

# SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)

England & Wales - Charity number 1171951

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-03-08

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

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**Address** Springs Church  
Zoar Chapel  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE REST OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT.

**Activities:** Springs Church Gornal provides Christian teaching, guidance and support to advance the religion of Jesus Christ. Primarily through the provision and facilitation of weekly gatherings the church interacts with the community from the children through to the elderly. It also offers support for those most in need in the local community, such as the support for local food banks.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Dudley
- Staffordshire
- Wolverhampton

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£160,538	£146,389	-	-
2024-03-31	£197,606	£204,762	-	-
2023-03-31	£112,921	£137,985	-	-
2022-03-31	£130,306	£116,683	-	-
2021-03-31	£103,407	£86,245	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>MATTHEW PHILIP WILDSMITH</b>	Chair	2017-01-29
JONATHAN ROBERT ROWE		2017-01-29
Phil Wade		2021-10-04
Samual Owen		2021-10-04

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# Accounts

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**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2025**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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Zoar Chapel  
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DY3 2PG

**Trustees**

Matthew Wildsmith (Chair)  
Jonathan Rowe  
Phil Wade  
Samuel Owen

**Independent examiner**

S A Reeves FCCA

## **SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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  - b. a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts
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- the celebration of public worship;
- the teaching of the Christian faith;
- mission and evangelism;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs: and
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

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**Achievements and Performance**

- Springs Church Gornal exists to advance the Christian faith, relieve hardship, and promote holistic wellbeing across our community. This year has been marked by spiritual growth, deepened outreach, and tangible impact—reflecting our commitment to these charitable aims in every area of ministry and service.

**Advancing the Christian Faith**

- Sunday Worship: Over 120 regular attendees gather weekly at Zoar Chapel to worship, learn, and grow in faith.
- Online Ministry: Weekly recordings of services and teaching messages are shared via social media, extending the Gospel beyond our walls.
- Children’s Discipleship: Our thriving Kids Church and newly launched Toddler Church (ages 1–3) nurture faith in young hearts, engaging both church families and the wider community.
- Youth Engagement: Our Youth Group supports around 30 young people weekly, with additional outreach through Grace Foundation events reaching 75 more. Participation in the Limitless Conference enabled spiritual growth and connection with other Christian youth.
- School Partnerships: We hosted faith-based assemblies and seasonal services for Ellowes Hall and Red Hall schools, including carol concerts and harvest celebrations. Plans are underway to establish a Christian Union at Ellowes Hall to further support students in exploring faith.

**Relieving Hardship and Supporting Families**

- Practical Support: In collaboration with local schools, we provided essential services including a Grocery Store, School Uniform Shop, and Free Debt Advice—reaching families referred by Family Liaison Officers.
- Debt Relief: Our confidential debt advice service offered both practical and spiritual guidance to those facing financial challenges.
- Christmas Appeal: Every child referred from a low-income household received a gift, ensuring no one was left out during the festive season.

**Promoting Community Wellbeing**

- Community Café: Welcoming around 60 people weekly, our café offered craft sessions, wellbeing activities, and seasonal events that foster connection and joy.
- Mini Springs Stay & Play: Around 30 adults and their toddlers attended weekly, building relationships and early faith foundations.
- Craft Group: Launched to combat loneliness, this group now has 16 regular attendees.
- Cooking Courses: Delivered in partnership with local agencies, these sessions promote healthy living and life skills.
- Civic Engagement: We actively participated in local events including Remembrance Day commemorations and the Gornal Christmas Lights switch-on, reflecting our role as a faith-based community anchor.

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**Infrastructure and Growth**

- We continue to explore long-term building solutions to secure a permanent, accessible space for worship and outreach.
- Plans are underway to renovate the church balcony to accommodate growing attendance and ensure inclusive access.

**Future Developments**

In alignment with our charitable objectives, Springs Church Gornal will:

- Expand our physical space to welcome more worshippers and community members.
- Deepen partnerships with other Christian charities to amplify our impact on disadvantaged groups.
- Launch a new adult Alpha course in collaboration with local churches.
- Establish a Christian Union at Ellowes Hall School to support students in faith exploration.
- Increase financial contributions to Christian charitable work locally, nationally, and internationally

**Financial review**

The net outgoing unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to (£5,979) (2024 net outgoing resources £7,859). The net incoming restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to £20,128 (2024 net incoming restricted resources totalled £703). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 2 of the accounts. At 31st March 2025 unrestricted funds amounted to £34,346 (2024 £31,560), designated funds amounted to £6,496 (2024 £11,454) and restricted funds amounted to £17,182 (2024 £861)

**Reserves and reserves policy**

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies for a period of six months. As of 31st March 2025, we feel that the reserves available of £34,346 would meet this objective.

**Risk policy and review**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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**Trustees**

The trustees holding office during the whole year unless otherwise stated were as follows:

Matthew Wildsmith (Chair)

Jonathan Rowe

Phil Wade

Samuel Owen

In accordance with the trust deed, trustees hold office for three years.

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Wildsmith  
Trustee (Chair)

Jonathan Rowe  
Trustee

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 9-11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sally-Ann Reeves FCCA  
Independent examiner

28th November 2025

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Gifts	5a	1,443	1,217	-	2,660	4,657
Donations	5b	94,074	8	-	94,082	91,169
Gift Aid tax recovered	5c	25,670	-	-	25,670	18,027
Receipts from charitable activities	5d	6,664	10,716	20,500	37,880	83,753
Interest and dividends	5e	246	-	-	246	-
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>128,097</b>	<b>11,941</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>160,538</b>	<b>197,606</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	6a	110,551	27,989	372	138,912	195,859
Donations and gifts	6b	7,477	-	-	7,477	8,903
Costs of generating funds	6c	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>118,028</b>	<b>27,989</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>146,389</b>	<b>204,762</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>10,069</b>	<b>(16,048)</b>	<b>20,128</b>	<b>14,149</b>	<b>(7,156)</b>
Transfers between funds		(7,283)	11,090	(3,807)	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/24		31,560	11,454	861	43,875	51,031
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34,346</b>	<b>6,496</b>	<b>17,182</b>	<b>58,024</b>	<b>43,875</b>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

Notes	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Designated funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Current account	34,346	6,496	17,182	58,024	36,627
Deposit accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Petty cash	-	-	-	-	92
<b>4</b>	<u>34,346</u>	<u>6,496</u>	<u>17,182</u>	<u>58,024</u>	<u>36,719</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid recoverable	<u>1,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,183</u>
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>					
Fixed Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**Trustees' Remuneration and benefits**

- 1 There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**Staff Costs**

- 2 The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2024: 5)  
 No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

**Related party transactions**

- 3 There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
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**4 Movement in funds**

