



NEW CREATION CHURCHES MENDIP VALE

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 August 2022

Registered Charity No 1171278

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4 Trustees' Report for Charity Commission for Sep 2021- Aug 2022

This is now the sixth annual report on behalf of the New Creation Churches CIO and its Trustees.

As in previous years, the payment of staff salaries and the running of the Administration hubs/offices of the two churches continues to be the greatest single component of the organisations' financial activity.

With the immediate critical effects of the Pandemic coming to an end in the earlier part of 2021 it was hoped that we would once again be able to return to a 'normal' life thereafter. However, the closely followed impact of the 'cost of living crisis' due to the invasion of Ukraine and its associated effects, especially on energy costs, has similarly had a big impact on our wider context in which we operate as two small local churches in a semi-rural context situated in between the major conurbations of Weston-super-mare and Bristol.

These two international influences have forced us to re-evaluate and re-shape how we achieve our core purpose and desire, which is to share the love of God with one another and our wider community in meaningful ways relevant to the context and times in which we find ourselves.

This re-evaluation and re-shaping has not been agreeable with everyone and led to a number of key participants sadly deciding to leave the churches, and therefore New Creation, during this reported year – approximately twenty to thirty per cent and, in the context of this report, taking their financial contributions with them.

At the same time, a number of new, younger, members also joined the churches and therefore New Creation during this period, mainly for reasons of being inspired and attracted by the slowly emerging new identity that we were seeking to explore and discover. Although these are fewer in number than those who have left, it is encouraging and is promising that the re-evaluation and re-shaping process is hopefully along roughly the right lines.

As the reporting period only leads up to August 2022, the final agreement as to a new sense of vision, its values and prospective projects, had not yet been finally achieved and agreed (this has now been established as of May 2023), but it would be important to highlight that a significant time of change was likely to continue and that this would affect both the wider organisation and also the work of key employees of the New Creation Trust.

As Trustees we would see a key part of our role as being to look after the welfare and wellbeing of staff members during this period and this has been further amplified because the health of one key member of staff continued to deteriorate during the reported year and the family situation of another key member of staff continued to be problematic during the reported period. Therefore, during the year, we have appointed two further members of staff on a temporary basis, one to help cover 'Admin' work at the Congresbury Office, and the other to help with Communication – looking after the website, social media, and also trying to look at how we can

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improve information sharing both across the two church communities but also between the church and the wider communities.

As I mentioned in last year's report, I would like to thank the Treasurers and the Trustees of New Creation for their continued hard work and dedication in overseeing the CIO and its activities. This has been a second highly challenging and difficult year for New Creation and the number of challenges being carried over into the coming reporting year only mean this time of change and challenge looks set to continue for much longer than originally anticipated. But through kindness and prayer we hope that much that has been sown in previous years, and is being reshaped in this current period, will indeed bear much fruit in days and years to come, for, as we said when reporting this time last year, nothing, if done for good or right reason, is wasted, ultimately, in God.

Matthew Thomson (Chairman of the New Creation Trustees)



AIM and PURPOSE

The New Creation Charity Purpose comes under the General description of purpose "the Advancement of Religion for the public benefit".

The purpose of the New Creation Churches Mendip Vale is to advance the Christian Faith in the combined area of its Member Churches (MC's) in accordance with the principles and practices of those MC's for the public benefit.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Location:	Station Road Congresbury
Correspondence address:	St Andrew's Church Office Station Road Congresbury Bristol BS49 5DX
Charity Commission Registration Number:	1171278

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

The C of E Incumbents, Methodist Ministers and Treasurers of the member churches for the time being shall automatically, by virtue of holding that office, be a charity Trustee.

In addition, each of the member churches appoints one person to act as Trustee, representing the charity members from its congregation.

During the year, the following served as Trustees of the CIO:

Chair	Rev Matthew Thomson	C of E Incumbent, Banwell & Congresbury Benefice
Treasurer	Robert Mitchell	Treasurer for St Andrew's, Banwell
	Beth Ashton-Hilton	Treasurer for St Andrew's, Congresbury
Member Church Appointment	Georgina Walker (To 28/02/2022)	Representing St Andrew's, Banwell
Member Church Appointment	Ian Stocker	Representing St Andrew's, Congresbury

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COMMITTEES

No official committees have been formed to date. An unofficial Finance Sub-Committee, consisting of the Member Churches' Treasurers and the CIO Chairman, meets on an irregular basis to review and discuss financial matters as needed.

