

THE CELLAR CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1172303

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-28

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£187,687	£142,398	-	-
2023-12-31	£149,158	£154,511	-	-
2022-12-31	£110,504	£128,622	-	-
2021-12-31	£98,320	£87,790	-	-
2020-12-31	£85,874	£89,787	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD ELLIS	Chair	2017-03-28
Garry Butterfield		2024-10-01
John Robert James Howard		2022-10-04
Nathan John Field		2025-02-04

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Accounts

Company House No CE009761

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ELLESMERE**

**REPORT
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TRUSTEES**

**FOR THE YEAR TO
31ST DECEMBER 2024**

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- to hold a number of outdoor events for the community, including an outdoor Carol service
- to enhance the number of Life Group leaders and Life Groups
- to provide local and global mission support
- to successfully develop our ‘community hub’ in the centre of Ellesmere, “More Than a Sundae”
- to enhance and improve the teaching provision for Junior Church
- to continue to develop the pastoral care we provide for our congregation
- to increase attendance numbers at The Cellar Church
- to develop our links and joint working with local state junior and secondary schools
- to play our part in the life of our local community through our community outreach and gospel ministry activities

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024 (Cont)

Some of the highlights from 2024:

- Celebrated our tenth anniversary of TCC with many members of the local community supporting our celebrations
- Welcomed new people joining us for Sunday worship, including families
- Continued with our youth bible study group called "rooted"
- An average of 19/20 young people regularly attend the Foundry youth evenings with 40+ children attending Holiday Bible Club plus October Bright Sparks party and Lighthouse Club in Ellesmere Primary School
- Developed our Associate Pastor role through connecting with local schools with 7 schools now regularly attending, supporting 2,000 local children
- Maintained a financial welfare fund to assist church members in need
- Pastor guested numerous times on BBC Radio Shropshire 'Pause for thought'
- Provided food supplies through Harvest service for local food share and held a carol service
- Launched a new "Two Pastors in a Pod" podcast series and made improvements to our Church website
- Employed two shop workers in our 'community hub' and Ice Cream and Waffle House, called "More Than a Sundae". This is run as a not for profit shop and also provides opportunities to connect with the local community outside of a Sunday church service
- Continued with a 'Big C' coffee morning for individuals impacted by Cancer
- Continued with online and in person life groups
- Provided local pastoral care and community engagement through Canal ministries
- Engaged with community events such as Ellesmere Carnival
- Celebrated regular attenders taking the step of public baptisms
- 483 followers on The Cellar Church Facebook page (from 383 last year)
- 1,034 followers to our new More Than a Sundae facebook page (from 967 last year)
- Developed our church vision three strategic goals
 - 1) Fellowship (care ministry, hospitality, life groups)
 - 2) Discipleship (training/development, future leaders, using our gifts)
 - 3) Outreach (local/overseas, all ages, media)

2024-2026 Vision:

We have identified a number of new initiatives in the pipeline over the next 3 years and we are prayerfully seeking to find additional funds through inviting one off giving and increasing our regular giving, as we grow the church body:

2025 strategic gospel priorities:

- * Call second full time pastor
- * Dedicated men's / women's ministries
- * Overseas short term mission teams
- * Community pensioners / seniors meals
- * Community parenting / marriage courses

2026 strategic gospel priorities: Employ children's youth worker

Financial Review

The church financial statements show combined income (The Cellar Church and More Than a Sundae) for the year of £187,687 and combined expenditure of £142,398, with a net surplus in year of £45,289. End of year combined bank balance of £64,958.

The principal source of income is donations from regular attenders to The Cellar Church, accounting for vast majority of the Church's income. The Trustees are continuing their strategy of deploying all net incoming resources to investing in the making and growing of disciples and for purposes of making the gospel known in the local community of Ellesmere.

The Trustees regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together with a monthly cash flow analysis as part of the effective stewardship of the Church. It is the Trustees aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The overall balance of £64,958 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year end is more than sufficient.

Owing to the launch of our not for profit shop, More Than a Sundae, a separate bank account and set of financial accounts have been kept on a 'receipts and payments' basis. Whilst overall the Cellar Church and More Than a Sundae accounts both, in aggregate, represent the total of church income and expenditure, More Than a Sundae is considered a mission ministry and extension of the charity.

Approved by the Trustees on 16/10/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Richard Ellis
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CELLAR CHURCH

I report on the financial statements of the Cellar Church for the period ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dated: 16th October 2025.



Samantha Jones FCCA, ACA
Morris Cook
Chartered Accountants
3/5 Watergate Street
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2023</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Income resources from donors	187,622	133,999
Activities	-	-
Bank interest	65	-
Total receipts	187,687	133,999
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Ministerial	62,266	59,777
Missionary	65,434	68,392
Premises	4,216	3,773
Activities	5,363	3,502
General	5,118	3,753
Total payments	142,398	139,196
<u>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>	45,289	-5,198

SUMMARY OF FUNDS
for the year ended 31st December 2023

	<u>£</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>£</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022</u>	19,805	25,003
Excess of payments over receipts	45,289	-5,198
Transfer between funds	-	-
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2023</u>	65,094	19,805

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31st December 2024

GENERAL FUND

	2024		2023	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Tax efficient Offerings	62,277		55,188	
Income tax recovered	21,229		12,693	
Offerings	47,306		18,867	
MTAS takings	51,257		45,021	
Building Fund	3,000		600	
Mission	700		863	
Other donations/Gifts	1,853	187,622	767	133,999
Activities		-		-
Interest Received		65		-
Total receipts		187,687		133,999
PAYMENTS				
<u>Ministerial</u>				
Stipend (inc tax, NI, pension & expenses)	62,015		59,357	
Visiting preachers	251	62,266	420	59,777
<u>Missionary</u>				
Elders Meeting	35		42	
Community	83		1,239	
Support Fund	350		2,065	
MTAS expenses	37,884		38,764	
MTAS wages	25,582		24,576	
Kenyan Baby Centre	500		505	
Ukraine Donation			-	
FEBA	500		500	
MAF	500		500	
Broadmoor	-	65,434	200	68,392
<u>Premises</u>				
Hire of Town Hall	3,761		3,085	
Ellesmere Rangers	55		270	
Insurance	400		418	
Property Expenses	-	4,216	-	3,773
<u>Activities</u>				
Sunday School/Junior Church	929		515	
Youth (Foundry)	2,447		2,027	
Mens/Womens Ministry			-	
Other Activities	247			
Christmas Meal	1,740	5,363	959	3,502
<u>General</u>				
Stationary & publicity	552		220	
Website	840			
Online Services & Zoom	225		455	
Conferences attended			-	
Tech Group	321		480	
Music Group	902		909	
Legal & professional expenses	744		894	
CCPAS	197		304	
Reimbursement of travel	71		-	
Service refreshments	1,043		321	
Sundry expenses	-		-	
Depreciation	223	5,118	171	3,753
Total payments		142,398		139,196
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS over RECEIPTS		45,289		-5,198
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		£19,805		25,003
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		65,094		£19,805

