

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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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 quaterly 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.

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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.

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Financial review

The net outgoing unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to (£23,885) (2022 net incoming resources £18,220). The net outgoing restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to (£1,179) (2022 net outgoing restricted resources totalled (£4,597)). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 2 of the accounts. At 31st March 2023 unrestricted funds amounted to £49,707 (2022 £61,946), designated funds amounted to £1,324 (2022 £13,193) and restricted funds amounted to £nil (2022 £956)

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
Matthew Wildsmith
Phil Wade
Samual Owen

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

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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 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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2023 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
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 £
RECEIPTS						
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	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		104,615	8,306	-	112,921	130,306
PAYMENTS						
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	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		116,337	20,469	1,179	137,985	116,683
NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		(11,722)	(12,163)	(1,179)	(25,064)	13,623
Transfers between funds		(517)	294	223	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/22		61,946	13,193	956	76,095	62,472
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/23	2	49,707	1,324	-	51,031	76,095

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

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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
	£	£	£	£	£
General (unrestricted)	61,946	104,615	116,337	(517)	49,707
Designated					
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
Restricted					
Awards for All - Community	26	-	62	36	-
Awards for All - Debt	772	-	934	162	-
National Express Youth	158	-	183	25	-
	956	-	1,179	223	-
Total funds	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
	£	£	£	£	£
General (unrestricted)	50,824	125,893	105,954	(8,817)	61,946
Designated					
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
Restricted					
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
Total funds	62,472	130,306	116,683	-	76,095

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3 Further analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
a) Gifts					
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) Donations					
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) Gift Aid					
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) Receipts from charitable activities					
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) Bank interest					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>104,615</u>	<u>8,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,921</u>	<u>130,306</u>

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4 Further analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Payments					
a) Direct charitable activity					
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 Iknow	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	2,582
Special Sundays & Christmas	3,356	21	-	3,335	2,468
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
	<u>105,632</u>	<u>20,196</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>127,007</u>	<u>107,984</u>
b) Donations and gifts					
Ministry gifts	1,600	273	-	1,873	1,127
Springs Tithe	9,105	-	-	9,105	7,572
	<u>10,705</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,978</u>	<u>8,699</u>
c) Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>116,337</u>	<u>20,469</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>137,985</u>	<u>116,683</u>