<u>42,351</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2023 nor for the year ended 5 April 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2023 nor for the year ended 5 April 2022.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	5.4.23	5.4.22
Administrative	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

St Cleers Chapel

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	82,907	16,732	99,639
Investment income	2,616	848	3,464
Other income	25	-	25
Total	85,548	17,580	103,128
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	42,351	-	42,351
Other	21,600	17,552	39,152
Total	63,951	17,552	81,503
NET INCOME	21,597	28	21,625
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	64,400	236,761	301,161
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	85,997	236,789	322,786

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.23 £	5.4.22 £
Trade creditors	2,099	4,390
Pension	23	-
	2,122	4,390

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,997	20,362	106,359
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,789	(92,161)	144,628
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>322,786</u>	<u>(71,799)</u>	<u>250,987</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	78,085	(57,723)	20,362
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	59,005	(151,166)	(92,161)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>137,090</u>	<u>(208,889)</u>	<u>(71,799)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,400	21,597	85,997
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,761	28	236,789
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>301,161</u>	<u>21,625</u>	<u>322,786</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,548	(63,951)	21,597
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	17,580	(17,552)	28
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>103,128</u>	<u>(81,503)</u>	<u>21,625</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,400	41,959	106,359
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,761	(92,133)	144,628
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>301,161</u>	<u>(50,174)</u>	<u>250,987</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	163,633	(121,674)	41,959
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	76,585	(168,718)	(92,133)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>240,218</u>	<u>(290,392)</u>	<u>(50,174)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.23 Total funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Gifts	51,794	55,086	106,880	77,594
Gift aid	11,415	1,080	12,495	12,045
Legacies	3,000	1,439	4,439	10,000
Grants	2,500	-	2,500	-
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	68,709	57,605	126,314	99,639
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	685	-	685	-
Investment income				
Rents received	2,400	-	2,400	2,475
Deposit account interest	291	1,400	1,691	989
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	2,691	1,400	4,091	3,464
Other income				
Compensation from Bank	-	-	-	25
Insurance damaged roof	6,000	-	6,000	-
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	6,000	-	6,000	25
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	78,085	59,005	137,090	103,128
EXPENDITURE				
Raising donations and legacies				
Pastoral work	34,827	-	34,827	32,731
Mission support	4,434	-	4,434	6,882
Speakers fees	850	-	850	1,200
Youth and Children Resources	742	-	742	979
Caterings	584	-	584	559
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	41,437	-	41,437	42,351
Support costs				
Management				
Pensions	493	-	493	423
Carried forward	493	-	493	423

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St Cleers Chapel

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.23 Total funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £
Management				
Brought forward	493	-	493	423
Insurance	2,964	-	2,964	2,810
Light and heat	2,469	-	2,469	1,717
Telephone	848	-	848	928
Postage and stationery	1,713	-	1,713	1,679
Advertising	658	-	658	-
Training Fees	36	-	36	288
Repairs and renewals	2,175	-	2,175	7,600
Cleaning	2,632	-	2,632	4,743
No description	-	135,222	135,222	-
	<u>13,988</u>	<u>135,222</u>	<u>149,210</u>	<u>20,188</u>
Governance costs				
Sundries	1,608	-	1,608	722
Accountancy fees	690	-	690	690
Legal fees	-	15,944	15,944	17,552
	<u>2,298</u>	<u>15,944</u>	<u>18,242</u>	<u>18,964</u>
Total resources expended	<u>57,723</u>	<u>151,166</u>	<u>208,889</u>	<u>81,503</u>
Net income	<u>20,362</u>	<u>(92,161)</u>	<u>(71,799)</u>	<u>21,625</u>

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ST CLEERS CHAPEL

England & Wales - Charity number 1170400

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10484893 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170400

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 5 April 2022
for
St Cleers Chapel

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for the Year Ended 5 April 2022**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is an independent Christian church that is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance (EA) and the Partnership Group of Churches. On 1st January 2018, in view of the planned redevelopment of the building, and increasing numbers of employees, 'St Cleers Trust' was transferred to 'St Cleers', a charitable limited company.

On June 15th, 2019, the Leadership Team had an away day to specifically consider St Cleers Chapel Mission and Vision Statements. While St Cleers Chapel evolved from Open Brethren beginnings, those who gather for worship of God, the teaching of Bible based Christian doctrine and fellowship of believers, come from differing denominational backgrounds or none. The Leadership felt the chapel needed Mission and Vision statements that reflected more closely the spiritual, social, and practical benefits offered by a contemporary Christian church. This was then presented to the Trustees and church membership and adopted as the foundational basis of St Cleers Chapel in September 2019.

Objective - Vision Statement

The Leadership team sought to define the purpose of St Cleers Chapel in a simple but all-encompassing statement. 'Sharing Jesus: Sharing Life'

Aims - Mission Statement

To fulfil the Vision Statement, three routes were identified that each had three areas to encourage the spiritual, practical, and serving application of biblical Christian living, in the church and in the wider community.