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS
as at 31st December 2024**

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Tangible assets	Note 3	136		359
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Bank Current Account				
TSB Bank		23,814	18,449	
Natwest Savings		40,065	-	
Natwest Bank		845	967	
Cash in hand		<u>233</u>	<u>30</u>	19,445
		<u>64,958</u>		
 TOTAL ASSETS		 <u><u>65,094</u></u>		 <u><u>£ 19,805</u></u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 16/10/25 and signed on their behalf by



Richard Ellis - Chairman

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

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Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 .
The charity has taken advantage of the provisions and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost net of depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value over its expected useful life, as follows

Plant and machinery	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% straight line

2 FUNDS

General funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

3 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Plant & Machinery</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost at 31st December 2023	6,934	1,334	2,094	10,362
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Cost at 31st December 2024	6,934	1,334	2,094	10,362
Depreciation at 31st December 2023	6,887	1,200	1,916	10,003
Charge on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	12	34	177	223
Depreciation at 31st December 2024	6,899	1,234	2,093	10,226
Net book value at 31st December 2024	35	100	1	136
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4 TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration in the period

5 EMPLOYEES

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- Launched new community outreach events with local children through summer Holiday Bible club and October Bright Sparks party
- Developed our "ministry lead" team leadership model and appointed a number of new individuals into the role of ministry lead, which covers areas of church life such as Music, Tech, Welcome and Junior Church
- Continued with online and in person life groups
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- Provided food supplies through Harvest service for local food share
- Engaged with community events such as Ellesmere Carnival
- 383 followers on The Cellar Church Facebook page (from 346 last year)
- 967 followers to our new More Than a Sundae facebook page (from 916 last year)
- Held an Elders away day to develop the future church vision and created our three year vision 2024 to 2026 outlining three strategic goals; 1) Fellowship (care ministry, hospitality, life groups) 2) Discipleship (training/development, future leaders, using our gifts) 3) Outreach (local/overseas, all ages, media)

2024-2026 Vision:

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2024 strategic gospel priorities:

- * 10th birthday anniversary events
- * Pastors podcast
- * HBC / Bright Sparks younger children's outreach
- * New and improved website
- * Financial supplement for our community hub More Than a Sundae

2025 strategic gospel priorities:

- * Call second full time pastor
- * Dedicated men's / women's ministries
- * Overseas short term mission teams
- * Community pensioners / seniors meals
- * Community parenting / marriage courses

2026 strategic gospel priorities: Employ children's youth worker

Financial Review

The church financial statements show combined income (The Cellar Church and More Than a Sundae) for the year of £133,999 and combined expenditure of £139,196, with a net deficit in year of £5,198. End of year combined bank balance of £19,445.

The principal source of income is donations from regular attenders to The Cellar Church, accounting for vast majority of the Church's income. The Trustees are continuing their strategy of deploying all net incoming resources to investing in the making and growing of disciples and for purposes of making the gospel known in the local community of Ellesmere.

The Trustees regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together with a monthly cash flow analysis as part of the effective stewardship of the Church. It is the Trustees aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments (£23,609), to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The overall balance of £19,445 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year end is slightly below this target.

Owing to the launch of our not for profit shop, More Than a Sundae, a separate bank account and set of financial accounts have been kept on a 'receipts and payments' basis. Whilst overall the Cellar Church and More Than a Sundae accounts both, in aggregate, represent the total of church income and expenditure, More Than a Sundae is considered a mission ministry and extension of the charity.

Approved by the Trustees on 2nd December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Richard Ellis
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CELLAR CHURCH

I report on the financial statements of the Cellar Church for the period ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement


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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dated: 3rd December 2024


Megan Jones FCA, CTA
Morris Cook
Chartered Accountants
3/5 Watergate Street
Ellesmere, Shropshire
SY12 0EX

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31st December 2023

	<u>2023</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2022</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Income resources from donors	133,999	110,504
Activities	-	-
Total receipts	<u>133,999</u>	<u>110,504</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Ministerial	59,777	58,248
Missionary	68,392	56,686
Premises	3,773	5,020
Activities	3,502	2,376
General	3,753	6,293
Total payments	<u>139,196</u>	<u>128,623</u>
<u>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>	<u><u>-5,198</u></u>	<u><u>-18,119</u></u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS
for the year ended 31st December 2023

	£ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	£ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022</u>	25,003	43,122
Excess of payments over receipts	-5,198	-18,119
Transfer between funds	-	-
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2023</u>	<u><u>19,805</u></u>	<u><u>25,003</u></u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31st December 2023