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	31,560	128,097	118,028	(7,283)	34,346
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	1,202	1,212	5,064	3,797	1,147
Youth Fund	3,868	2,135	8,753	2,632	(118)
Debt Advice	2,548	-	2,251	251	548
Grocery Store	3,658	8,094	11,368	1,548	1,932
Mercian Trust	-	500	500	-	-
Spring Tithe	-	-	-	2,987	2,987
Sewing Grant - Asda	178	-	53	(125)	-
	11,454	11,941	27,989	11,090	6,496
<b>Restricted</b>					
Tesco Kids Fun day	-	500	-	(500)	-
Poverty Action	760	-	-	(760)	-
Awards for All - Grocery Store	101	20,000	372	(2,547)	17,182
	861	20,500	372	(3,807)	17,182
<b>Total funds</b>	43,875	160,538	146,389	-	58,024

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds for year ended 31st March 2024:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	49,707	119,935	124,204	(13,878)	31,560
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	511	3,986	5,034	1,739	1,202
Youth Fund	813	865	4,106	6,296	3,868
Debt Advice	-	1,187	2,326	3,687	2,548
Grocery Store	-	9,006	5,378	30	3,658
Arnold Clarke	-	-	1,357	1,357	-
Sewing Grant - Asda	-	-	433	611	178
	1,324	15,044	18,634	13,720	11,454
<b>Restricted</b>					
Awards for All - Grocery Store	-	10,000	9,899	-	101
Household support	-	5,000	5,225	225	-
Lottery CCL	-	42,739	42,672	(67)	-
Poverty Action	-	4,888	4,128	-	760
	-	62,627	61,924	158	861
<b>Total funds</b>	51,031	197,606	204,762	-	43,875

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**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
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**5 Further analysis of Receipts**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Designated funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Receipts					
a) <b>Gifts</b>					
One off gifts	1,443	1,217	-	2,660	4,657
	<u>1,443</u>	<u>1,217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>4,657</u>
b) <b>Donations</b>					
Regular giving	85,974	-	-	85,974	84,584
Church offerings	8,100	8	-	8,108	6,585
	<u>94,074</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,082</u>	<u>91,169</u>
c) <b>Gift Aid</b>					
Gift Aid tax recovered	25,670	-	-	25,670	18,027
	<u>25,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,670</u>	<u>18,027</u>
d) <b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
Grants	-	-	20,500	20,500	68,794
Events	2,268	2,870	-	5,138	1,089
Alpha income	-	-	-	-	163
Youth tuck	-	120	-	120	-
Grocery store	-	7,406	-	7,406	8,976
Hope House donations	1,239	-	-	1,239	1,533
Mini Springs	2,187	-	-	2,187	2,291
Room hire	970	-	-	970	385
Other income	-	320	-	320	522
	<u>6,664</u>	<u>10,716</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>37,880</u>	<u>83,753</u>
e) <b>Bank interest</b>					
Bank interest	246	-	-	246	-
	<u>246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>-</u>
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**6 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Payments					
<b>a) Direct charitable activity</b>					
Salaries and NI	67,545	-	-	67,545	69,266
Pension costs	2,377	-	-	2,377	1,528
Staff benefits	712	-	-	712	234
Rent	11,833	-	-	11,833	13,750
Band resources and rent	2	-	-	2	1,020
Insurance	1,092	366	-	1,458	1,124
Repairs & renewals	166	-	-	166	1,590
Heat & light	-	6	-	6	5,393
Advertising and promotion	565	259	-	824	543
Telephone & broadband	484	195	-	679	686
Stationery, printing & postage	371	19	-	390	229
Music & media	30	-	-	30	30
Licences & subscriptions	2,158	-	-	2,158	1,677
Website hosting	227	-	-	227	146
Hire of equipment	-	20	-	20	398
Furniture and equipment	906	313	-	1,219	3,163
Online budget (equipment)	946	-	-	946	-
Foodbank	-	6	-	6	-
Community Café food	4	730	-	734	1,767
Hospitality drinks and refreshments	1,241	-	-	1,241	701
Breakfasts	96	-	-	96	564
Pastoral care - refreshments	1,038	-	-	1,038	1,937
Finance support	1,544	-	-	1,544	2,156
Consultancy and professional services	-	-	-	-	1,551
Mini Springs	1,877	-	-	1,877	2,291
Grocery Store	2,400	11,805	372	14,577	56,729
Ashbourne House	-	-	-	-	40
Events	1,458	1,369	-	2,827	-
Processing fees	-	-	-	-	106
Bank charges	110	52	-	162	10
Training & events	690	58	-	748	2,050
Alpha	-	-	-	-	619
Building related resources	5,237	-	-	5,237	8,879
Consumables	-	30	-	30	24
Youth resources	-	5,447	-	5,447	2,723
Special Sundays & Christmas	4,714	419	-	5,133	2,991
Springs Community resources	-	579	-	579	1,027
Kids work resources	434	-	-	434	139
Community resources	-	4,365	-	4,365	8,478
Youth resources	-	1,957	-	1,957	-
Independent examination	300	-	-	300	300
	<u>110,551</u>	<u>27,989</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>138,912</u>	<u>195,859</u>
<b>b) Donations and gifts</b>					
Ministry gifts	1,500	-	-	1,500	853
Springs Tithe	5,977	-	-	5,977	8,050
	<u>7,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,477</u>	<u>8,903</u>
<b>c) Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs: and
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**Achievements and Performance**

This has been a blessed and productive year for Springs Church Gornal, with growth in various areas of our church and charitable life. In January 2023, we consolidated our community work into our currently rented church building (Zoar Chapel), bringing all aspects and ministries of Springs Church under one roof. This move has facilitated growth in our community work through Sunday services, organised church activities, and expanding outreach through schools and other organisations.

Highlights of the year include:

- In-person church services: Averaged over 100 attendees, marking a 20% growth compared to the previous year. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather and worship together.
- Online presence: Continued to share recordings of services and ministry messages weekly via social media platforms, spreading the Word of God to a wider audience.
- Children's work: Expanded with more young children joining our Sunday Kids Church, including children from both church families and the wider community. We are blessed to nurture the faith of the next generation.
- Stay and Play Toddler Group: Welcomed around 30 adults plus their toddlers each week, providing a fun and engaging space for parents and children to connect and grow in faith.
- Youth Group: Grew by 50%, now averaging 30 young people per week. We are thankful for the opportunity to guide and support our youth in their spiritual journey.
- School engagement: Increased through chaplaincy work and hosting school activities and special assemblies at the church, sharing the love of Christ with the youth.
- Family Liaison: Collaborated with schools to support families through our Grocery Store and Debt Service, with referrals from Family Liaison Officers. We are committed to providing emotional and spiritual support to those in need.
- Community café: Engaged an average of 40 people weekly, offering activities like craft sessions, Christmas wreath making, and our Christmas Appeal, which ensured each child from low-income families received a gift. Our community work reflects our mission to serve and uplift our neighbours.
- Seasonal events and initiatives: Successfully integrated the church with many more people, fostering a sense of community and shared faith.
- Free Debt Advice services: Supported over 10 people in managing debt issues throughout the year, providing practical and spiritual guidance. Future Developments We are committed to serving community needs in line with our Christian and charitable values.

