

Life Community Church Storrington

England & Wales · Charity number 1172456

Details

Other names THE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-04-06

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY SHALL BE:• TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY, GATHERING IN PUBLIC OR AT OTHER TIMES FOR TEACHING OF THE BIBLE, WORSHIP AND PRAISE, EVANGELISM, STUDY, PRAYER, CHILD AND YOUTH WORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICE;• TO RELIEVE POVERTY BOTH IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS BY ANY MEANS SUCH AS GIFTS, DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS, LOANS AND ADVANCES WITH OR WITHOUT INTEREST;• TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: Weekly Sunday services open to the public3 Prayer meetings per month open to the publicSupport of mission workers overseasCharitable assistance locally on an ad hoc basis to persons in need

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£286,653	£316,743	-	-
2024-04-30	£315,406	£308,709	-	-
2023-04-30	£269,195	£288,318	-	-
2022-04-30	£273,626	£268,421	-	-
2021-04-30	£606,312	£186,740	£489,796	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Timothy John Burr	Chair	2018-05-14
Frans de Boer		2025-04-02
John Harvey		2025-06-04
PETER ROBERT VERHEUL		2017-04-06

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

Life Community Church Storrington

Charity registration number: 1172456

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Peter Verheul Stuart Spinney (resigned 2 April 2025) Dr Bonnie Tse (resigned 8 May 2024) Tim Burr, Chair Frans De Boer (appointed 2 April 2025) John Harvey (appointed 2 April 2025) Paul Sachs (appointed 8 May 2024 and resigned 31 May 2025)
Charity Registration Number	1172456
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Objectives and activities

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Life Community Church Storrington is a registered charity, number 1172456, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Organisational structure

The charity is overseen by the trustees listed on page 1. The day to day running of the church fellowship is overseen by six elders and four deacons.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objects and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith by, but not exclusively by, gathering in public or at other times for teaching of the Bible, worship and praise, evangelism, study, prayer, child and youth work and community service;
- To relieve poverty both in the UK and overseas by any means such as gifts, donations, contributions, loans and advances with or without interest;
- To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the Charity as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The trustees view the activities of Life Community Church to be aligned with its charitable objectives and to be delivering well against those objectives.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Life Community Church in Storrington has continued to grow and serve the needs of the community through the reporting period. The church meets every Sunday at the Storrington Leisure Centre for a 90-minute Christian service that includes musical worship, preaching, and prayer. In addition, there are various activities for youth and children.

The Sunday service is open to everyone in the community. The church warmly welcomes individuals from all walks of life and backgrounds. It embraces each person as they are and actively supports them in learning to follow Jesus Christ and in their daily lives. The church aims to create a family-like atmosphere for all attending.

In addition to the Sunday service, the church operates a café, shop, and meeting space in the town centre of Storrington, providing community support across various areas while maintaining a strong emphasis on Christian teachings.

During the week, church members gather in smaller groups for prayer and Bible study. The church also organises larger events, such as weekends of Christian fellowship, trips to Christian youth camps, and special days aimed at supporting the local community.

Furthermore, the church engages in supporting projects both in the UK and abroad.

Sunday Service

The church gathers every Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Leisure Centre in Storrington for a 90-minute service, with an average attendance of around 130 people. After general announcements for the church community, the Sunday service moves into collective worship, supported by the church's musicians. There follows a Christian message delivered by different speakers from the church, the main speaker being Church Minister Nathanael Edwards, while other church members contribute from time to time. Once a month, the congregation participates in a communion service, sharing bread and wine.

During the service, children and youth have their own separate activities, over a period of one hour. At the end of each service, refreshments are served for all present. The seating, sound equipment, refreshments, and children's activity areas are all set up before the service begins, and taken down afterwards.

Ministries

The Church ran one *Alpha Course* this year. The course was open to anyone, and enabled the participants to explore questions about life, faith and meaning. There were nine attendees, eight of whom completed the course and then continued their exploration of the Christian faith by joining Church home groups.

The *Lord's Larder* ministry prepared food parcels for individuals against their specific needs. People were referred by church members, schools and the wider community. About three people were helped per month under this scheme, with more at Christmas.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

The *Lunch Club* is a collaboration between the four churches of Storrington. Each month approximately 60 people were given a two course Sunday lunch, with transport provided for those who needed it. People who joined the lunch were often lonely, unable to cook for themselves, or might be dealing with health-related challenges. In December 2024, we hosted a full Christmas lunch, and also facilitated a Christmas Day meal for 42 guests.

Teaching. Instruction from the Bible is a central aspect of the church's activities. One of the primary teaching opportunities occurs during the Sunday service, where teaching typically lasts between 30 and 45 minutes. Most of these sessions are led by Nathanael Edwards, the Church Minister. Elders, deacons, and visiting speakers also contribute.