GENERAL FUND

	2023		2022	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Tax efficient Offerings	55,188		54,974	
Income tax recovered	12,693		9,320	
Offerings	18,867		7,350	
MTAS takings	45,021		31,135	
Building Fund	600		-	
Mission	863		6,479	
Other donations/Gifts	767	133,999	1,246	110,504
Activities		-		-
Total receipts		133,999		110,504
PAYMENTS				
<u>Ministerial</u>				
Stipend (inc tax, NI, pension & expenses)	59,357		57,828	
Visiting preachers	420	59,777	420	58,248
<u>Missionary</u>				
Elders Meeting	42		100	
Community	1,239		1,290	
Support Fund	2,065		1,093	
MTAS expenses	38,764		30,824	
MTAS wages	24,576		16,858	
Kenyan Baby Centre	505		520	
Ukraine Donation	-		6,000	
FEBA	500		-	
MAF	500		-	
Broadmoor	200	68,392	-	56,686
<u>Premises</u>				
Hire of Town Hall	3,085		4,170	
Ellesmere Rangers	270		55	
Insurance	418		434	
Property Expenses	-	3,773	361	5,020
<u>Activities</u>				
Sunday School/Junior Church	515		26	
Youth (Foundry)	2,027		-	
Mens/Womens Ministry	-		633	
Christmas Meal	959	3,502	1,718	2,376
<u>General</u>				
Stationary & publicity	220		397	
Online Services & Zoom	455		818	
Conferences attended	-		230	
Tech Group	480		634	
Music Group	909		425	
Legal & professional expenses	894		876	
CCPAS	304		267	
Reimbursement of travel	-		135	
Service refreshments	321		978	
Sundry expenses	-		98	
Depreciation	171	3,753	1,435	6,293
Total payments		139,196		128,623
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS over RECEIPTS		-5,198		-18,119
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		25,003		43,122
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£19,805		£25,003

STATEMENT OF ASSETS
as at 31st December 2023

		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Tangible assets	Note 3	359		204
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Bank Current Account				
TSB Bank		18,449	23,914	
Natwest Bank		967	874	
Cash in hand		<u>30</u>	<u>11</u>	24,799
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>£ 19,805</u></u>		<u><u>£ 25,003</u></u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 2nd December 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Richard Ellis - Chairman

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

The Cellar Church is a charitable incorporated organisation in England and Wales whose registered office is Ellesmere Town Hall, 1-3 Willow Street, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0AL

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 .
The charity has taken advantage of the provisions and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost net of depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value over its expected useful life, as follows

Plant and machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line

2 FUNDS

General funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

3 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Plant & Machinery</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost at 31st December 2022	6,872	1,334	1,830	10,036
Additions	62	-	264	326
Disposal	-	-	-	-
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Cost at 31st December 2023	6,934	1,334	2,094	10,362
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Depreciation at 31st December 2022	6,871	1,132	1,829	9,832
Charge on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	16	68	87	171
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Depreciation at 31st December 2023	6,887	1,200	1,916	10,003
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Net book value at 31st December 2023	<hr/> <hr/> 47	<hr/> <hr/> 134	<hr/> <hr/> 178	<hr/> <hr/> 359
Net book value at 31st December 2022	<hr/> <hr/> 1	<hr/> <hr/> 202	<hr/> <hr/> 1	<hr/> <hr/> 204

4 TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration in the period

5 EMPLOYEES

There were 4 employees in the period.(2023 - 4)

THE CELLAR CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1172303

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2022		31	December	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Cellar Church

Other names charity is known by N/a

Registered charity number (if any) 1172303

Charity's principal address

Ellesmere Town Hall
1-3 Willow Street
Ellesmere, Shropshire
Postcode SY12 0AL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Richard Ellis			
2	Mr Christopher Garratt			
3	Mr Jamie Paul Eccleston		Jan 2022 to November 2022	
4	Mr Christopher John Minton		Jan 2022 to November 2022	
5	Mr John Howard		November 2022 to present	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/a	<hr/> <hr/>

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mr Philip Wright

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by members of church via church Elders' recommendation

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Church Elders, who, apart from the Church Pastor, are also the charity trustees, are responsible for the overall management and control of the The Cellar Church Charity and meet at least four times a year. The work of implementing most of their objectives is carried out by the Cellar Church Covenant Partners, who meet at least two times a year and less formally on a weekly basis. The Covenant Partners work under the oversight of the Church Elders.

The Church Elders and Church Pastor determine the general spiritual teaching, pastoral care requirements and Vision for the Church. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the Church Pastor and Church Elders, supported by Covenant Partners and their team members. Covenant Partners means the body of believers in the locality of Ellesmere, Shropshire who have signed a current form of commitment being known as The Cellar Church.

The Church Pastor and Church Elders undertakes the key leadership role overseeing biblical teaching, pastoral and administrative functions. The day to day running of The Cellar Church, including Junior Church, is undertaken within the Church Constitution approved by the Church Elders which provide for only significant expenditure decisions and major capital projects to be referred to the Covenant Partners for prior approval.

All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.

At The Cellar Church, our aim is to live out the Gospel message as the Bible directs us – that is to lead people to salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and at the same time serve our community and those in need around us.

The Cellar Church advances Christianity in accordance with Biblical teachings which include clear and ethical guidelines recognised over a very long period of time and including (by way of example) the requirements of the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus on a range of issues and often summarised in His commands to “love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself”.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Church's activities include weekly main worship services, men's and women's ministries, prayer ministries, life groups (worship prayer and study groups). In the past, the charity has held social evenings to the local community in way of quiz nights or community meals, which includes gospel messages and also youth nights where local young people can socialise and engage in different activities and seek guidance in the Christian faith.

The Cellar Church offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, our prayer meetings provide an intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided for people to engage in more outgoing worship such as that provided by the regular morning and occasional evening service.

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These activities are beneficial because they provide spiritual and religious worship for the local communities in Ellesmere, Shropshire as well as supporting community outreach projects.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Our key objectives for the year included:

- caring for our church family and local community
- to continue to help build God's kingdom by making and growing disciples of Jesus
- to develop on online offering and ability to pre-record services, as well as social media
- create a "building fund" and potentially identify suitable premises for a longer term church home
- create a "support fund" to assist those TCC family members with financial difficulties
- Develop our Associate Pastor role in support of growth and development for TCC
- to continue to grow our Youth work through "The Foundry" with the potential for meeting more regularly and a newly launch junior bible study group called "Rooted"
- hold a number of outdoor events for the community, including an outdoor Carol service
- to enhance the number of Life Group leaders and Life Groups
- to provide local and global mission support
- to successfully develop our 'community hub' in the centre of Ellesmere, "More Than a Sundae"
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- to continue to develop the pastoral care we provide for our congregation
- to increase attendance numbers at The Cellar Church
- to develop our links and joint working with local state junior and secondary schools
- to play our part in the life of our local community through our community outreach and gospel ministry activities