**Future developments**

- Innovative Community Work: Launching a craft group to engage with community homes and libraries, helping to tackle loneliness. We also plan to offer cooking courses and collaborate with agencies like 'Table Talk', reflecting our mission to provide emotional and spiritual support.
- Youth work: Continuing to run youth programs and organising trips to foster friendships and create space for a Youth Alpha, nurturing the faith and development of our young people.
- Building developments: Exploring options around buildings to establish a longer terms committed space for Springs Church, ensuring a stable and enduring presence in the community.
- In all our endeavours, we seek to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in Gornal and the surrounding area, providing assistance in the development of the Christian faith and offering emotional and spiritual support. We engage in a range of activities, either on our own or in collaboration with others, to fulfil our mission.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**Financial review**

The net outgoing unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to (£7,859) (2023 net outgoing resources £23,885). The net incoming restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to £703 (2023 net outgoing restricted resources totalled (£1,179)). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 2 of the accounts. At 31st March 2024 unrestricted funds amounted to £31,560 (2023 £49,707), designated funds amounted to £11,454 (2023 £1,324) and restricted funds amounted to £861 (2023 £nil)

**Reserves and reserves policy**

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies for a period of six months. As of March 2024, we feel that the reserves available of £31,560 would meet this objective

**Risk policy and review**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

**Trustees**

The trustees holding office during the whole year unless otherwise stated were as follows:

Matthew Wildsmith (Chair)  
Jonathan Rowe  
Phil Wade  
Samuel Owen

In accordance with the trust deed, trustees hold office for three years.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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Approved by the trustees on 24th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Wildsmith  
Trustee (Chair)

Jonathan Rowe  
Trustee

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 9-11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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*S A Reeves*  
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SAR Accountants  
Broadway  
Worcestershire

13th November 2025

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Gifts	5a	2,790	1,867	-	4,657	1,697
Donations	5b	89,204	1,965	-	91,169	87,948
Gift Aid tax recovered	5c	17,527	500	-	18,027	17,640
Receipts from charitable activities	5d	10,414	10,712	62,627	83,753	5,636
Interest and dividends	5e	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>119,935</b>	<b>15,044</b>	<b>62,627</b>	<b>197,606</b>	<b>112,921</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	6a	115,304	18,631	61,924	195,859	127,007
Donations and gifts	6b	8,900	3	-	8,903	10,978
Costs of generating funds	6c	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>124,204</b>	<b>18,634</b>	<b>61,924</b>	<b>204,762</b>	<b>137,985</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>(4,269)</b>	<b>(3,590)</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>(7,156)</b>	<b>(25,064)</b>
Transfers between funds		(13,878)	13,720	158	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/23		49,707	1,324	-	51,031	76,095
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31,560</b>	<b>11,454</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>43,875</b>	<b>51,031</b>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Current account	31,468	11,454	861	43,783	50,709
Deposit accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Petty cash	92	-	-	92	322
<b>4</b>	<u>31,560</u>	<u>11,454</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>43,875</u>	<u>51,031</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid recoverab	<u>1,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,183</u>	<u>1,698</u>
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>					
Fixed Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**Trustees' Remuneration and benefits**

1 There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 or for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Staff Costs**

2 The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2023: 5)  
 No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

**Related party transactions**

3 There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024 or for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**4 Movement in funds**

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	49,707	119,935	124,204	(13,878)	31,560
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	511	3,986	5,034	1,739	1,202
Youth Fund	813	865	4,106	6,296	3,868
Debt Advice	-	1,187	2,326	3,687	2,548
Grocery Store	-	9,006	5,378	30	3,658
Arnold Clarke	-	-	1,357	1,357	-
Sewing Grant - Asda	-	-	433	611	178
	1,324	15,044	18,634	13,720	11,454
<b>Restricted</b>					
Awards for All - Grocery Store	-	10,000	9,899	-	101
Household support	-	5,000	5,225	225	-
Lottery CCL	-	42,739	42,672	(67)	-
Poverty Action	-	4,888	4,128	-	760
	-	62,627	61,924	158	861
<b>Total funds</b>	51,031	197,606	204,762	-	43,875

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds for year ended 31st March 2023:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	61,946	104,615	116,337	- 517	49,707
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	6,893	6,634	12,837	- 179	511
Youth Fund	6,300	1,092	6,759	180	813
Debt Advice	-	580	873	293	-
	13,193	8,306	20,469	294	1,324
<b>Restricted</b>					
Awards for All - Community	26	-	62	36	-
Awards for All - Debt	772	-	934	162	-
National Express Youth	158	-	183	25	-
	956	-	1,179	223	-
<b>Total funds</b>	76,095	112,921	137,985	-	51,031

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**5 Further analysis of Receipts**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
a) <b>Gifts</b>					
One off gifts	2,790	1,867	-	4,657	1,697
	<u>2,790</u>	<u>1,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,657</u>	<u>1,697</u>
b) <b>Donations</b>					
Regular giving	82,884	1,700	-	84,584	77,723
Church offerings	6,320	265	-	6,585	10,225
	<u>89,204</u>	<u>1,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,169</u>	<u>87,948</u>
c) <b>Gift Aid</b>					
Gift Aid tax recovered	17,527	500	-	18,027	17,640
	<u>17,527</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,027</u>	<u>17,640</u>
d) <b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
Grants	6,167	-	62,627	68,794	2,940
Events	338	751	-	1,089	318
Alpha income	163	-	-	163	80
Grocery store	-	8,976	-	8,976	40
Hope House donations	1,070	463	-	1,533	25
Mini Springs	2,291	-	-	2,291	812
Room hire	385	-	-	385	-
Other income	-	522	-	522	1,421
	<u>10,414</u>	<u>10,712</u>	<u>62,627</u>	<u>83,753</u>	<u>5,636</u>
e) <b>Bank interest</b>					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>119,935</u>	<u>15,044</u>	<u>62,627</u>	<u>197,606</u>	<u>112,921</u>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**6 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Payments					
<b>a) Direct charitable activity</b>					
Salaries and NI	64,525	-	4,741	69,266	60,991
Pension costs	1,528	-	-	1,528	2,461
Staff benefits	234	-	-	234	234
Rent	12,913	-	837	13,750	14,500
Band resources and rent	1,020	-	-	1,020	-
Insurance	772	352	-	1,124	763
Repairs & renewals	1,590	-	-	1,590	56
Heat & light	4,973	-	420	5,393	3,763
Advertising and promotion	305	212	26	543	1,173
Telephone & broadband	548	138	-	686	560
Stationery, printing & postage	38	191	-	229	502
Music & media	30	-	-	30	30
Licences & subscriptions	1,675	-	2	1,677	2,569
Website hosting	146	-	-	146	173
Hire of equipment	288	110	-	398	1,058
Furniture and equipment	2,355	681	127	3,163	2,833
Foodbank	-	-	-	-	996
Community Café food	-	1,757	10	1,767	1,348
Hospitality drinks and refreshments	152	473	76	701	3,497
Breakfasts	558	6	-	564	845
Pastoral care - refreshments	1,418	-	519	1,937	388
Finance support	2,156	-	-	2,156	1,625
Consultancy and professional services	1,551	-	-	1,551	-
Mini Springs	2,291	-	-	2,291	775
Grocery Store	1,300	6,612	48,817	56,729	947
Ashbourne House	-	40	-	40	-
Processing fees	81	25	-	106	179
Bank charges	6	4	-	10	3
Training & events	1,068	982	-	2,050	4,782
Alpha	619	-	-	619	1,073
Small group resources	-	-	-	-	352
Hope House running costs	7,655	-	1,224	8,879	4,258
Consumables	4	20	-	24	123
Youth resources	-	2,723	-	2,723	2,575
Special Sundays & Christmas	2,991	-	-	2,991	3,335
Springs Community resources	-	733	294	1,027	349
Kids work resources	139	-	-	139	407
Baby & Toddler room	-	-	-	-	343
Community Garden	-	-	-	-	32
Community debt service	-	1,734	-	1,734	577
Community gift	75	832	4,671	5,578	5,038
Community craft	-	935	160	1,095	1,116
Community uniform	-	71	-	71	78
Independent examination	300	-	-	300	300
	<u>115,304</u>	<u>18,631</u>	<u>61,924</u>	<u>195,859</u>	<u>127,007</u>
<b>b) Donations and gifts</b>					
Ministry gifts	850	3	-	853	1,873
Springs Tithe	8,050	-	-	8,050	9,105
	<u>8,900</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,903</u>	<u>10,978</u>
<b>c) Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>124,204</u>	<u>18,634</u>	<u>61,924</u>	<u>204,762</u>	<u>137,985</u>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1171951