Reaching Out: - Making Mission a priority - Challenged to serve our community - Being good neighbours

Being Part of It: - Dynamic prayer and worship - Applying God's word to our lives - Commitment to one another

Pressing On: - Responding to God's call - Practicing our gifts - Serving wholeheartedly

Services and meetings are held to worship God, to teach Bible based Christian doctrine, for the fellowship of believers and to welcome allcomers to share in the spiritual, social, and practical benefits associated with a contemporary Christian church.

Central to the role of the charity is a holistic view of the Christian gospel, which also seeks to relieve practical need wherever possible in the course of its activities, meeting with persons not necessarily active members of the church but who need a helping hand.

The charity receives gifts from members and supporters but does not appeal for funds from the general public. A small supplementary income is received in the form of donations offered by community groups using the church facilities. These donations are not actively sought and no requirement for payment is ever implied. A local firm, IJT, makes a contribution for the weekday use of the carpark by their employees.

Safeguarding

The Trustees and Leadership Team remain committed to the safety and wellbeing of all people associated with the chapel, especially the young, the aged and the vulnerable, keeping our Protection policies under regular review. We manage the statutory disclosure procedures required of us by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) through membership of the Church Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS), now known as Thirty One Eight. They also keep us abreast of emerging legislation and provide training in safeguarding, our last whole day training event for all those working with children or vulnerable adults in the chapel being on 9th February 2019.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Church Orientated Activities

Sunday Services

The pandemic unfortunately continued to have an enormous impact on our services through 2021/2022 although we were able to meet in person as a church as lockdown eased. Services continued to be live streamed for those who felt they were unable to return in person. We have continued throughout to greatly benefit from Richard Cole's consistent, gifted preaching, plus that of a number of guest preachers.

Mission Group

This was unable to meet in person, but members of this group continued to support two overseas charities in particular. The link with Mpongwe Mission Hospital in Zambia was maintained through contact with the independent trust, "Friends of MBA, Zambia", and the Swedish trust that commenced the work many years ago, with the work focused mainly on their Orphans and Vulnerable Children's work. "Loving Actions", a long-established project supporting the welfare and education of orphan girls in India has been supported in the past by visits from Jayne Bagwell, a St Cleers member. Our members, and the church itself, supported the local covid support network in Somerton, as well as the work of the Lord's Larder, a charity based in Yeovil, but covering a larger area including Somerton, providing food and family support for those in need.

"Not Just for Ladies" Meetings

This group's name was amended to include those who wish to fellowship on a Thursday afternoon with singing, Bible readings and a talk from a visiting speaker. They enjoy refreshments at the end of the meeting.

Youth Work

Unfortunately, our plans to open a Boys Brigade Company have been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. Covid unfortunately put paid to face to face meetings with our youngsters although some children were able to attend summer camps. The church also supported Helen Weld, who worked for Christian Liaison for Young People (CLYP), an organization working closely with staff and students at our local comprehensive school, but the local diocese withdrew their funding and the role no longer exists.

Family and Children's Worker

Provided by Mrs. Linda Sambell, this is now an established role within St Cleers that seeks to maintain and broaden contact with parents and children (0 to 10 years of age) in the community who have connections to St Cleers, through regular church attendance, community outreach groups and events initiated by St Cleers, or through CTIS (Churches Together in Somerton). We aim to provide pastoral, practical, and spiritual guidance as an outcome of a relational understanding of families' needs and situations. (See Kidz Group and Toddler Group)

Kidz Group

Meeting on at 9:45am - 10:25am on a Sunday morning, Kidz Group involved activities and worship around a theme that is then continued with an older children's group from 11:15 to 12 noon. Reaching children from pre-school age and above, we follow a syllabus provided by Foundation Stones'.

Messy Church

St. Cleers halted its monthly commitment to "Messy Church" during the pandemic and lock-down and is currently not re-starting. We feel that other community outreach events are more important although future Messy Church has not been ruled out.

Home Groups

A number of adults attended one of three established groups who have begun meeting in homes for study and prayer during the week.

Prayer Groups

There are three regular prayer groups that meet through the month, for specific purposes including chapel pastoral needs, grandchildren and the situation in Ukraine.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Men's Breakfasts

Our bi-monthly Saturday breakfast gatherings at St Cleers Chapel for men across the local community were unable to meet, but the intention is to resurrect these as soon as possible.

Music

Following covid, we are now enjoying live music performed at the chapel on a Sunday morning by a variety of musicians working on a rota basis.

Pastoral Work

The pastoral team, led by Mr Justyn Maynard, one of the Leadership Team, continued to support people as best as they could through this most difficult of times.

Ecumenical Cooperation

The relationship between all the churches in Somerton remains warm, with good cooperation and support for each other. Unfortunately, the Christian Liaison for Young People (CLYP) project in our local secondary school has had to close because of the withdraw of funding by the diocese. The "Just4You" services, designed for people with mental and physical disabilities, continues to be on hold.

Alpha Course

Since 2013 we have been running the Alpha course once a year, followed up with a post Alpha course, but clearly this had been impossible during covid. However, we were glad to be able to start again with a small course in October 2021, followed up by 2 post-Alpha courses, a 'Be Still' and a Lent course, with plans to run a full programme in the coming year.