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Some of the highlights from 2022:

- Meeting in the Town Hall on a regular basis as a result of Covid restrictions being removed
- Continued with our youth bible study group called “Rooted”
- Our new Associate Pastor formally commenced the role in February 2022
- Maintained a financial welfare fund to assist church members in need
- Held an Elders away day to develop the future church vision
- Pastor guested numerous times on BBC Radio Shropshire ‘Pause for thought’
- Held an open air Carol service in partnership with Tesco
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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The church financial statements show incoming for the year of £110,504 and expenditure of £128,622, with a net deficit in year of £18,119. End of year bank balance of £25,003.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Richard Ellis

Full name(s) Richard Ellis

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chair	
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Date

9 July 2023

Company House No

CE009761

Charity No

1172303

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE**

**REPORT
OF THE
CHURCH
TRUSTEES**

**YEAR TO
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE TOWN HALL
1-3 Willow Street
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Shropshire
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THE CELLAR CHURCH

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees of the Cellar Church present their report and accounts for the period ended 31st December 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16th July 2014.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and was incorporated on 29th March 2017. The Trustees who served during the period are:-

Richard Ellis	Chairman
Christopher Garratt	
Jamie Paul Eccleston	January 2022 to November 2022
Christopher John Minton	January 2022 to November 2022
Mr John Howard	From November 2022 to present

The Trustees consider that they, together with the Church pastor, comprise the Key personnel. The Trustees give their time freely and the monthly stipend of the Church Pastor is set by the Church Leaders and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting the stipend for the Church Pastor:-

- nature of role and responsibilities
- pastor and teaching experience
- the sector average for comparable positions (linked to Teachers' pay scale)
- trends in pay

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The Church Elders are the charity trustees of The Cellar Church. Apart from the first charity Trustees, unless the Charity Trustees decide otherwise every Charity Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of Covenant Partners. In selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, the Covenant Partners must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the Charity. Trustees require breadth and depth of experience to carry out their duties effectively and efficiently. The requirements of the Trustees should comprise the following

- All Charity Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Church Statement of Faith
- The spiritual government and leadership of the Covenant Partners for the purpose of which the charity has been established shall remain with the Spiritual Leadership

Where possible, the skills and experience of the Trustees should comprise the following:-

- A Trustee with a financial/accounting background
- A Trustee with public service background, such as having education experience
- A Trustee with managerial or business experience

One Trustee may have one or more of the skills.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022 (Cont)

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THE CELLAR CHURCH

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examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

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Dated 7/9/23 .



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THE CELLAR CHURCH

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THE CELLAR CHURCH

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**THE CELLAR CHURCH
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As at 31st December 2022**

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Tangible assets	Note 3	204		1,370
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Bank Current Account			40,383	
TSB Bank		23,914	1,361	
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Cash in hand		11	8	41,752
		24,799		
 TOTAL ASSETS		£ 25,003	£43,122	

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Richard Ellis Chairman



Jean Davies Treasurer



The Cellar Church
YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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4 TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration in the period

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There were 4 employees in the period.(2021 - 3)

Company House No

CE009761

Charity No

1172303

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE**

**REPORT
OF THE
CHURCH
TRUSTEES**

**YEAR TO
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE TOWN HALL
1-3 Willow Street
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Shropshire
SY12 0AL**

THE CELLAR CHURCH

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees of the Cellar Church present their report and accounts for the period ended 31st December 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16th July 2014.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and was incorporated on 29th March 2017. The Trustees who served during the period are:-

Richard Ellis	Chairman
Christopher Garratt	
Jamie Paul Eccleston	January 2022 to November 2022
Christopher John Minton	January 2022 to November 2022
Mr John Howard	From November 2022 to present

The Trustees consider that they, together with the Church pastor, comprise the Key personnel. The Trustees give their time freely and the monthly stipend of the Church Pastor is set by the Church Leaders and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting the stipend for the Church Pastor:-

- nature of role and responsibilities
- pastor and teaching experience
- the sector average for comparable positions (linked to Teachers' pay scale)
- trends in pay

The Church Elders, who, apart from the Church Pastor, are also the charity trustees, are responsible for the overall management and control of The Cellar Church Charity and meet at least four times a year. The work of implementing most of their objectives is carried out by the Cellar Church Covenant Partners, who meet at least two times a year and , less formally, on a weekly basis. The Covenant Partners work under the oversight of the Church Elders.

The Church Elders and Church Pastor determine the general spiritual teaching, pastoral care requirements and Vision for the Church. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the Church pastor and Church Elders supported by Covenant Partners and their team members. Covenant Partners means the body of believers in the locality of Ellesmere, Shropshire who have signed a current form of commitment being known as The Cellar Church.

The Church Pastor and Church Elders undertake the key leadership role overseeing biblical teaching, pastoral and administrative functions. The day to day running of The Cellar Church, including Junior Church, is undertaken within the Church Constitution approved by the Church Elders which provide for only significant expenditure decisions and major capital projects to be referred to Covenant Partners for prior approval.

All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid to them in the year.

The Church Elders are the charity trustees of The Cellar Church. Apart from the first charity Trustees, unless the Charity Trustees decide otherwise every Charity Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of Covenant Partners. In selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, the Covenant Partners must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the Charity. Trustees require breadth and depth of experience to carry out their duties effectively and efficiently. The requirements of the Trustees should comprise the following

- All Charity Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Church Statement of Faith
- The spiritual government and leadership of the Covenant Partners for the purpose of which the charity has been established shall remain with the Spiritual Leadership

Where possible, the skills and experience of the Trustees should comprise the following:-

- A Trustee with a financial/accounting background
- A Trustee with public service background, such as having education experience
- A Trustee with managerial or business experience

One Trustee may have one or more of the skills.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022 (Cont)

Objectives and activities for the year

The Object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.

At The Cellar Church, our aim is to live out the Gospel message as the Bible directs us – that is to lead people to salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and at the same time serve our community and those in need around us.

The Cellar Church advances Christianity in accordance with Biblical teachings which include clear and ethical guidelines recognised over a very long period of time and including (by way of example) the requirements of the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus on a range of issues and often summarised in His commands to “love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself”.