Prayer Meetings The church places a high importance on prayer and has dedicated meetings for this purpose. These included the Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, as well as Monday and Tuesday meetings focused on healing and prayer for missions.

High Street Outreach

The Village Hub

The church owns a small former shop located on the high street of Storrington, which serves as a meeting place during the week. This facility, called 'The Village Hub', includes a meeting room for small group discussions, an office for church staff, a kitchen, a prayer room, and a small shop offering coffee, sandwiches, cakes, and locally sourced items.

The Village Hub is run by a dedicated team of church volunteers, who work to make a positive impact on people's lives. The café offers a variety of refreshments, from locally roasted coffee to handmade sandwiches, while our gift shop features products crafted by local artisans. We prioritise supporting our local economy and have built strong relationships across the South Downs. Our stock is ethical, sustainable, and charity-focused where possible. We aim to create a comfortable environment where people can relax and socialise. There are always two staff members on shift to provide a listening ear and companionship.

In The Village Hub, we offer a range of activities to engage the local community.

Our *Baby Club* has successfully transitioned its first group of babies to age-appropriate programmes while continually welcoming new mothers and babies. Feedback has been positive, highlighting the importance of providing a calm and intimate environment for new and first-time mothers.

Our weekly *In Stitches* group creates a space for socialising and bonding through knitting, crochet, and other stitching activities. We created blankets, jumpers, and clothing items sent to Eden Farm in Zambia, as well as donations to the local Family Support Unit. We also produced a large number of crocheted and knitted poppies, raising the highest amount for the Poppy Appeal among all local retailers. Several members assisted local children aged 5-11 to undertake knitting and stitching projects at a craft afternoon. The group is sociable and welcomes newcomers, with seasonal parties fostering new friendships. A bi-monthly group for home-schooling families meets at the Hub for games, social time and connection with peers.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

We also host a weekly group for seniors, providing social support and fostering friendships that extend beyond our meetings. Many participants lack nearby family, making us a valuable support network. We offer meals, gardening assistance, cleaning, and shopping help, especially after hospital stays. Monthly High Tea events remain popular, and we also ran several fish and chip lunches. We celebrate birthdays, organise outings, and hosted two well-attended beach trips.

Over the past year, we have strengthened our local connections, enabling us better to support individuals with specific needs. The local surgery refers people to us for support, whether it's advice on benefits, finding practical support, or connecting with local agencies.

Besides we collaborate with various groups, such as *Liaise at Frontline*, to provide free debt and benefits advice. In the year, they facilitated debt relief orders for four clients, leading to over £83,500 being written off, and two more in progress at the end of the financial year. They had 49 debt cases and 29 benefit cases, including 13 benefit applications.

Our community engagement continued with popular events like *'Meet the Author,'* where local authors discuss their books and interact with residents. Our free monthly computer sessions were in high demand, especially among older residents needing support with iPads, smartphones, and online tasks such as shopping. Additionally, we collaborate to provide a repair café, offering free clothing and electrical repairs to reduce waste and extend the life of well-loved items. During school holidays, our free children's activities have included pottery, watercolour painting, and crafting, providing creative outlets for kids.

Our annual free Christmas event saw 150 children visit Father Christmas and Mrs. Claus, receive gifts, participate in various crafts, and enjoy take-home cookies, together with interactive storytelling of the Nativity. This event is a highlight of our year and continues to grow in popularity.

The shop

The shop began trading on 22 May 2021. Within the retail offer, the aim is to stock items that support charitable causes, are ethically and sustainably produced, or are made by local artists. A small range of Christian literature is also held for sale. The café, within the shop, aims to provide a setting where church and community can encounter one another on equal terms. Trade is not limited, however, to items directly serving the objects of the charity, and the Trustees recognise that such trading activity should not be at the expense of charitable funds. For the year to 30 April 2025, the net value of shop sales (less cost of goods sold) was £21,869, most of which was absorbed by staff costs of £18,512. Other costs, both direct running costs of the shop itself, plus its share of general Village Hub overheads, amounted to £3,141. The total of staff and other costs, at £21,653, was within the net value of sales, so there was no call on charitable funds.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Love Storrington

Our annual 'Love Storrington' event, held over one week during the summer, has continued to grow since 2023. There has been litter picking each day, a fish and chip supper for the seniors, and a one day "fun on the green" event focused on free family fun, showing the love of God and fostering community involvement. This included carnival games, bouncy castles, crafts, live music, candy floss, popcorn, and much more. A day from which hundreds of people from the community benefited, supported by a great team of volunteers from the church.