Social investments

Toddler Group

With a gradual return, Toddlers continues to thrive post lockdown and we were able to meet face to face at the chapel. This was led by Linda Sambell with a number of helpers, familiar to regular attendees. Our usual activities including; "ride on" toys, music, puppets, crafts and special "Bright Sparks" services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, as well as our annual sports day, local farm visit and Christmas party in December.

Youth and Children's Work

As described under the previous section, our youth work remains in abeyance apart from Archies Extra, a group meeting on a local sports field for hot drinks and chat with youngsters knocking around town, which was able to re-start.

Day Centre (St Cleers Friendlies)

Post pandemic, it is uncertain how and when this will resume although it will require new helpers and attendees.

Coffee and Company

Coffee and Company was set up to support vulnerable members of our community, providing nourishing food at a nominal cost, plus support to those who attended. It also allowed lonely people the opportunity to make new friends. It has gradually increased its activities as the regulations allowed, initially outside as small groups, but moving inside again latterly.

Guides

We have three different groups of brownies/guides using the Chapel premises during the week for their meetings which have now resumed.

Website

St Cleers has its own website, www.stcleers.org which is regularly updated, and which contains information about the church, its personnel, and meetings, together with recordings of previous sermons

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Property, Facilities and Assets

Improvement, Repair and Development of Facilities

In 2015, the catalyst being the poor physical state of one of the rooves of the chapel, but more significantly to meet the changing needs of the chapel, the Leadership Team initiated a plan to refurbish and extend the Chapel. A local firm of architects, after competitive tendering, was commissioned and they produced an ambitious and exciting plan to rebuild a major part of the chapel. Planning permission was obtained, but the projected cost of the plans was c£750,000, and it became clear that the chapel would struggle to raise that amount of money. A deadline of 31st December 2019 was therefore agreed upon by which to raise the finance. A remarkable quarter of a million pounds was raised through free will offerings by church members, as well as multiple fundraising events by this date, but it was decided in January 2020 to explore a less ambitious plan preserving more of the old building. It was felt wise to make a new start with an architect with more experience of advising on and developing old church buildings, and to that end, Hiraeth Architects of Cardiff were appointed, and since then have been moving the project forward with new plans to maximise changes with the money we have already raised. Unfortunately, progress was slow, partly because of the restrictions Covid enforced on us, but planning permission for the new plans was eventually obtained in January, and the process of appointing a contractor and tendering was initiated. The expectation is that the project will start before the end of 2022 with completion before Easter 2023.

Fixed Assets

The register is updated on a rolling basis and reflects the current value of assets at the time the Trustees' report is submitted. Values are adjusted on either straight-line depreciation or variable declining balance as appropriate to the individual assets. The property in Polham Lane, Somerton remains the chief asset with an insured value of £1,962,672 in 2020. Non 'Real Estate' assets in the chapel are insured for £57,882, the Portakabin building £32,557, Portakabin contents £2,895 making the total insured sum £2,056,006.

Accounts

The attached accounts give details of Receipts and Payments during the period ended 5 April 2022. The Trustees are most grateful to the Church Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell together with Jeff Bailey and Martyn Hornby, for their hard work and diligence. The charity continues to enjoy sound finances solely due to the generosity of members of the chapel who remain very supportive.

Reserves Policy

St Cleers Chapel has been a small, straightforward, well insured charity with no mortgage on its property and no significant liabilities. They are approaching the building project with care, and the Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for good financial governance of this. The Trustees seek to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the charity to operate for six months in the absence of income. Trustees remain confident that St Cleers Chapel Ltd will be able to live within its means, has not potentially overstretched itself in future plans, and expends funds in a manner commensurate with its stated objectives.

Investment Policy

The charity has no investments per se; monetary assets are held on deposit and kept under review for the most advantageous interest terms.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a registered charity governed by a constitution adopted on 13 April 1993 and amended on 8 February 1999. On 31st December 2017, it was transferred to a charitable company, St Cleers Chapel 1170400.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees and Leadership Team

The Trustees and the Leadership Team are appointed by unanimous resolutions of their respective boards and subsequently commissioned during a Sunday morning service. The Trustees' board includes six members, only one of whom is now on the Leadership Team as well. Using Zoom online, the Trustees met as a full board together with the Leadership Team 4 times during 2021/22, and the managing committee of the Leadership Team met once a week. A quorum on either board consists of a simple majority of members attending the meeting. These minuted meetings are normally augmented by occasional "away days" when the church Leadership Team considers in depth the state and direction of the church, but clearly that was impossible during this last year. Our annual church business meeting, open to all church members and giving the opportunity for anyone there to raise issues of concern, was held on 4th April 2022, where an update of the rebuilding plans was given.

Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell, together with Mr Jeff Bailey and Mr Martin Hornby, have developed a financial team to spread the workload and improve our governance. A financial statement is provided monthly and prior to every meeting of the Trustees or the Leadership Team.

Deacons

The board of Deacons continues its monthly minuted meetings to administer and execute the practical tasks associated with keeping the property and equipment in good order, and to ensure the smooth, safe running of activities on the property. Recommendations for Deacon appointments may be made by any church member; these are subject to approval by the Leadership Team and new deacons are commissioned in a Sunday morning service.