The Church's activities include weekly main worship services, men's and women's ministries, prayer ministries, life groups (worship prayer and study groups). In the past, the charity has held social evenings to the local community in way of quiz nights or community meals, which includes gospel messages and also youth nights where local young people can socialise and engage in different activities and seek guidance in the Christian faith.

Achievements and performance

The Cellar Church offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, our prayer meetings provide an intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided to engage in more outgoing worship such as that provided by the regular morning and occasional evening service.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are around 80 regular attenders, with approximately 50 of whom are Covenant Partners. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we publicly thank God for the gift of salvation, in dedication services we thank God for the gift of life and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person to God's keeping.

These activities are beneficial because they provide spiritual and religious worship for the local communities in Ellesmere Shropshire as well as supporting community outreach projects.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our key objectives for the year included:

- caring for our church family and local community
- to continue to help build God's kingdom by making and growing disciples of Jesus
- to develop on online offering and ability to pre-record services, as well as social media
- create a "building fund" and potentially identify suitable premises for a longer term church home
- create a "support fund" to assist those TCC family members with financial difficulties
- to develop our Associate Pastor role in support of growth and development for TCC
- to continue to grow our Youth work through "The Foundry" with the potential for meeting more regularly and a newly launch junior bible study group called "Rooted"
- hold a number of outdoor events for the community, including a Carol service
- to enhance the number of Life Group leaders and Life Groups
- to provide local and global mission support
- to successfully develop our 'community hub' in the centre of Ellesmere, "More Than a Sundae"
- to enhance and improve the teaching provision for Junior Church
- to continue to develop the pastoral care we provide for our congregation
- to increase attendance numbers at The Cellar Church
- to develop our links and joint working with local state junior and secondary schools
- to play our part in the life of our local community through our community outreach and gospel ministry activities

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022 (Cont)

Some of the highlights from 2022:

- Meeting in the town hall on a regular basis as a result of Covid restrictions being removed.
- Continued with our youth bible study group called "Rooted"
- Our new Associate Pastor formally commenced the role in February 2022
- Maintained a financial welfare fund to assist church members in need
- Held an Elders away day to develop the future church vision
- Pastor guested numerous times on BBC Radio Shropshire 'Pause for thought'
- Held an open air Carol service in partnership with Tesco
- Employed two shop workers in our "community hub" and Cie Cream and Waffle House, called "More Than A Sundae". This is run as a not for profit shop and also provides opportunities to connect with the local community outside of a Sunday church service
- Launched a "Big C" coffee morning for individuals impacted by Cancer
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- Held a baptism service and baptised four TCC attendees
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Financial Review

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The Cellar Church
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THE CELLAR CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1172303

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2021		31	December	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Ellesmere Town Hall	
1-3 Willow Street	
Ellesmere, Shropshire	
Postcode	SY12 0AL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Richard Ellis			
2	Mr Christopher Garratt			
3	Mr Jamie Paul Eccleston			
4	Mr Christopher John Minton			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/a	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mr Philip Wright

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by members of church via church Elders' recommendation

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Church Elders, who, apart from the Church Pastor, are also the charity trustees, are responsible for the overall management and control of the The Cellar Church Charity and meet at least four times a year. The work of implementing most of their objectives is carried out by the Cellar Church Covenant Partners, who meet at least two times a year and less formally on a weekly basis. The Covenant Partners work under the oversight of the Church Elders.

The Church Elders and Church Pastor determine the general spiritual teaching, pastoral care requirements and Vision for the Church. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the Church Pastor and Church Elders, supported by Covenant Partners and their team members. Covenant Partners means the body of believers in the locality of Ellesmere, Shropshire who have signed a current form of commitment being known as The Cellar Church.

The Church Pastor and Church Elders undertakes the key leadership role overseeing biblical teaching, pastoral and administrative functions. The day to day running of The Cellar Church, including Junior Church, is undertaken within the Church Constitution approved by the Church Elders which provide for only significant expenditure decisions and major capital projects to be referred to the Covenant Partners for prior approval.

All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The church financial statements show incoming for the year of £98,320 and expenditure of £87,790, with a net surplus in year of £10,530. End of year bank balance of £43,122.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal source of income is donations from regular attenders to The Cellar Church, accounting for vast majority of the Church's income.

The Trustees are continuing their strategy of deploying all net incoming resources to investing in the making and growing of disciples and for purposes of making the gospel known in the local community of Ellesmere.

The Trustees regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together with a monthly cash flow analysis as part of the effective stewardship of the Church.

It is the Trustees aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The overall balance of £43,122 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year end more than matched this target.

Section F

Other optional information

Owing to the launch of our not for profit shop, More Than a Sundae, a separate bank account and set of financial accounts have been kept on a 'receipts and payments' basis. Whilst overall the Cellar Church and More Than a Sundae accounts both, in aggregate, represent the total of church income and expenditure, More Than a Sundae is considered a mission ministry and extension of the charity.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Richard Ellis

Full name(s) Richard Ellis

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chair	
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Date