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity no. 1171951**

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2023**

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**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered charity number**

1171951

**Principal address**

7 Zoar Street

Dudley

DY3 2PA

**Trustees**

Jonathan Robert Rowe

Matthew Wildsmith

Phil Wade

Samual Owen

**Independent examiner**

S A Reeves FCCA

## **SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

#### **Organisational structure**

Springs Church (Gornal) is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with Charity Commission on 8th March 2017, registered no 1171951.

#### **Governance and Management**

Appointment of trustees:

1. There must be at least 3 trustees. Apart from the first trustee, every trustee must be appointed (for a term of 3 years) by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of the charity trust document.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.
3. The trustees must keep a record of the name and address and the dates of appointment, reappointment and retirement of each trustee.
4. The trustees must make available to each new trustee, on his or her first appointment:
  - a. a copy of this deed and any amendments to it;
  - b. a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts
5. The trustees shall hold office for the following periods respectively:  
Jonathan Robert Rowe - three years (reappointed 29/01/23)  
Matthew Philip Wildsmith - three years (reappointed 29/01/23)  
Phil Wade - three years (appointed 04/10/21)  
Samual Owen - three years (appointed 04/10/21)

The board of trustees currently comprises four members who meet quarterly as a minimum.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The principle objectives of the charity are:

The advancement of religion for the public benefit in Gornal and the surrounding area, including assistance in the development of the Christian faith, emotional and spiritual support. In achieving its purpose, the charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- the celebration of public worship;
- the teaching of the Christian faith;
- mission and evangelism;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs: and
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Achievements and Performance**

This has been another productive year for Springs Church Gornal where we have seen growth in number of different areas of the church and charitable life. Our presence serving the community has grown through Sunday services, organized church activities and a growing outreach through schools and other organizations.

Highlights in the year have included:

- In-person church services have averaged around over 80 which is 25% growth on the previous year.
- Our online presence has continued we shared recordings of services included delivering ministry messages on weekly basis and shared via Social Media platforms
- Children's work played a key part of our focus as we shared teachings, activities and games with children from the families in the church and wider community.
- We launched a specific Youth initiative aimed at secondary school children where we have hosted weekly gatherings, providing children fun activities and Christian teaching. These have proven to be very successful thanks to strong leadership and a growing volunteer base.
- We are now also present in all local schools through either chaplaincy work, or attending special assemblies through our Childrens workers or attached organisations.
- Away from main Sunday service activities our small group ministry continues to develop with a fifth group being added. The groups spread local geography, and serving different demographics. These groups provide the environment to grow the Christian faith and provide emotional well being.
- Our community hub 'Hope House' remained very active over the year providing a regular service to the local community with attendance growing throughout the year. We delivered practical activities to support the local community, specifically the lonely and vulnerable. These activities included Cooking Classes, Garden activities, craft events, food bank parcels, befriending services and hosting an Alpha class to explore the Christian faith.
- Our seasonal events and initiatives were a great success allowing the church to integrate with many more people.
- Our Free Debt Advice services team have remained very active over the year and have been able to support over 15 people in managing debt issues over the year.
- Our team of skilled musicians provided Christian worship music in many environments and contexts. This included ministering at Black Country wide events held 1.5 miles away from the church attracting over 3,000 people in June. The team have also provided support for community events and released original music available for download.

**Future Developments**

- We are continuing to develop our focus on serving the community needs in line with our Christian and charitable values. This will include the launch of an innovative Community Grocery Store.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Financial review**

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**Reserves and reserves policy**

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies for a period of six months. As of March 2023, we feel that the reserves available of £51,031 would meet this objective.

**Risk policy and review**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

**Trustees**

The trustees holding office during the whole year unless otherwise stated were as follows:

Jonathan Robert Rowe  
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**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

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Approved by the trustees on 2nd January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Jonathan Rowe  
Trustee

Matthew Wildsmith  
Trustee

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent Examiner's statement**

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*S A Reeves*  
S A Reeves FCCA  
SAR Accountants  
Broadway  
Worcestershire

2nd January 2024

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Gifts	3a	1,647	50	-	1,697	1,260
Donations	3b	81,559	6,389	-	87,948	103,627
Gift Aid tax recovered	3c	17,640	-	-	17,640	21,561
Receipts from charitable activities	3d	3,769	1,867	-	5,636	3,858
Interest and dividends	3e	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>104,615</b>	<b>8,306</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112,921</b>	<b>130,306</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	4a	105,632	20,196	1,179	127,007	107,984
Donations and gifts	4b	10,705	273	-	10,978	8,699
Costs of generating funds	4c	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>116,337</b>	<b>20,469</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>137,985</b>	<b>116,683</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>(11,722)</b>	<b>(12,163)</b>	<b>(1,179)</b>	<b>(25,064)</b>	<b>13,623</b>
Transfers between funds		(517)	294	223	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/22		61,946	13,193	956	76,095	62,472
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/23</b>	2	<b>49,707</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,031</b>	<b>76,095</b>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Current account		49,507	1,202	956	51,665	75,950
Deposit accounts		-	-	-	-	-
Petty cash		200	122	-	322	145
	<b>2</b>	<u>49,707</u>	<u>1,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,031</u>	<u>76,095</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift aid recoverable		<u>1,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,698</u>	<u>1,479</u>
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>						
Fixed Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 2nd January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Matthew Wildsmith  
Trustee (Chair)

Jonathan Rowe  
Trustee

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**1 Trustees' Remuneration, benefits and related party transactions.**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	-	3,236

No benefits or expenses were paid to Trustees during the year (2022 £nil). There were no related party transactions during the year or prior year.