Safeguarding Leads

Dr Anthony Webb. General Practitioner and Occupational Health Physician

Mr Richard Coles. School Teacher and Preaching Pastor

Mrs Karen McLellan. Civil Servant (Human Resources)

Their contact details are available on the St Cleers Chapel Website

Involvement of Members

Trustees, Leadership Team and Deacons are themselves members of the church and are both accessible and approachable. Any member of the church may raise an issue for consideration by any of the foregoing boards, especially activity leaders and office bearers. An annual Church Business Meeting provides an open forum for all church members.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

10484893 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1170400

Registered office

St Cleers Chapel

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Trustees

Mr M Bryer Engineer

Mr A Carruthers Retired Head Teacher

Mrs K P McLellan Civil Servant

Dr A J M Quayle Retired GP

Dr A N Webb General Practitioner

Mr C L P Weedon Chartered Surveyor

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Mr K Richardson

Mr M Chapman

Mr T Maclellan

Mrs R Maynard

Mrs S Richardson

Mrs V Austin

TREASURER

Mrs L Sambell

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Cleers Chapel**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Cleers Chapel ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 5 April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Mrs L Short
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17 October 2022

St Cleers Chapel

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 5 April 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.22 Total funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		82,907	16,732	99,639	69,904
Investment income	2	2,616	848	3,464	3,976
Other income		25	-	25	100
Total		85,548	17,580	103,128	73,980
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		42,351	-	42,351	40,437
Other		21,600	17,552	39,152	24,483
Total		63,951	17,552	81,503	64,920
NET INCOME		21,597	28	21,625	9,060
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		64,400	236,761	301,161	292,101
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		85,997	236,789	322,786	301,161

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Cleers Chapel

Balance Sheet 5 April 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.22 Total funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		90,387	236,789	327,176	301,518
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(4,390)	-	(4,390)	(357)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		85,997	236,789	322,786	301,161
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		85,997	236,789	322,786	301,161
NET ASSETS		85,997	236,789	322,786	301,161
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				85,997	64,400
Restricted funds				236,789	236,761
TOTAL FUNDS				322,786	301,161

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 5 April 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Rents received	2,475	2,150
Deposit account interest	989	1,826
	<u>3,464</u>	<u>3,976</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2022 nor for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2022 nor for the year ended 5 April 2021.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	5.4.22	5.4.21
Administrative	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	61,856	8,048	69,904
Investment income	2,422	1,554	3,976
Other income	100	-	100
Total	<u>64,378</u>	<u>9,602</u>	<u>73,980</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	40,437	-	40,437
Other	15,234	9,249	24,483
Total	<u>55,671</u>	<u>9,249</u>	<u>64,920</u>
NET INCOME	8,707	353	9,060
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	55,693	236,408	292,101
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>64,400</u>	<u>236,761</u>	<u>301,161</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,390	266
No description	-	91
	<u>4,390</u>	<u>357</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 5.4.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,400	21,597	85,997
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,761	28	236,789
	<u>301,161</u>	<u>21,625</u>	<u>322,786</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,548	(63,951)	21,597
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	17,580	(17,552)	28
	<u>103,128</u>	<u>(81,503)</u>	<u>21,625</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 5.4.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,693	8,707	64,400
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,408	353	236,761
	<u>292,101</u>	<u>9,060</u>	<u>301,161</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,378	(55,671)	8,707
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	9,602	(9,249)	353
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,980</u>	<u>(64,920)</u>	<u>9,060</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,693	30,304	85,997
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,408	381	236,789
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>292,101</u>	<u>30,685</u>	<u>322,786</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,926	(119,622)	30,304
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	27,182	(26,801)	381
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>177,108</u>	<u>(146,423)</u>	<u>30,685</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2022.

St Cleers Chapel

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Gifts	72,225	5,369	77,594	55,733
Gift aid	10,682	1,363	12,045	14,171
Legacies	-	10,000	10,000	-
	<u>82,907</u>	<u>16,732</u>	<u>99,639</u>	<u>69,904</u>
Investment income				
Rents received	2,475	-	2,475	2,150
Deposit account interest	141	848	989	1,826
	<u>2,616</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>3,464</u>	<u>3,976</u>
Other income				
Compensation from Bank	25	-	25	100
	<u>85,548</u>	<u>17,580</u>	<u>103,128</u>	<u>73,980</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Raising donations and legacies				
Pastoral work	32,731	-	32,731	12,271
Teaching Pastor	-	-	-	5,454
Children and Families	-	-	-	14,546
Mission support	6,882	-	6,882	7,410
Speakers fees	1,200	-	1,200	250
Youth and Children Resources	979	-	979	481
Caterings	559	-	559	-
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	25
	<u>42,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,351</u>	<u>40,437</u>
Support costs				
Management				
Pensions	423	-	423	430
Insurance	2,810	-	2,810	2,632
Light and heat	1,717	-	1,717	898
Telephone	928	-	928	192
Postage and stationery	1,679	-	1,679	1,839
Training Fees	288	-	288	459
Repairs and renewals	7,600	-	7,600	4,615
Carried forward	15,445	-	15,445	11,065