3 October 2022

Print Date													
12 January 2022													
Month		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
INCOME	YTD												
Collections	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General	535.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	120.00	65.00	70.00	30.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
General GA	599.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.53	75.00	196.15	105.00	58.00	90.00	0.00
SO. Cash xFers,	11,871.00	560.00	691.00	1,460.00	800.00	1,230.00	840.00	850.00	1,150.00	830.00	1,330.00	900.00	1,230.00
SO. Cash xFers. GA	30,565.00	1,805.00	2,705.00	4,075.00	2,215.00	4,015.00	2,010.00	2,310.00	2,710.00	1,880.00	2,200.00	1,900.00	2,740.00
Give As You Live (website)	1,414.67	75.00	100.00	110.00	100.00	120.00	100.00	100.00	205.00	0.00	504.67	0.00	0.00
Via Charities Trust	6,097.00	0.00	449.75	449.75	449.75	449.75	449.75	549.75	549.75	0.00	1,099.50	549.75	1,099.50
Amazon Smile	34.31	0.00	11.67	0.00	0.00	7.40	0.00	0.00	9.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.79
Total Collections	51,116.66	2,440.00	3,957.42	6,244.75	3,564.75	5,942.15	3,540.28	3,954.75	4,850.35	2,865.00	5,192.17	3,489.75	5,075.29
Gift Aid Refunds	8,208.84	728.85	816.25	626.25	840.07	903.75	628.75	631.38	596.25	626.54	848.75	454.50	507.50
Donations													
Broadmoor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gifts / Gift Days	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants / Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support Fund	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Donations	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Mission	157.45	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	0.00	132.45	0.00	0.00
Total General	13,162.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	12,962.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	75,145.10	3,168.85	4,773.67	6,881.00	4,404.82	6,845.90	4,169.03	4,791.13	19,418.75	3,491.54	6,173.37	3,944.25	7,082.79
MTAS Income	31959.44	1000.00	250.00	3561.26	2956.15	2725.65	3414.80	3630.58	4277.46	3194.69	1635.75	2754.15	2558.95
EXPENDITURE													
Ministerial													
Stipend	29,636.00	2,468.25	2,468.45	2,468.25	0.00	4,940.30	2,470.05	0.00	4,940.30	0.00	4,940.30	2,470.05	2,470.05
Tax + NIC	5,855.60	0.00	205.88	559.66	626.18	557.86	558.06	558.06	557.86	558.06	558.06	557.86	558.06
Pension	4,207.44	350.62	0.00	350.62	350.62	701.24	0.00	350.62	350.62	350.62	701.24	0.00	701.24
Expenses	5,480.00	640.00	640.00	690.00	690.00	800.00	640.00	640.00	480.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	260.00
Visiting Preachers	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Total Ministerial	45,379.04	3,458.87	3,314.33	4,068.53	1,666.80	6,999.40	3,668.11	1,548.68	6,328.78	1,008.68	6,299.60	3,027.91	3,989.35
Services													
Tech Group	2,637.46	37.60	57.31	28.78	0.00	57.56	310.77	0.00	570.27	160.30	28.78	261.27	1,124.82
Music Group	791.87	21.85	21.32	21.56	0.00	42.62	21.50	396.00	178.66	21.89	21.70	22.26	22.51
Tea / Coffee Etc.	38.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.99	0.00
Town Hall Hire	2,339.00	364.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00	272.00	317.00	324.00	362.00	324.00	272.00
ERFC Hire	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Total Services	5,857.32	423.45	78.63	50.34	0.00	100.18	436.27	668.00	1,065.93	506.19	412.48	646.52	1,469.33

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**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE**

**REPORT
OF THE
CHURCH
TRUSTEES**

**YEAR TO
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE TOWN HALL
1-3 Willow Street
Ellesmere
Shropshire
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THE CELLAR CHURCH

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Approved by the Trustees on 3rd October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Ellis
Chair of Trustees

THE CELLAR CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CELLAR CHURCH

I report on the financial statements of the Cellar Church for the period ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Clarke

Dated 31.10.2022.

Andrew Clarke FCA
Morris Cook
Chartered Accountants
3/5 Watergate Street
Ellesmere, Shropshire
SY12 0EX

THE CELLAR CHURCH

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the period 31 December

	<u>2021</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2020</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Income resources from donors	98,320	85,874
Activities	-	-
Total receipts	<u>98,320</u>	<u>85,874</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Ministerial	45,379	48,950
Missionary	32,710	32,870
Premises	3,070	1,990
Activities	1,558	888
General	5,073	5,089
Total payments	<u>87,790</u>	<u>89,787</u>
<u>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>10,530</u>	<u>- 3,913</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS for the period 31 December

	<u>£</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>£</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2020</u>	32,592	36,505
Excess of receipts over payments	10,530	- 3,913
Capital gain not realised	-	-
Transfer between funds	-	-
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2021</u>	<u>43,122</u>	<u>32,592</u>

THE CELLAR CHURCH

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st December 2021**

GENERAL FUND

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£		£
Tax efficient Offerings	51,117		48,829	
Income tax recovered	8,209		8,877	
Offerings	2,500		8,111	
MTAS takings	18,539		16,533	
Mission	157		935	
Other donations	17,798	98,320	2,589	85,874
			<u>2,589</u>	
<u>Activities</u>				
Total receipts		98,320		85,874
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
<u>Ministerial</u>				
Stipend (inc tax, NI, pension & expenses)	45,179		48,750	
Visiting preachers	200	45,379	200	48,950
			<u>200</u>	
<u>Missionary</u>				
Our Neighbours	-		2,662	
Community	902		2,545	
Support Fund	220		500	
MTAS expenses	24,971		17,266	
MTAS wages	6,617		9,897	
Gifts / Gift Days		32,710		32,870
			<u>32,710</u>	
<u>Premises</u>				
Hire of Town Hall	2,339		1,520	
Ellesmere Rangers	50		-	
Insurance	451		350	
CCPAS	230	3,070	120	1,990
			<u>120</u>	
<u>Activities</u>				
Sunday School/Junior Church			22	
Youth (Foundry)	904		25	
Alpha			-	
Mens/Womens Ministry	654		841	
		1,558	841	888
			<u>841</u>	
<u>General</u>				
Stationary & publicity	131		89	
Ministry Team				
Music Group	792		1,453	
Tech team	754		616	
Legal & professional expenses	786		600	
On-line services			179	
Service refreshments	39		222	
Depreciation	2,571	5,073	1,930	5,089
			<u>1,930</u>	
Total payments		87,790		89,787
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS over RECEIPTS		10,530		- 3,913
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		32,592		36,505
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£43,122		£32,592

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
As at 31st December 2021**

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Tangible assets	Note 3	1,370		1,423
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Bank Current Account				
TSB Bank		40,383	29,365	
Natwest Bank		1,361	1,804	
Cash in hand		8		31,169
		43,122		£32,592
TOTAL ASSETS				

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Richard Ellis Chairman



Jean Davies Treasurer



The Cellar Church
YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2021

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

The Cellar Church is a charitable incorporated organisation in England and Wales whose registered office is Ellesmere Town Hall, 1-3 Willow Street, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0AL