TRUSTEES' MEETINGS

The Trustees communicated by email during the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our objective for the year was to consolidate our position, and to finish the year with at least a small surplus of funds, which we also managed.. Although some amounts were recorded as Receivables or Payables, due to be cleared following the year-end, our funds carried over into the new financial year totalled £8,690.

RESERVES POLICY

We aim to have a minimum of £5,000 available for running costs and contingencies for emergencies. This equates to budgeted running costs for one month. As we have commitments from all the member churches to fund the charity on a monthly basis we, at present, deem this to be sufficient.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following policies and procedures are available for examination upon request:

- Safeguarding
- Bullying and Harassment
- Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures
- Equal Opportunities
- Lone Working

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TRUSTEES' STATEMENT

The Trustees of New Creation Churches Mendip Vale are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

We approve the financial information which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the related notes. We acknowledge our responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis, and for providing David E. Seabright with all information and explanations necessary for the compilation of the independent examination.



Matthew Thomson

Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees

Date: 23rd July 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO NEW CREATION CHURCHES MENDIP VALE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

I report on the accounts of New Creation Churches Mendip Vale for the year ended 31 Aug 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees of New Creation Churches Mendip Vale are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

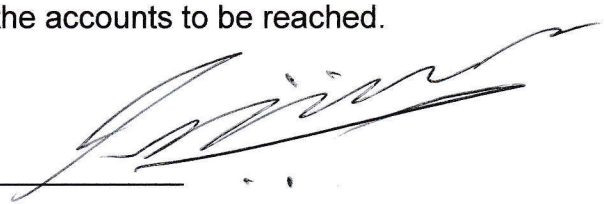
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met or
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David E. Seabright

Date 18/7/2023



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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted 2021-2022	Restricted 2021-2022	Total 2021-2022	Total 2020-2021
Incoming resources:				
Grants	0	0	0	19,545
Charitable income	41,694	1,608	43,302	57,525
Total income	41,694	1,608	43,302	77,070
Resources expended:				
Expenditure on charitable activities	52,462	2,827	55,289	72,034
Total expenditure	52,462	2,827	55,289	72,034
Net incoming / (expended) resources	(10,768)	(1,219)	(11,987)	5,036
Transfers	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward	14,840	5,837	22,677	15,641
Total funds carried forward	4,072	4,618	8,690	20,677

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Balance sheet

	Total	
	2021-2022	2020-2021
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	16,429	25,279
Debtors (<i>see Note 2a</i>)	5,347	5,141
	21,776	30,420
Liabilities		
Creditors (<i>see Note 2b</i>)	13,086	9,743
	13,086	9,743
Net current assets	8,690	20,677
Represented by		
Unrestricted - General fund	4,072	14,840
Restricted (<i>see note 2c</i>)	4,618	5,837

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

a Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Charity.

b Incoming resources

Income is primarily from the member Churches and is recognised and applied to the accounting year to which they apply. Amounts due at 31 Aug are accounted for and entered to Accounts Receivable as of that date.

Grants and legacies to the Charity are accounted for as soon as the Charity Treasurer is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Charity is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by events have been accounted for gross.

c Resources used

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the Charity.

2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOTES:

a Debtors

Due from member churches:	2,815
Other funders	2,532
Total:	5,347

b Creditors due within one year

PAYE and National Insurance	478
Payable to Member Churches	12,608
Total:	13,086

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2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOTES: (Cont)

C Restricted funds

	BFWD	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	CFWD
	2020-21	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22	2020-21
1 Vine CAST Project	2,000	0	(2,000)	0	0
2 Banwell Office Fund	2,940	0	0	0	2,940
3 NC Coffee & Chat Event	897	1,608	(827)	0	1,678
TOTALS	5,837	1,608	(2,827)	0	4,618

1 A donation in support of Vines Youth Counselling Work

2 A fund to support a future office in Banwell

3 A Joint Project part funded by a grant from Banwell Parish Council

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