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St Cleers Chapel

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 5 April 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £
Management				
Brought forward	15,445	-	15,445	11,065
Cleaning	4,743	-	4,743	3,085
	<u>20,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,188</u>	<u>14,150</u>
Governance costs				
Sundries	722	-	722	514
Accountancy fees	690	-	690	570
Legal fees	-	17,552	17,552	9,249
	<u>1,412</u>	<u>17,552</u>	<u>18,964</u>	<u>10,333</u>
Total resources expended	<u>63,951</u>	<u>17,552</u>	<u>81,503</u>	<u>64,920</u>
Net income	<u>21,597</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>21,625</u>	<u>9,060</u>

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ST CLEERS CHAPEL

England & Wales - Charity number 1170400

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10484893 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170400

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 5 April 2021
for
St Cleers Chapel

Somerset Accountancy Services Ltd
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St Cleers Chapel

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St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is an independent Christian church that is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance (EA) and the Partnership Group of Churches. On 1st January 2018, in view of the planned redevelopment of the building, and increasing numbers of employees, 'St Cleers Trust' was transferred to 'St Cleers', a charitable limited company.

On June 15th, 2019, the Leadership Team had an away day to specifically consider St Cleers Chapel Mission and Vision Statements. While St Cleers Chapel evolved from Open Brethren beginnings, those who gather for worship of God, the teaching of Bible based Christian doctrine and fellowship of believers, come from differing denominational backgrounds or none. The Leadership felt the chapel needed Mission and Vision statements that reflected more closely the spiritual, social, and practical benefits offered by a contemporary Christian church. This was then presented to the Trustees and church membership and adopted as the foundational basis of St Cleers Chapel in September 2019.

Objective - Vision Statement

The Leadership team sought to define the purpose of St Cleers Chapel in a simple but all-encompassing statement. 'Sharing Jesus: Sharing Life'

Aims - Mission Statement

To fulfil the Vision Statement, three routes were identified that each had three areas to encourage the spiritual, practical, and serving application of biblical Christian living, in the church and in the wider community.

Reaching Out: - Making Mission a priority - Challenged to serve our community - Being good neighbours

Being Part of It: - Dynamic prayer and worship - Applying God's word to our lives - Commitment to one another

Pressing On: - Responding to God's call - Practicing our gifts - Serving wholeheartedly

Services and meetings are held to worship God, to teach Bible based Christian doctrine, for the fellowship of believers and to welcome allcomers to share in the spiritual, social, and practical benefits associated with a contemporary Christian church.

Central to the role of the charity is a holistic view of the Christian gospel, which also seeks to relieve practical need wherever possible in the course of its activities, meeting with persons not necessarily active members of the church but who need a helping hand.

The charity receives gifts from members and supporters but does not appeal for funds from the general public. A small supplementary income is received in the form of donations offered by community groups using the church facilities. These donations are not actively sought and no requirement for payment is ever implied. A local firm, IJT, makes a contribution for the weekday use of the carpark by their employees.

Safeguarding

The Trustees and Leadership Team remain committed to the safety and wellbeing of all people associated with the chapel, especially the young, the aged and the vulnerable, keeping our Protection policies under regular review. We manage the statutory disclosure procedures required of us by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) through membership of the Church Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS), now known as Thirty One Eight. They also keep us abreast of emerging legislation and provide training in safeguarding, our last whole day training event for all those working with children or vulnerable adults in the chapel being on 9th February 2019.

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Church Orientated Activities

Sunday Services

The pandemic unfortunately had an enormous impact on our services through 2020/2021. From March 23rd 2020, we were unable to meet in person as a church, instead using digital media to keep in touch. Services were initially pre-recorded, and then streamed on Facebook, with DVD copies being distributed to older members of the church without internet access. Later the services were livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube and this continued throughout the year. From September 2020, on and off, dependent on the pandemic regulations, we were able to meet in person, but limited to 30 people prebooking in turn. We have continued to greatly benefit from Richard Cole's consistent, gifted preaching, plus that of a number of guest preachers via Zoom.

Mission Group

This was unable to meet in person, but members of this group continued to support two overseas charities in particular. The link with Mpongwe Mission Hospital in Zambia was maintained through contact with the independent trust, "Friends of MBA, Zambia", and the Swedish trust that commenced the work many years ago, with the work focused mainly on their Orphans and Vulnerable Children's work. "Loving Actions" a long-established project supporting the welfare and education of orphan girls in India is supported by visits from Jayne Bagwell, a St Cleers member. Our members, and the church itself, supported the local covid support network in Somerton, as well as the work of the Lord's Larder, a charity based in Yeovil, but covering a larger area including Somerton, providing food and family support for those in need.

Ladies' Meetings

This group who normally met each Thursday afternoon for fellowship, singing and listening to a visiting speaker, were unable to meet throughout the year, but hope to do so when the pandemic allows again.

Youth Work

Covid unfortunately put paid to face to face meetings with our youngsters. Plans were advanced to open a new Boy's Brigade company, with a start date in April 2020, but with the development of the Covid pandemic, we do not anticipate being able to start until the pandemic is under control. The church also supports Helen Weld, who works for Christian Liaison for Young People (CLYP), an organization working closely with staff and students at our local comprehensive school.