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 .
The charity has taken advantage of the provisions and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost net of depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value over its expected useful life, as follows

Plant and machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line

2 FUNDS

General funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

3 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Plant & Machinery</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost at 31st December 2020	4,709	1,065	1,475	7,249
Additions	2,163		355	2,518
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Cost at 31st December 2021	6,872	1,065	1,830	9,767
Depreciation at 31st December 2020	3,994	798	1,034	5,826
Charge on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	1,701	266	604	2,571
Depreciation at 31st December 2021	5,695	1,064	1,638	8,397
Net book value at 31st December 2021	1,177	1	192	1,370
Net book value at 31st December 2020	715	267	441	1,423

4 TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration in the period

5 EMPLOYEES

There were three employees in the period.(2020 - 3)

THE CELLAR CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1172303

Accounts

Company House No CE009761

Charity No 1172303

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE**

**REPORT
OF THE
CHURCH
TRUSTEES**

**YEAR TO
31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE TOWN HALL
1-3 Willow Street
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THE CELLAR CHURCH

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees of the Cellar Church present their report and accounts for the period ended 31st December 2020

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16th July 2014.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and was incorporated on 29th March 2017. The Trustees who served during the period are:-

Richard Ellis	Chairman
Christopher Garratt	
Jamie Paul Eccleston	
Christopher John Minton	

The Trustees consider that they, together with the Church pastor, comprise the Key personnel. The Trustees give their time freely and the monthly stipend of the Church Pastor is set by the Church Leaders and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting the stipend for the Church Pastor:-

- nature of role and responsibilities
- pastor and teaching experience
- the sector average for comparable positions (linked to Teachers' pay scale)
- trends in pay

The Church Elders, who, apart from the Church Pastor, are also the charity trustees, are responsible for the overall management and control of The Cellar Church Charity and meet at least four times a year. The work of implementing most of their objectives is carried out by the Cellar Church Covenant Partners, who meet at least two times a year and , less formally, on a weekly basis. The Covenant Partners work under the oversight of the Church Elders.

The Church Elders and Church Pastor determine the general spiritual teaching, pastoral care requirements and Vision for the Church. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the Church pastor and Church Elders supported by Covenant Partners and their team members. Covenant Partners means the body of believers in the locality of Ellesmere, Shropshire who have signed a current form of commitment being known as The Cellar Church.

The Church Pastor and Church Elders undertake the key leadership role overseeing biblical teaching, pastoral and administrative functions. The day to day running of The Cellar Church, including Junior Church, is undertaken within the Church Constitution approved by the Church Elders which provide for only significant expenditure decisions and major capital projects to be referred to Covenant Partners for prior approval.

The Church Elders are the charity trustees of The Cellar Church.

Apart from the first charity Trustees, unless the Charity Trustees decide otherwise every Charity Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of Covenant Partners. In selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, the Covenant Partners must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the Charity. Trustees require breadth and depth of experience to carry out their duties effectively and efficiently. The requirements of the Trustees should comprise the following

- All Charity Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Church Statement of Faith
- The spiritual government and leadership of the Covenant Partners for the purpose of which the charity has been established shall remain with the Spiritual Leadership

Where possible, the skills and experience of the Trustees should comprise the following:-

- A Trustee with a financial/accounting background
- A Trustee with public service background, such as having education experience
- A Trustee with managerial or business experience

One Trustee may have one or more of the skills.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020 (Cont)

Objectives and activities for the year

The objective of the Charity is, for public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.

At the Cellar Church, our aim is to live out the Gospel message as the Bible directs us- that is to lead people to salvation through personal relationship with Jesus Christ and at the same time serve our community and those in need around us.

The Cellar Church advances Christianity in accordance with Biblical teachings which include clear and ethical guidelines recognised over a very long period of time (by way of example) the requirements of the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus Christ on a range of issues and often summarised in His commands to "love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself".

The Church's activities include weekly main worship services, men's and women's ministries, prayer ministries, life groups (worship prayer and study groups). In the past, the charity has held social evenings with the local community in way of quiz nights or community meals, which includes gospel messages and also youth nights where local young people can socialise and engage in different activities and seek guidance in the Christian faith.

Achievements and performance

The Cellar Church offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, our prayer meetings provide an intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided to engage in more outgoing worship such as that provided by the regular morning and occasional evening service.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are around 100 regular attenders, with approximately 60 of whom are Covenant Partners. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we publicly thank God for the gift of salvation, in dedication services we thank God for the gift of life and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person to God's keeping.

These activities are beneficial because they provide spiritual and religious worship for the local communities in Ellesmere Shropshire as well as supporting community outreach projects.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our key objectives for the year included:

- caring for our church family and local community throughout the global pandemic
- to continue to help build God's kingdom by making and growing disciples of Jesus
- to develop on online offering and ability to pre-record services, as well as in the future broadcast live Sunday services
- to continue to grow our Youth work through "The Foundry"
- hold a number of outdoor events for the community, including a Carol service and nativity
- to enhance the number of Life Group leaders and Life Groups
- to provide local and global gospel mission opportunities, in partnership with Broadmoor Baptist Church, Mississippi
- to successfully grow our new 'community hub' in the centre of Ellesmere, "More Than a Sundae"
- to enhance and improve the teaching provision for Junior Church
- to continue to develop the pastoral care we provide for our congregation
- to increase attendance numbers at The Cellar Church
- to develop our links and joint working with local state junior and secondary schools
- to play our part in the life of our local community through our community outreach and gospel ministry activities

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020 (Cont)

Some of the highlights from 2020:

- Launched a new online youth bible study group called "Rooted"
- Supported the local community response to COVID through involvement in local action group meetings
- Providing blessings/love gifts to local businesses (free ice cream) as a thank you for their work during the pandemic
- Established a COVID financial welfare fund to assist church members in need
- Pastor maintained Chaplaincy role at Lakelands Academy school
- Supported assemblies in Newtown and Ellesmere Primary schools
- Held an Elders away day to develop the future church vision
- Hosted a visit from 'Tough talk' minister
- Commenced our first ever 'TCC Online services'
- Pastor guested five times on BBC Radio Shropshire 'Pause for thought'
- Held Day of Prayer for local communication, church needs and world
- Held our first drive through nativity and open air Carol service
- Created new 'take away' options and employed two shop workers in our 'community hub' and Ice Cream and Waffle House, called 'More Than a Sundae'. This is run as a not for profit shop and also provides greater opportunity to connect with the local community outside of a Sunday church service
- Moved all life groups to online
- Provided financial support to three overseas missions; 1) The Spanish Gospel Mission, 2) Our Neighbours ministry in Zimbabwe and 3) Messengers
- 280 followers on The Cellar Church Facebook page (from 240 last year)
- 804 followers to our new More Than a Sundae facebook page

These activities are beneficial because they provide spiritual and religious worship for the local communities in Ellesmere, Shropshire as well as supporting community outreach projects.