**2 Movement in funds**

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	61,946	104,615	116,337	(517)	49,707
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	6,893	6,634	12,837	(179)	511
Youth Fund	6,300	1,092	6,759	180	813
Debt Advice	-	580	873	293	-
	13,193	8,306	20,469	294	1,324
<b>Restricted</b>					
Awards for All - Community	26	-	62	36	-
Awards for All - Debt	772	-	934	162	-
National Express Youth	158	-	183	25	-
	956	-	1,179	223	-
<b>Total funds</b>	76,095	112,921	137,985	-	51,031

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds for year ended 31st March 2022:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2021	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	50,824	125,893	105,954	(8,817)	61,946
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	412	3,963	3,743	6,261	6,893
Youth Fund	4,719	-	1,939	3,520	6,300
	5,131	3,963	5,682	9,781	13,193
<b>Restricted</b>					
Awards for All - Community	1,550	-	1,466	(58)	26
Awards for All - Debt	2,570	-	1,768	(30)	772
Bring Joy Foundation	-	400	329	(71)	-
National Express Youth	1,920	50	1,484	(328)	158
Springs Garden	477	-	-	(477)	-
	6,517	450	5,047	(964)	956
<b>Total funds</b>	62,472	130,306	116,683	-	76,095

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**3 Further analysis of Receipts**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Designated funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Receipts					
a) <b>Gifts</b>					
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
One off gifts	1,647	50	-	1,697	1,260
	<u>1,647</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,697</u>	<u>1,260</u>
b) <b>Donations</b>					
Regular giving	75,705	2,018	-	77,723	100,957
Church offerings	5,854	4,371	-	10,225	2,670
	<u>81,559</u>	<u>6,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,948</u>	<u>103,627</u>
c) <b>Gift Aid</b>					
Gift Aid tax recovered	17,640	-	-	17,640	21,561
	<u>17,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,640</u>	<u>21,561</u>
d) <b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
Grants	2,360	580	-	2,940	2,900
Events	-	318	-	318	-
Alpha income	80	-	-	80	-
Other income	1,329	969	-	2,298	958
	<u>3,769</u>	<u>1,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,636</u>	<u>3,858</u>
e) <b>Bank interest</b>					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>104,615</u>	<u>8,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,921</u>	<u>130,306</u>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**4 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Payments					
<b>a) Direct charitable activity</b>					
Trustees' salaries	-	-	-	-	3,236
Salaries and NI	60,991	-	-	60,991	52,361
Pension costs	2,461	-	-	2,461	1,208
Staff benefits	234	-	-	234	234
Rent	14,500	-	-	14,500	13,667
Band resources	-	-	-	-	1,237
Insurance	763	-	-	763	970
Repairs & renewals	56	-	-	56	4,066
Heat & light	3,763	-	-	3,763	4,181
Advertising and promotion	565	608	-	1,173	499
Telephone & broadband	440	120	-	560	563
Stationery, printing & postage	381	59	62	502	178
Music & media	30	-	-	30	715
Licences & subscriptions	1,469	1,100	-	2,569	2,204
Website hosting	173	-	-	173	480
Hire of equipment	-	1,058	-	1,058	-
Furniture and equipment	1,420	1,123	290	2,833	2,016
Online budget (equipment)	-	-	-	-	433
Foodbank	51	945	-	996	343
Community Café food	-	1,348	-	1,348	334
Hospitality drinks and refreshments	420	3,077	-	3,497	2,861
Breakfasts	845	-	-	845	-
Pastoral care - refreshments	367	21	-	388	1,080
Finance support	1,625	-	-	1,625	1,547
Consultancy & professional services	-	-	-	-	67
Mini Springs	775	-	-	775	-
Grocery Store	-	947	-	947	-
Processing fees - Edit lknow	154	25	-	179	27
Bank charges	3	-	-	3	2
Training & events	4,030	752	-	4,782	2,927
Alpha	1,073	-	-	1,073	424
Small group resources	352	-	-	352	-
Hope House running costs	4,258	-	-	4,258	1,878
Consumables	13	110	-	123	206
Youth resources	-	31	2,424	182	2,575
Special Sundays & Christmas	3,356	-	21	-	3,335
Springs Community resources	-	349	-	349	1,775
Kids work resources	407	-	-	407	705
Baby & Toddler room	343	-	-	343	17
Community Garden	-	32	-	32	-
Community cooking courses	-	-	-	-	58
Community debt service	-	55	522	577	-
Community gift	-	4,915	123	5,038	-
Community craft	45	1,071	-	1,116	134
Community uniform	-	78	-	78	-
Independent examination	300	-	-	300	300
	105,632	20,196	1,179	127,007	107,984
<b>b) Donations and gifts</b>					
Ministry gifts	1,600	273	-	1,873	1,127
Springs Tithe	9,105	-	-	9,105	7,572
	10,705	273	-	10,978	8,699
<b>c) Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	116,337	20,469	1,179	137,985	116,683

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1171951

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity no. 1171951**

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2022**

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
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**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered charity number**

1171951

**Principal address**

7 Zoar Street

Dudley

DY3 2PA

**Trustees**

Jonathan Robert Rowe

Matthew Wildsmith

Jennifer Louise Wade

**Independent examiner**

S A Reeves FCCA

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**Organisational structure**

Springs Church (Gornal) is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with Charity Commission on 8th March 2017, registered no 1171951.

**Governance and Management**

Appointment of trustees:

1. There must be at least 3 trustees. Apart from the first trustee, every trustee must be appointed (for a term of 3 years) by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of the charity trust document.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.
3. The trustees must keep a record of the name and address and the dates of appointment, reappointment and retirement of each trustee.
4. The trustees must make available to each new trustee, on his or her first appointment:
  - a. a copy of this deed and any amendments to it;
  - b. a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts
5. The first trustees shall hold office for the following periods respectively:  
Jonathan Robert Rowe - three years  
Jennifer Louise Wade - three years  
Matthew Philip Wildsmith - three years

The board of trustees currently comprises three members who meet quarterly as a minimum.