Family and Children's Worker

Provided by Mrs. Linda Sambell, this is now an established role within St Cleers that seeks to maintain and broaden contact with parents and children (0 to 10 years of age) in the community who have connections to St Cleers through regular church attendance, community outreach groups and events initiated by St Cleers, or through CTIS (Churches Together in Somerton). We aim to provide pastoral, practical, and spiritual guidance as an outcome of a relational understanding of families' needs and situations. (See Messy Church and Toddler Group)

Kidz Group

Meeting on a Sunday morning, Kidz Group, during lockdown, was live via Zoom. Reaching children from pre-school age to school year 5, we followed a syllabus provided by 'Together at Home', a resource to assist children and families during lockdown. Each week we studied a Bible story, watched a video, enjoyed worship through prayer and song, and even managed a creative craft time. As important, children were able to meet and interact with one another during a particularly difficult time.

Messy Church

St. Cleers halted its monthly commitment to "Messy Church" during the pandemic and lock-down. As a time of interactive creativity, worship, and hospitality, Covid guidelines did not permit such gathering to take place. This will be reviewed when face to face meetings are permitted once more.

Home Groups

The 60 or so adults who normally attended one of five groups meeting in homes for study and prayer during the week, were obviously unable to meet in person over the year, although 2 of the groups managed to meet online using Zoom.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Men's Breakfasts

Our bi-monthly Saturday breakfast gatherings at St Cleers Chapel for men across the local community were on hold through the year, but the intention is to resurrect these as soon as Covid allows.

Music

During the earlier part of the year, music was recorded at home by a number of our musicians, then added to the services which were being recorded on DVD and being streamed online. Later on, the musicians met, socially distanced, in the chapel for live streamed services.

Pastoral Work

The pastoral team, led by Mr Justyn Maynard, one of the Leadership Team, continued to support people as best as they could through this most difficult of times. A regular 'walk through Somerton', as and when the regulations allowed, enabled contact to be kept with those most in need, as also did chapel members' involvement with the 'covid support network' in Somerton. This network collected shopping and prescriptions, and kept an eye on more vulnerable and sick members of the community. The chapel was also involved with The Lord's Larder, which supplied food and other essentials to those financially stretched.

Ecumenical Cooperation

The relationship between all the churches in Somerton remains warm, with good cooperation and support for each other, eg they were all very active in helping to set up the covid support network in the town and local area. The Christian Liaison for Young People (CLYP) project in our local secondary school continued within the constraints of lockdown regulations. It was not possible for the "Just4You" services, designed for people with mental and physical disabilities, to be held, but these will hopefully reopen next year.

Alpha Course

Since 2013 we have been running the Alpha course once a year, followed up with a post Alpha course, but clearly this was impossible this last year. Attempts were made to run a course online with Zoom, but this did not materialise eventually. Plans to reopen the course next year are well advanced.

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Social investments

Toddler Group

From April 2020, a weekly Zoom meeting was arranged for past participants of the Friday morning Toddlers sessions. Apart from the much-needed virtual coffee-time and chat, we were able to have a Storytime, Sing-along session and maintain contact with a number of families. This was led by Linda Sambell with a number of helpers, familiar to regular attendees. We look forward to when we can resume our usual activities including; "ride on" toys, music, puppets, crafts and special "Bright Sparks" services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, as well as our annual sports day, local farm visit and Christmas party in December.

Youth and Children's Work

As described under the previous section, our youth work has been on hold. We were due to open a Boys Brigade group just as lockdown occurred - as we had not actually started, we were therefore unfortunately unable to access the activities that Boys Brigade laid on for existing groups. Helen Weld continued to work for CLYP at Huish Episcopi Academy supporting the pupils and staff there, as covid and regulations allowed. Archies Extra, a group meeting on a local sports field for hot drinks and chat with youngsters knocking around town, was obviously unable to meet, but hopes to do so when the pandemic allows.

Day Centre (St Cleers Friendlies)

Unfortunately, this group of up to 15 elderly folk, that has been running since 2010, was unable to meet throughout the year, Sadly too, some of the members passed away during the year, or needed to move into care. However, although the group is much smaller now, the hope is that the weekly meetings will be restarted when the pandemic allows.

Coffee and Company

Coffee and Company was set up to support vulnerable members of our community, providing nourishing food at a nominal cost, plus support to those who attended. It also allowed lonely people the opportunity to make new friends. Unable to meet initially, it has gradually increased its activities as covid as the regulations allowed, initially outside as small groups, but moving inside again latterly.

Art Group

This weekly gathering of artists and would be artists, some of whom were church members, and who met to pursue and improve their painting has been unable to meet over the year, and their future is uncertain.

Guides

We normally have three different groups of brownies/guides using the Chapel premises during the week for their meetings, but they obviously were unable to meet during the year. However, the intention is to reopen shortly.

Website

St Cleers has its own website, www.stcleers.org which is regularly updated, and which contains information about the church, its personnel, and meetings, together with recordings of previous sermons.