Financial Review

The financial statements for the period show total income of £85,874 and expenditure of £89,787 with a resulting deficit £3,913. End of year bank balances of £31,168

The principal source of income is from collections and donations from regular attenders to the Cellar Church, accounting for the majority of the Church's income. The Trustees are continuing their strategy of developing all net incoming resources to investing in the making and growing of disciples and for the purposes of making the gospel known in the local community of Ellesmere.

The Trustees regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together with a monthly cash flow analysis as part of the effective stewardship of the Church. It is the Trustees aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, (if possible) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £31,168 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year end more than matched this target.

Owing to the launch of our new not for profit shop, More Than a Sundae, a separate bank account and set of financial records have been kept on a receipts and payments basis. Whilst the Cellar Church and More Than a Sundae accounts both, in aggregate, represent the total church income and expenditure, More Than a Sundae is considered a mission ministry and an extension of the charity

Approved by the Trustees on 18th September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Ellis
Chair of Trustees

THE CELLAR CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CELLAR CHURCH

I report on the financial statements of the Cellar Church for the period ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

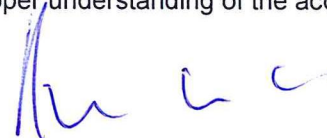
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dated

16 October 2021



Andrew Clarke FCA
Morris Cook
Chartered Accountants
3/5 Watergate Street
Ellesmere, Shropshire
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THE CELLAR CHURCH

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the period 31 December

	<u>2020</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2019</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Income resources from donors	85,874	101,628
Activities	-	-
Total receipts	<u>85,874</u>	<u>101,628</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Ministerial	48,950	45,718
Missionary	32,870	40,663
Premises	1,990	4,415
Activities	888	7,362
General	5,089	7,136
Total payments	<u>89,787</u>	<u>105,294</u>
<u>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>- 3,913</u>	<u>- 3,666</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS for the period 31 December

	£ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	£ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2019</u>	36,505	40,171
Excess of receipts over payments	- 3,913	- 3,666
Capital gain not realised	-	-
Transfer between funds	-	-
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2020</u>	<u>32,592</u>	<u>36,505</u>

THE CELLAR CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st December 2020

GENERAL FUND


		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£	£	£
Tax efficient Offerings	48,829		44,143	
Income tax recovered	8,877		9,678	
Offerings	8,111		14,958	
MTAS takings	16,533		27,269	
Mission	935		4,016	
Other donations	2,589	85,874	1,564	101,628
<u>Activities</u>				
Total receipts		85,874		101,628
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
<u>Ministerial</u>				
Stipend (inc tax, NI, pension & expenses)	48,750		44,842	
Visiting preachers	200	48,950	876	45,718
<u>Missionary</u>				
CAP	-		1,429	
Spanish Gospel Mission	-		3,236	
The Messenger	-		600	
Our Neighbours	2,662		600	
Broadmoor			2,051	
Community	2,545		458	
Promotional Materials	-		881	
Operation Mobiisation	-		133	
Support Fund	500			
MTAS expenses	17,266		29,595	
MTAS wages	9,897	32,870	1,680	40,663
<u>Premises</u>				
Hire of Town Hall	1,520		3,827	
Ellesmere Rangers	-		50	
Insurance	350		369	
CCPAS	120	1,990	169	4,415
<u>Activities</u>				
Sunday School/Junior Church	22		175	
Youth (Foundry)	25		3,615	
Alpha	-		119	
Mens/Womens Ministry	841	888	3,453	7,362
<u>General</u>				
Stationary & publicity	89		387	
Ministry Team				
Music Group	1,453		762	
Tech team	616		3,027	
Legal & professional expenses	600		659	
On-line services	179			
Service refreshments	222		735	
Depreciation	1,930	5,089	1,566	7,136
Total payments		89,787		105,294
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS over RECEIPTS		- 3,913		- 3,666
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		36,505		40,171
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£32,592		£36,505

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
As at 31st December 2020**

		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Tangible assets	Note 3	1,423		2,105
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Bank Current Account				
TSB Bank		29,365	32,365	
Natwest Bank		1,804	2,035	
Cash in hand		-	-	34,400
		31,169	34,400	
 TOTAL ASSETS		£32,592	£36,505	

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Richard Ellis Chairman



Jean Davies Treasurer



The Cellar Church
YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

The Cellar Church is a charitable incorporated organisation in England and Wales whose registered office is Ellesmere Town Hall, 1-3 Willow Street, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0AL

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 .
The charity has taken advantage of the provisions and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost net of depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value over its expected useful life, as follows

Plant and machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line

2 FUNDS

General funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

3 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Plant & Machinery</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost at 31st December 2019	4,111	1,065	825	6,001
Additions	598		650	1,248
Disposal	-	-	-	-
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Cost at 31st December 2020	4,709	1,065	1,475	7,249
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Depreciation at 31st December 2019	2,817	532	547	3,896
Charge on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	1,177	266	487	1,930
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Depreciation at 31st December 2020	3,994	798	1,034	5,826
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Net book value at 31st December 2020	<hr/> <hr/> 715	<hr/> <hr/> 267	<hr/> <hr/> 441	<hr/> <hr/> 1,423
Net book value at 31st December 2019	<hr/> <hr/> 1,294	<hr/> <hr/> 533	<hr/> <hr/> 278	<hr/> <hr/> 2,105

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There were three employees in the period.(2019 - 2)