**Objectives and activities**

The principle objectives of the charity are:

The advancement of religion for the public benefit in Gornal and the surrounding area, including assistance in the development of the Christian faith, emotional and spiritual support. In achieving its purpose, the charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- the celebration of public worship;
- the teaching of the Christian faith;
- mission and evangelism;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs: and
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**Achievements and Performance**

Coming out of a period of Lockdown in 2020, and part of 2021 we were delighted to start meeting as a church in-person from May 2021. We were able to resume normal services quickly, and have enjoyed a period of growth over the year as members of the church and community connected together again.

We have been able to revert to in-person ministries in many areas, growing our impact on the local community as we deliver our charitable aims. Highlights in the year have included:

- In-person church services have averaged around 65 people each Sunday service as we rented a new facility within the village centre.
- Our online presence has continued after lockdown as we shared recordings of services included delivering ministry messages on weekly basis and shared via Social Media platforms
- Children's work was re-established as we were able to share teachings, activities and games with children from the families in the church and wider community.
- Away from main Sunday service activities we grew our small group ministry again where four groups spreading local geography, and serving different demographics were established. These groups provide the environment to grow the Christian faith and provide emotional well being.
- Our community hub 'Hope House' remained very active over the year providing a regular service to the local community with attendance growing throughout the year. We delivered practical activities to support the local community, specifically the lonely and vulnerable. These activities included Cooking Classes, Garden renovations, food bank parcels, befriending services and hosting an Alpha class to explore the Christian faith.
- Our seasonal events and initiatives were a great success allowing the church to integrate with many more people. This included providing to local children in poverty through an Operation Christmas Child scheme where members of the church bought gifts for children unlikely to receive any at home.
- Our Free Debt Advice services team have remained very active over the year and have been able to support over 10 people in managing debt issues over the year.

**Future Developments**

- We will be investing more time, effort and finances into providing ministry and services to the young people in the community – typically secondary school age. This will include youth events, regular activities and school chaplaincy.
- We will be sharing the skills and talents of our musical team through the release of original worship music.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**Financial review**

The net unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to £18,220 (2021 net incoming resources £18,349). The net outgoing restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to (£4,597) (2021 net outgoing restricted resources totalled (£1,187)). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 2 of the accounts. At 31st March 2022 unrestricted funds amounted to £61,946 (2021 £50,824), designated funds amounted to £13,193 (2021 £5,131) and restricted funds amounted to £956 (2021 £6,517)

**Reserves and reserves policy**

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies for a period of six months. As of March 2022, we feel that the reserves available of £61,946 would meet this objective.

**Risk policy and review**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

**Trustees**

The trustees holding office during the whole year unless otherwise stated were as follows:

Jonathan Robert Rowe  
Matthew Wildsmith  
Jennifer Louise Wade

In accordance with the trust deed, trustees hold office for three years.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 27th January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Jonathan Rowe  
Trustee

Matthew Wildsmith  
Trustee

Jennifer Wade  
Trustee

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2022 set out on pages 9-11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*S A Reeves*  
S A Reeves FCCA  
SAR Accountants  
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27th January 2023

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Gifts	3a	551	709	-	1,260	12,151
Donations	3b	103,177	450	-	103,627	72,175
Gift Aid tax recovered	3c	21,561	-	-	21,561	15,226
Receipts from charitable activities	3d	604	2,804	450	3,858	3,855
Interest and dividends	3e	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>125,893</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>130,306</b>	<b>103,407</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	4a	97,260	5,677	5,047	107,984	80,422
Donations and gifts	4b	8,694	5	-	8,699	5,823
Costs of generating funds	4c	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>105,954</b>	<b>5,682</b>	<b>5,047</b>	<b>116,683</b>	<b>86,245</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>19,939</b>	<b>(1,719)</b>	<b>(4,597)</b>	<b>13,623</b>	<b>17,162</b>
Transfers between funds		(8,817)	9,781	(964)	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/21		50,824	5,131	6,517	62,472	45,310
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61,946</b>	<b>13,193</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>76,095</b>	<b>62,472</b>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Current account		61,801	13,193	956	75,950	62,242
Deposit accounts		-	-	-	-	-
Petty cash		145	-	-	145	230
	<b>2</b>	<u>61,946</u>	<u>13,193</u>	<u>956</u>	<u>76,095</u>	<u>62,472</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift aid recoverable		<u>1,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,479</u>	<u>1,397</u>
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>						
Fixed Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th January 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Jonathan Rowe  
Trustee

Matthew Wildsmith  
Trustee

Jennifer Wade  
Trustee

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**1 Trustees' Remuneration, benefits and related party transactions.**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	3,236	-

No benefits or expenses were paid to Trustees during the year. There were no related party transactions during the year.

**2 Movement in funds**

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2021	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2022
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<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	50,824	125,893	105,954	(8,817)	61,946
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	412	3,963	3,743	6,261	6,893
Youth Fund	4,719	-	1,939	3,520	6,300
	5,131	3,963	5,682	9,781	13,193
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Awards for All - Community	1,550	-	1,466	(58)	26
Awards for All - Debt	2,570	-	1,768	(30)	772
Bring Joy Foundation	-	400	329	(71)	-
National Express Youth	1,920	50	1,484	(328)	158
Springs Garden	477	-	-	(477)	-
	6,517	450	5,047	(964)	956
<b>Total funds</b>	62,472	130,306	116,683	-	76,095

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds for year ended 31st March 2021:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	34,835	99,889	78,950	(4,950)	50,824
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	8	1,196	2,683	1,891	412
Youth Fund	153	17	551	5,100	4,719
Secret Giver	-	1,201	1,203	2	-
Kids Work	-	-	256	256	-
Worship Fund	-	-	311	311	-
	161	2,414	5,004	7,560	5,131
<b>Restricted</b>					
Make it happen	109	-	4	(105)	-
Age Concern	343	-	-	(343)	-
Awards for All - Community	7,132	-	1,430	(4,152)	1,550
Awards for All - Debt	-	-	-	2,570	2,570
Awards for All - Supplies	-	-	74	74	-
Awards for All - Baby Room	-	-	18	18	-
Community Forum Dudley	673	-	-	(673)	-
National Express Youth	2,057	-	137	-	1,920
Neighbourly Community	-	400	401	1	-
Springs Garden	-	704	227	-	477
	10,314	1,104	2,291	(2,610)	6,517
<b>Total funds</b>	45,310	103,407	86,245	-	62,472