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 5 April 2021**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Property, Facilities and Assets

Improvement, Repair and Development of Facilities

In 2015, the catalyst being the poor physical state of one of the rooves of the chapel, but more significantly to meet the changing needs of the chapel, the Leadership Team initiated a plan to refurbish and extend the Chapel. A local firm of architects, O2i, after competitive tendering, was commissioned and they produced an ambitious and exciting plan to rebuild a major part of the chapel. Planning permission was obtained, but the projected cost of the plans was c£750,000, and it became clear that the chapel would struggle to raise that amount of money. A deadline of 31st December 2019 was therefore agreed upon by which to raise the finance. A remarkable quarter of a million pounds was raised through free will offerings by church members, as well as multiple fundraising events by this date, but it was decided in January 2020 to explore a less ambitious plan preserving more of the old building. It was felt wise to make a new start with an architect with more experience of advising on and developing old church buildings, and to that end, r+mstudios of Cardiff, now known as Hiraeth Architects, were appointed and have been moving the project forward with new plans to maximise changes with the money we have raised, close to being submitted for planning.

Fixed Assets

The register is updated on a rolling basis and reflects the current value of assets at the time the Trustees' report is submitted. Values are adjusted on either straight-line depreciation or variable declining balance as appropriate to the individual assets. The property in Polham Lane, Somerton remains the chief asset with an insured value of £1,962,672 in 2020. Non 'Real Estate' assets in the chapel are insured for £57,882, the Portakabin building £32,557, Portakabin contents £2,895 making the total insured sum £2,056,006.

Accounts

The attached accounts give details of Receipts and Payments during the period ended 5 April 2021 agm. The Trustees are most grateful to the Church Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell together with Jeff Bailey and Martyn Hornby, for their hard work and diligence. The charity continues to enjoy sound finances solely due to the generosity of members of the chapel who remain very supportive.

Reserves Policy

St Cleers Chapel has been a small, straightforward, well insured charity with no mortgage on its property and no significant liabilities. They are approaching the building project with care, and the Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for good financial governance of this. The Trustees seek to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the charity to operate for six months in the absence of income. Trustees remain confident that St Cleers Chapel Ltd will be able to live within its means, has not potentially overstretched itself in future plans, and expends funds in a manner commensurate with its stated objectives.

Investment Policy

The charity has no investments per se; monetary assets are held on deposit and kept under review for the most advantageous interest terms.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a registered charity governed by a constitution adopted on 13 April 1993 and amended on 8 February 1999. On 31st December 2017, it was transferred to a charitable company, St Cleers Chapel 1170400.

St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 5 April 2021**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees and Leadership Team

The Trustees and the Leadership Team are appointed by unanimous resolutions of their respective boards and subsequently commissioned during a Sunday morning service. During the year, one of the Leadership team, Dr Anthony Webb, resigned for health reasons, reducing the Leadership Team to four members only. We are enormously grateful for all his hard work over many years as a Leader, and were delighted that he agreed to remain as a Trustee. The Trustees' board includes six members, only one of whom is now on the Leadership Team as well. Using Zoom online, the Trustees met as a full board together with the Leadership Team 4 times during 2020/21, and the managing committee of the Leadership Team met once a week. A quorum on either board consists of a simple majority of members attending the meeting. These minuted meetings are normally augmented by occasional "away days" when the church Leadership Team considers in depth the state and direction of the church, but clearly that was impossible during this last year. Our annual church business meeting, open to all church members and giving the opportunity for anyone there to raise issues of concern, was finally able to be held via zoom, on March 17th, when the plans to open up the chapel again after lockdown were explained, and an update of the rebuilding plans was given.

Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Mrs Linda Sambell, together with Mr Jeff Bailey and Mr Martin Hornby, have developed a financial team to spread the workload and improve our governance. A financial statement is provided monthly and prior to every meeting of the Trustees or the Leadership Team.

Deacons

The board of Deacons continues its monthly minuted meetings to administer and execute the practical tasks associated with keeping the property and equipment in good order, and to ensure the smooth, safe running of activities on the property. Recommendations for Deacon appointments may be made by any church member; these are subject to approval by the Leadership Team and new deacons are commissioned in a Sunday morning service.

Safeguarding Leads

Dr Anthony Webb. General Practitioner and Occupational Health Physician

Mr Richard Coles. School Teacher and Preaching Pastor

Mrs Karen McLellan. Civil Servant (Human Resources)

Their contact details are available on the St Cleers Chapel Website

Involvement of Members

Trustees, Leadership Team and Deacons are themselves members of the church and are both accessible and approachable. Any member of the church may raise an issue for consideration by any of the foregoing boards, especially activity leaders and office bearers. An annual Church Business Meeting provides an open forum for all church members.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

10484893 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1170400

Registered office

St Cleers Chapel

Polham Lane

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St Cleers Chapel

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

Trustees

Mr M Bryer Engineer
Mr A Carruthers Retired
Mrs K P Mclellan Civil Servant
Dr A J M Quayle Retired GP
Dr A N Webb General Practitioner
Mr C L P Weedon Chartered Surveyor

Company Secretary

Mrs L L Sambell

Independent Examiner

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr J Maynard
Dr A Webb - resigned
Mrs L Sambell
Mr M Bryer
Mr R Coles

DEACONS

Mrs H Depasquale
Mr R Deacon
Mr R Jones
Mr K Richardson
Mr M Chapman
Mr T Maclellan
Mrs R Maynard
Mrs S Richardson
Mr K Eagle

TREASURER

Mrs L Sambell

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Cleers Chapel**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Cleers Chapel ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Mrs L Short
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31 October 2021

