

**Registered Charity no. 1171951**

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

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered charity number**

1171951

**Principal address**

Springs Church

Zoar Chapel

Abbey Road

Dudley

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 2024**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

#### **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:  
Matthew Wildsmith - three years (reappointed 29/01/23)  
Jonathan Rowe - three years (reappointed 29/01/23)  
Phil Wade - three years (reappointed 02/09/24)  
Samuel Owen - three years (reappointed 02/09/24)

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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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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 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
- 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

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 £
RECEIPTS						
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	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		119,935	15,044	62,627	197,606	112,921
PAYMENTS						
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	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		124,204	18,634	61,924	204,762	137,985
NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		(4,269)	(3,590)	703	(7,156)	(25,064)
Transfers between funds		(13,878)	13,720	158	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/23		49,707	1,324	-	51,031	76,095
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/24	4	31,560	11,454	861	43,875	51,031

**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.

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**4 Movement in funds**

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

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2023	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

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**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>

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**6 Further analysis of Payments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Payments					
a) <b>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>
c) <b>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>