



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	

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.

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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.

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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 into 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.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

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
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- 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
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Section D

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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
- 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
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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.

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 £25,003 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year end more than matched this target.

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
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TRUSTEES**

**YEAR TO
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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.

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

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Approved by the Trustees on  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 2022 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 7/9/23.



Samantha Jones F.C.C.A., A.C.A.
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>2022</u> <u>£</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Income resources from donors	110,504	98,320
Activities	-	-
Total receipts	<u>110,504</u>	<u>98,320</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Ministerial	58,248	45,379
Missionary	56,686	32,710
Premises	5,287	3,070
Activities	2,376	1,558
General	<u>6,026</u>	<u>5,073</u>
Total payments	<u>128,622</u>	<u>87,790</u>
<u>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>- 18,119</u>	<u>10,530</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 2021</u>	43,122	32,592
Excess of receipts over payments	- 18,119	10,530
Capital gain not realised	-	-
Transfer between funds	-	-
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022</u>	<u>25,003</u>	<u>43,122</u>

THE CELLAR CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st December 2022

GENERAL FUND

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Tax efficient Offerings	54,974		51,117	
Income tax recovered	9,320		8,209	
Offerings	7,350		2,500	
MTAS takings	31,135		18,539	
Mission	6,479		157	
Other donations	1,246	110,504	17,798	98,320
Activities		-		-
Total receipts		110,504		98,320
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
<u>Ministerial</u>				
Stipend (inc tax, NI, pension & expenses)	57,828		45,179	
Visiting preachers	420	58,248	200	45,379
<u>Missionary</u>				
Elders Meeting	100		-	
Community	1,290		902	
Support Fund	1,093		220	
MTAS expenses	30,824		24,971	
MTAS wages	16,858		6,617	
Kenyan Baby Centre	520			
Ukraine Donation	6,000	56,686		32,710
<u>Premises</u>				
Hire of Town Hall	4,170		2,339	
Ellesmere Rangers	55		50	
Insurance	434		451	
Property Expenses	361			
CCPAS	267	5,287	230	3,070
<u>Activities</u>				
Sunday School/Junior Church	26		-	
Youth (Foundry)			904	
Alpha			-	
Mens/Womens Ministry	633		654	
Christmas Meal	1,718	2,376		1,558
<u>General</u>				
Stationary & publicity	397		131	
Online Services & Zoom	818			
Conferences attended	230		-	
Tech Group	634			
Music Group	425		792	
Tech team	-		754	
Legal & professional expenses	876		786	
Reimbursement of travel	135		-	
Service refreshments	978		39	
Sundry expenses	98			
Depreciation	1,435	6,026	2,571	5,073
Total payments		128,622		87,790
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS over RECEIPTS		- 18,119		10,530
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		43,122		32,592
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£25,003		£43,122

THE CELLAR CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
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	
Natwest Bank		874		
Cash in hand		<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	41,752
		24,799		
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>£ 25,003</u></u>		<u><u>£43,122</u></u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Richard Ellis Chairman



Jean Davies Treasurer



The Cellar Church
YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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 2021	6,872	1,065	1,830	9,767
Additions		269		269
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Cost at 31st December 2022	6,872	1,334	1,830	10,036
Depreciation at 31st December 2021	5,695	1,064	1,638	8,397
Charge on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	1,176	68	191	1,435
Depreciation at 31st December 2022	6,871	1,132	1,829	9,832
Net book value at 31st December 2022	1	202	1	204
Net book value at 31st December 2021	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 4 employees in the period.(2021 - 3)

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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 Sundaes"
- 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
- Said goodbye to two long serving Elders, as they stepped down from the role after faithfully serving since the early days of TCC and welcomed one new Elder into the church leadership team
- Held a baptism service and baptised four TCC attendees
- Launched a new "ministry lead" team leadership model and appointed a number of individuals into the role of ministry lead, covering areas of church life such as Music, Tech, Welcome and Junior Church
- Continued with online and in person life groups
- Provided local pastoral care through Canal ministries
- 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)


Financial Review

The church financial statements for the period 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 balances of £24,799

The principal source of income is from 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 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  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 2022 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 7/9/23.


Samantha Jones F.C.C.A., A.C.A.
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>2022</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2021</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Income resources from donors	110,504	98,320
Activities	-	-
Total receipts	<u>110,504</u>	<u>98,320</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Ministerial	58,248	45,379
Missionary	56,686	32,710
Premises	5,287	3,070
Activities	2,376	1,558
General	6,026	5,073
Total payments	<u>128,622</u>	<u>87,790</u>
<u>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>- 18,119</u>	<u>10,530</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 2021</u>	43,122	32,592
Excess of receipts over payments	- 18,119	10,530
Capital gain not realised	-	-
Transfer between funds	-	-
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022</u>	<u>25,003</u>	<u>43,122</u>

THE CELLAR CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st December 2022

GENERAL FUND

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Tax efficient Offerings	54,974		51,117	
Income tax recovered	9,320		8,209	
Offerings	7,350		2,500	
MTAS takings	31,135		18,539	
Mission	6,479		157	
Other donations	1,246	110,504	17,798	98,320
Activities		-		-
		110,504		98,320
Total receipts				
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
<u>Ministerial</u>				
Stipend (inc tax, NI, pension & expenses)	57,828		45,179	
Visiting preachers	420	58,248	200	45,379
<u>Missionary</u>				
Elders Meeting	100		-	
Community	1,290		902	
Support Fund	1,093		220	
MTAS expenses	30,824		24,971	
MTAS wages	16,858		6,617	
Kenyan Baby Centre	520			
Ukraine Donation	6,000	56,686		32,710
<u>Premises</u>				
Hire of Town Hall	4,170		2,339	
Ellesmere Rangers	55		50	
Insurance	434		451	
Property Expenses	361			
CCPAS	267	5,287	230	3,070
<u>Activities</u>				
Sunday School/Junior Church	26		-	
Youth (Foundry)			904	
Alpha			-	
Mens/Womens Ministry	633		654	
Christmas Meal	1,718	2,376		1,558
<u>General</u>				
Stationary & publicity	397		131	
Online Services & Zoom	818			
Conferences attended	230		-	
Tech Group	634			
Music Group	425		792	
Tech team	-		754	
Legal & professional expenses	876		786	
Reimbursement of travel	135		-	
Service refreshments	978		39	
Sundry expenses	98			
Depreciation	1,435	6,026	2,571	5,073
		128,622		87,790
Total payments				
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS over RECEIPTS		- 18,119		10,530
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		43,122		32,592
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£25,003		£43,122

THE CELLAR CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
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				
TSB Bank		23,914		40,383
Natwest Bank		874		1,361
Cash in hand		<u>11</u>	<u>24,799</u>	<u>8</u>
				41,752
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>£ 25,003</u>	<u>£43,122</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Richard Ellis Chairman



Jean Davies Treasurer



The Cellar Church
YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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 2021	6,872	1,065	1,830	9,767
Additions		269		269
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Cost at 31st December 2022	6,872	1,334	1,830	10,036
Depreciation at 31st December 2021	5,695	1,064	1,638	8,397
Charge on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	1,176	68	191	1,435
Depreciation at 31st December 2022	6,871	1,132	1,829	9,832
Net book value at 31st December 2022	1	202	1	204
Net book value at 31st December 2021	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 4 employees in the period.(2021 - 3)