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**3 Further analysis of Receipts**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Designated funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
Receipts					
a) <b>Gifts</b>					
Legacy	-	-	-	-	10,000
One off gifts	551	709	-	1,260	2,151
	<u>551</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>12,151</u>
b) <b>Donations</b>					
Regular giving	100,547	410	-	100,957	71,304
Church offerings	2,630	40	-	2,670	871
	<u>103,177</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,627</u>	<u>72,175</u>
c) <b>Gift Aid</b>					
Gift Aid tax recovered	21,561	-	-	21,561	15,226
	<u>21,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,561</u>	<u>15,226</u>
d) <b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
Grants	-	2,500	400	2,900	1,104
Events	-	-	-	-	-
Alpha income	-	-	-	-	2,350
Other income	604	304	50	958	401
	<u>604</u>	<u>2,804</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>3,858</u>	<u>3,855</u>
e) <b>Bank interest</b>					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>125,893</u>	<u>3,963</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>130,306</u>	<u>103,407</u>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**4 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Payments					
a) <b>Direct charitable activity</b>					
Trustees' salaries	3,236	-	-	3,236	-
Salaries and NI	52,361	-	-	52,361	48,150
Pension costs	1,208	-	-	1,208	1,613
Staff benefits	234	-	-	234	296
Rent	13,667	-	-	13,667	4,500
Band resources	1,237	-	-	1,237	225
Insurance	690	-	280	970	907
Repairs & renewals	3,973	93	-	4,066	1,539
Heat & light	4,181	-	-	4,181	3,485
Advertising and promotion	392	107	-	499	1,540
Telephone & broadband	429	98	36	563	679
Stationery, printing & postage	111	2	65	178	346
Music & media	715	-	-	715	83
Licences & subscriptions	1,254	-	950	2,204	1,927
Website hosting	480	-	-	480	173
Hospitality & breakfasts	2,029	464	368	2,861	184
Furniture and equipment	926	472	618	2,016	6,368
Online budget (equipment)	433	-	-	433	-
Foodbank	30	132	181	343	-
Community Café food	-	334	-	334	-
Pastoral care - refreshments	1,060	20	-	1,080	-
Finance support	1,547	-	-	1,547	1,475
Consultancy & professional services	-	36	31	67	-
Processing fees - Edit Iknow	18	9	-	27	-
Bank charges	2	-	-	2	-
Training & events	2,188	444	295	2,927	1,780
Alpha	424	-	-	424	1,942
Hope House running costs	1,873	5	-	1,878	110
Consumables	-	146	60	206	206
Youth resources	-	1,223	1,359	2,582	604
Special Sundays & Christmas	1,540	599	329	2,468	173
Springs Community resources	-	1,426	349	1,775	1,817
Kids work resources	705	-	-	705	-
Baby & Toddler room	17	-	-	17	-
Community cooking & craft	-	67	126	193	-
Independent examination	300	-	-	300	300
	97,260	5,677	5,047	107,984	80,422
b) <b>Donations and gifts</b>					
Ministry gifts	1,122	5	-	1,127	5,823
Springs Tithe	7,572	-	-	7,572	-
	8,694	5	-	8,699	5,823
c) <b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	105,954	5,682	5,047	116,683	86,245

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1171951

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity no. 1171951**

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2021**

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**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered charity number**

1171951

**Principal address**

7 Zoar Street

Dudley

DY3 2PA

**Trustees**

Jonathan Robert Rowe

Matthew Wildsmith

Jennifer Louise Wade

**Independent examiner**

Sally-Ann Reeves FCCA

Shire Barn

Hewell Lane

Tardebigge

B97 6QH

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**Organisational structure**

Springs Church (Gornal) is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with Charity Commission on 8th March 2017, registered no 1171951.

**Governance and Management**

Appointment of trustees:

1. There must be at least 3 trustees. Apart from the first trustee, every trustee must be appointed (for a term of 3 years) by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of the charity trust document.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.
3. The trustees must keep a record of the name and address and the dates of appointment, reappointment and retirement of each trustee.
4. The trustees must make available to each new trustee, on his or her first appointment:
  - a. a copy of this deed and any amendments to it;
  - b. a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts
5. The first trustees shall hold office for the following periods respectively:  
Jonathan Robert Rowe - three years  
Jennifer Louise Wade - three years  
Matthew Philip Wildsmith - three years

The board of trustees currently comprises three members who meet quarterly as a minimum.

**Objectives and activities**

The principle objectives of the charity are:

The advancement of religion for the public benefit in Gornal and the surrounding area, including assistance in the development of the Christian faith, emotional and spiritual support. In achieving its purpose, the charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- the celebration of public worship;
- the teaching of the Christian faith;
- mission and evangelism;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs: and
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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**Achievements and Performance**

The impact of the COVID pandemic made substantial changes to much of how Springs Church operated during this year. We proved ourselves to be agile in our capability to meet the purposes of our charity during such a challenging time.

Despite much of the time being in lockdown our reach into the community, and our evangelistic activities continued to diversify and grow with some headlines outlined below.

- In-person church services moved to online gatherings via YouTube and other virtual meeting software. Online services started in March 2020 and continued throughout the lockdown period with weekly views on our Youtube channels exceeding 300 on most occasions
- Online services included delivering ministry messages but also praise and worship videos were created on weekly basis and shared via Social Media platforms
- Children's work was also adapted to be online, with specific Kids church online activities and packs sent to children through the pandemic
- Mental health of our church members, and the wider community was a key focus during this time. Our youth worker was able to maintain frequent contact with young people via Zoom calls, whilst we operated a system to ensure people were checked upon via phone calls within the church too.
- Our community hub 'Hope House' was also required to close during the pandemic but the work moved quickly towards providing befriending services to the community. This included telephone calls to lonely and vulnerable people in the community, as well as delivering shopping and other necessities during the lockdowns and beyond. Our work extended to partnering with other local community initiatives through an effective signposting arrangement.
- In the periods of the year where lockdown restrictions were relaxed we quickly restored other key ministries to the Gornal area. This included the provision of a School Uniform bank, emergency relief via food parcel and food bank vouchers.
- In this year we increased our Free Debt Advice services through becoming an FCA approved debt advice service. Through referrals and direct contact the team have supported over 10 people in managing debt issues over the year.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**Future Developments**

- We intend to expand the reach into the community via our Hope House facility and supporting people in befriending, education, practical support and debt advice.
- We anticipate we will continue to grow the church both online and in-person when the Pandemic restrictions allow.

**Financial review**

The net unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to £18,349 (2020 outgoing resources (£3,534)). The net outgoing restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to (£1,187) (2020 restricted resources totalled £10,314). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 2 of the accounts. At 31st March 2021 unrestricted funds amounted to £50,824 (2020 £34,835), designated funds amounted to £5,131 (2020 £161) and restricted funds amounted to £6,517 (2020 £10,314)

**Reserves and reserves policy**

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies for a period of six months. As of March 2021, we feel that the reserves available would meet this objective.

**Risk policy and review**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

**Trustees**

The trustees holding office during the whole year unless otherwise stated were as follows:

Jonathan Robert Rowe  
Matthew Wildsmith  
Jennifer Louise Wade

In accordance with the trust deed, trustees hold office for three years.