St Cleers Chapel

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.21 Total funds £	5.4.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		61,856	8,048	69,904	240,400
Other trading activities	2	-	-	-	79
Investment income	3	2,422	1,554	3,976	2,948
Other income		100	-	100	-
Total		64,378	9,602	73,980	243,427
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		40,437	-	40,437	57,668
Other		15,234	9,249	24,483	21,675
Total		55,671	9,249	64,920	79,343
NET INCOME		8,707	353	9,060	164,084
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		55,693	236,408	292,101	128,017
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		64,400	236,761	301,161	292,101

The notes form part of these financial statements

St Cleers Chapel

Balance Sheet

5 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.21 Total funds £	5.4.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	80
Cash at bank and in hand		64,758	236,760	301,518	292,727
		64,758	236,760	301,518	292,807
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(358)	1	(357)	(706)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		64,400	236,761	301,161	292,101
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		64,400	236,761	301,161	292,101
NET ASSETS		64,400	236,761	301,161	292,101
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				64,400	55,693
Restricted funds				236,761	236,408
TOTAL FUNDS				301,161	292,101

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 5 April 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr A J M Quayle - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	79
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Rents received	2,150	787
Deposit account interest	1,826	2,161
	<u>3,976</u>	<u>2,948</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2021 nor for the year ended 5 April 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2021 nor for the year ended 5 April 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	5.4.21	5.4.20
Administrative	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	87,088	153,312	240,400
Other trading activities	79	-	79
Investment income	1,138	1,810	2,948
Total	<u>88,305</u>	<u>155,122</u>	<u>243,427</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	57,533	135	57,668
Other	20,894	781	21,675
Total	<u>78,427</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>79,343</u>
NET INCOME	<u>9,878</u>	<u>154,206</u>	<u>164,084</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>20,572</u>	<u>(20,572)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>30,450</u>	<u>133,634</u>	<u>164,084</u>

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	25,243	102,774	128,017
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>55,693</u>	<u>236,408</u>	<u>292,101</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	80
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	266	706
No description	91	-
	<u>357</u>	<u>706</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,693	8,707	64,400
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	236,408	353	236,761
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>292,101</u>	<u>9,060</u>	<u>301,161</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,378	(55,671)	8,707
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	9,602	(9,249)	353
TOTAL FUNDS	73,980	(64,920)	9,060

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,243	9,878	20,572	55,693
Restricted funds				
Designated - Building	102,774	154,206	(20,572)	236,408
TOTAL FUNDS	128,017	164,084	-	292,101

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	88,305	(78,427)	9,878
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	155,122	(916)	154,206
TOTAL FUNDS	243,427	(79,343)	164,084

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,243	18,585	20,572	64,400
Restricted funds				
Designated - Building	102,774	154,559	(20,572)	236,761
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,017</u>	<u>173,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,161</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	152,683	(134,098)	18,585
Restricted funds			
Designated - Building	164,724	(10,165)	154,559
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>317,407</u>	<u>(144,263)</u>	<u>173,144</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £	5.4.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Gifts	47,998	7,735	55,733	202,570
Gift aid	13,858	313	14,171	32,303
St Cleers Friendlies	-	-	-	5,527
	<u>61,856</u>	<u>8,048</u>	<u>69,904</u>	240,400
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	-	-	-	79
Investment income				
Rents received	2,150	-	2,150	787
Deposit account interest	272	1,554	1,826	2,161
	<u>2,422</u>	<u>1,554</u>	<u>3,976</u>	2,948
Other income				
Compensation from Bank	100	-	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	64,378	9,602	73,980	243,427
EXPENDITURE				
Raising donations and legacies				
Pastoral work	12,271	-	12,271	12,271
Teaching Pastor	5,454	-	5,454	5,454
Children and Families	14,546	-	14,546	12,356
Mission support	7,410	-	7,410	16,870
Speakers fees	250	-	250	2,320
Youth and Children Resources	481	-	481	978
Caterings	-	-	-	6,867
Church weekend	-	-	-	367
Fundraising expenses	25	-	25	185
	<u>40,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,437</u>	57,668
Support costs				
Management				
Pensions	430	-	430	370
Insurance	2,632	-	2,632	2,497
Light and heat	898	-	898	3,250
Carried forward	3,960	-	3,960	6,117

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £	5.4.20 Total funds £
Management				
Brought forward	3,960	-	3,960	6,117
Telephone	192	-	192	485
Postage and stationery	1,839	-	1,839	2,898
Advertising	-	-	-	1,587
Sundries	-	-	-	200
Training Fees	459	-	459	1,063
Repairs and renewals	4,615	-	4,615	3,474
Cleaning	3,085	-	3,085	3,288
Travel	-	-	-	426
	<u>14,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,150</u>	<u>19,538</u>
Governance costs				
Sundries	514	-	514	809
Accountancy fees	570	-	570	608
Legal fees	-	9,249	9,249	720
	<u>1,084</u>	<u>9,249</u>	<u>10,333</u>	<u>2,137</u>
Total resources expended	<u>55,671</u>	<u>9,249</u>	<u>64,920</u>	<u>79,343</u>
Net income	<u>8,707</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>9,060</u>	<u>164,084</u>

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