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on

2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Jonathan Rowe  
Trustee

Matthew Wildsmith  
Trustee

Jennifer Wade  
Trustee

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 9-11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S A Reeves FCCA  
Shire Barn  
Hewell Lane  
Tardebigge  
Worcs

6th December 2021

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Gifts	3a	10,400	1,751	-	12,151	1,971
Donations	3b	71,888	287	-	72,175	55,980
Gift Aid tax recovered	3c	15,226	-	-	15,226	35,103
Receipts from charitable activities	3d	2,375	376	1,104	3,855	19,443
Interest and dividends	3e	-	-	-	-	1
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>99,889</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>103,407</b>	<b>112,498</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Direct charitable activity	4a	74,384	3,747	2,291	80,422	100,162
Donations and gifts	4b	4,566	1,257	-	5,823	5,556
Costs of generating funds	4c	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>78,950</b>	<b>5,004</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>86,245</b>	<b>105,718</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>		<b>20,939</b>	<b>(2,590)</b>	<b>(1,187)</b>	<b>17,162</b>	<b>6,780</b>
Transfers between funds		(4,950)	7,560	(2,610)	-	-
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/20</b>		<b>34,835</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>10,314</b>	<b>45,310</b>	<b>38,530</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/21</b>	2	<b>50,824</b>	<b>5,131</b>	<b>6,517</b>	<b>62,472</b>	<b>45,310</b>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Current account		50,594	5,131	6,517	62,242	45,097
Deposit accounts		-	-	-	-	-
Petty cash		230	-	-	230	213
	<b>2</b>	<u>50,824</u>	<u>5,131</u>	<u>6,517</u>	<u>62,472</u>	<u>45,310</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift aid recoverable		<u>1,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>1,441</u>
<b>Assets for charitable use</b>						
Fixed Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on  
signed on its behalf by:

2021 and were

Jonathan Rowe  
Trustee

Matthew Wildsmith  
Trustee

Jennifer Wade  
Trustee

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**1 Trustees' Remuneration, benefits and related party transactions.**

No salaries, benefits or expenses were paid to Trustees during the year. There were no related party transactions during the year.

**2 Movement in funds**

The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	<b>34,835</b>	<b>99,889</b>	<b>78,950</b>	<b>(4,950)</b>	<b>50,824</b>
<b>Designated</b>					
Community Fund	8	1,196	2,683	1,891	412
Youth Fund	153	17	551	5,100	4,719
Secret Giver	-	1,201	1,203	2	-
Kids Work	-	-	256	256	-
Worship Fund	-	-	311	311	-
	<b>161</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>5,004</b>	<b>7,560</b>	<b>5,131</b>
<b>Restricted</b>					
Make it happen	109	-	4	(105)	-
Age Concern	343	-	-	(343)	-
Awards for All - Community	7,132	-	1,430	(4,152)	1,550
Awards for All - Debt	-	-	-	2,570	2,570
Awards for All - Supplies	-	-	74	74	-
Awards for All - Baby Room	-	-	18	18	-
Community Forum Dudley	673	-	-	(673)	-
National Express Youth	2,057	-	137	-	1,920
Neighbourly Community	-	400	401	1	-
Springs Garden	-	704	227	-	477
	<b>10,314</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>(2,610)</b>	<b>6,517</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>45,310</b>	<b>103,407</b>	<b>86,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,472</b>

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

The movements in designated and restricted funds for year ended 31st March 2020:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2019	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2020
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General (unrestricted)</b>	<b>31,530</b>	<b>93,942</b>	<b>80,330</b>	<b>- 10,307</b>	<b>34,835</b>
<b>Designated</b>					
Breakfast Fund	2,500	-	1,407	(1,093)	-
Communications Fund	400	-	669	269	-
Community Fund	2,000	799	2,791	-	8
Worship Fund	600	-	2,838	2,238	-
Youth Fund	1,500	582	1,929	-	153
Hope House	-	-	8,731	8,731	-
Kids Work	-	-	147	147	-
Small Groups	-	-	15	15	-
	<b>7,000</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>18,527</b>	<b>10,307</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Restricted</b>					
Make it happen	-	1,001	892	-	109
Age Concern	-	674	331	-	343
Awards for All	-	10,000	2,868	-	7,132
Community Forum Dudley	-	3,000	2,327	-	673
National Express Youth	-	2,500	443	-	2,057
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>-</b>	<b>17,175</b>	<b>6,861</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,314</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>38,530</b>	<b>112,498</b>	<b>105,718</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,310</b>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
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**3 Further analysis of Receipts**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Designated funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2020 £</b>
Receipts					
a) <b>Gifts</b>					
Legacy	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
One off gifts	400	1,751	-	2,151	1,971
	<u>10,400</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,151</u>	<u>1,971</u>
b) <b>Donations</b>					
Regular giving	71,304	-	-	71,304	51,833
Church offerings	584	287	-	871	4,147
	<u>71,888</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,175</u>	<u>55,980</u>
c) <b>Gift Aid</b>					
Gift Aid tax recovered	15,226	-	-	15,226	35,103
	<u>15,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,226</u>	<u>35,103</u>
d) <b>Receipts from charitable activities</b>					
Grants	-	-	1,104	1,104	17,625
Events	-	-	-	-	723
Alpha income	2,350	-	-	2,350	-
Other income	25	376	-	401	1,095
	<u>2,375</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>1,104</u>	<u>3,855</u>	<u>19,443</u>
e) <b>Bank interest</b>					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>99,889</u>	<u>2,414</u>	<u>1,104</u>	<u>103,407</u>	<u>112,498</u>

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)**  
**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**4 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Payments					
a) <b>Direct charitable activity</b>					
Salaries and NI	47,025	-	-	47,025	42,409
Pension costs	2,738	-	-	2,738	2,520
Staff expenses	296	-	-	296	863
Rent	4,500	-	-	4,500	11,126
Band resources	-	225	-	225	-
Insurance	627	-	280	907	706
Repairs & renewals	1,374	-	165	1,539	5,893
Heat & light	3,485	-	-	3,485	3,350
Advertising and promotion	1,516	24	-	1,540	1,059
Telephone & broadband	589	78	12	679	1,375
Stationery, printing & postage	181	92	73	346	397
Music & media	50	33	-	83	-
Licences & subscriptions	837	40	1,050	1,927	1,336
Website hosting	173	-	-	173	144
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	103
Hospitality & breakfasts	142	42	-	184	3,330
Furniture and equipment	5,033	798	537	6,368	13,158
Signage	-	-	-	-	650
Finance support	1,475	-	-	1,475	1,440
Consultancy & professional services	-	-	-	-	1,084
Training & events	1,680	-	100	1,780	3,881
Alpha	1,942	-	-	1,942	1,018
Consumables	248	46	22	316	4,020
Youth resources	-	552	52	604	-
Special Sundays & Christmas	173	-	-	173	-
Springs Community Fund	-	1,817	-	1,817	-
Independent examination	300	-	-	300	300
	74,384	3,747	2,291	80,422	100,162
b) <b>Donations and gifts</b>					
Donations and gifts to others	4,566	1,257	-	5,823	5,556
c) <b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	78,950	5,004	2,291	86,245	105,718