Youth and Children's activities

In advancing the faith, the Church puts much emphasis on providing for children and young people, from earliest years through to senior school age. The scope of this work can be seen from the successive age classes served by this ministry in the year under review, as below.

Sunday Church Groups

Sparks (0 Years - Reception): This age group included 15-18 children, along with leaders and helpers. Numbers fluctuated throughout the year.

Fireworks (Year 1-3): There were 15 children in this age group, now separated from the Sparks group, as growing numbers have made for greater flexibility in accommodating a range of early learning styles.

Rockets (Year 4-6): There were 20 children in this age group, meeting in the Leisure Centre's football club hall. It has provided an excellent opportunity for the older primary children (KS2) to be able to dive deeper into their faith, the Bible and learn much more than when they were mixed with the KS1 children.

Wildfires (Youth) - Year 7-9: This group consisted of 25 children, utilising the cricket pavilion at the Leisure Centre (and at The Village Hub in summer, when the Cricket Club were using the facilities). This group is led by dedicated volunteers.

Furnace Fires Youth (Year 10+): Introduced 2 years ago, this group has worked well, typically consisting of up to 12 youth. The need for it became clear as our youth grew older and required a more mature, Bible-focused setting. To foster a sense of belonging within the church family, they attend the public service in the main hall for its full worship session. The group is supported by appropriate leaders and helpers.

Set the Fire monthly youth services

(Year 7+) These monthly youth services were introduced in January 2025, and take place at the Village Hall in Storrington. They are an opportunity for the youth to grow in their faith, meet with their friends, pray, worship and learn together. They share a breakfast together from 9.30am, then singing, teaching and fellowship until 11.45am. This format has been a real success, and many of the youth bring non-Christian friends along too. (Average group size each month 25-30).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Friday Night Groups

Rockets Kids Club (6.30 p.m. - 7:45p.m. - Year 3-6): Monthly - first of the month. The number of children attending this group varies from month to month. Most of the participants come from the local area, and we offer this group for free. Some children from the church also attend.

Youth Group (6.30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Year 7+): Attendance for this group has been popular all year round with the youth participating on Friday evenings. We mainly have in attendance the church youth, with some from the local community and our church youth bringing friends along. We meet every week, term time, except the first of the month which is when the kid's club meets. We have socials throughout the year, such as bowling, "wide games", film nights, swimming, and the like.

Camps

NewDay: In the summer, a group of 36 from the Church attended the NewDay Christian Youth Conference. The event was well received by the young people who attended, and the impact on each participant was clear to see.

Set the Fire Awayday: Building on the popularity of the monthly youth service, the four leaders decided to host an Awayday. 30 youth attended, together with one child from the local community, for a day growing together in fellowship, worship, and applying God's word to their lives.

Toddler Group

Friday Sparks: This group meets at the Leisure Centre every Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who help with setup, cleanup, and support during the sessions. The group has continued to grow, with over 100 parents, caregivers, grandparents, and children attending each week. Monty, the orange puppet, remains hugely popular, allowing us to share Bible stories and convey the gospel message in a fun and engaging way for both children and adults. Another leader has taken charge of the weekly crafts related to the Bible story, aligning them with our Sunday Sparks activities to maximise resource efficiency. Overall, it is a successful and well-loved group, families travelling large distances to be there. We hold an annual Christmas party for the children, which sells out every year and is highly popular.

School Assemblies: our Associate Pastor leads school assemblies in the local area at a range of primary schools throughout the year, fostering relationships with these schools.

Safeguarding

This year has seen a growth in the life of the church in many areas and so the safeguarding policies and practices in place have continued to be improved. LCCS is a member of www.thirtyone:eight.org who are experts in safeguarding standards. This is an invaluable resource and support, equipping us with training, accountability and advice.

The priorities of safeguarding continue, with updating and reviewing the policies, training of volunteers, managing teamwork, record keeping, maintaining regular communication, recruitment, and responding to any safeguarding concerns.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

As the various children and youth groups change and grow the safeguarding practices continue to be monitored and updated. Practices put in place last year continue to work well, including t-shirts identifying kid and youth workers, safe use of toilets in a public shared building, data for outreach groups such as youth club and toddler group stored online, updating details on the information board that is used for the regular weekly children and youth work, both on Sunday and Friday.

This year we have seen the improved signing in of children to their groups and the collecting of children with their card numbers working efficiently. The register now has photos of children regularly attending in a file so they can be identified easily, and also a log book which is filled in each week with any feedback from the session or concerns. This is helpful for the various leaders involved and the youth leaders to have an overview. The Sunday babies and toddler group have had a new form to fill in for parents giving permission for any nappy or potty help required.

There is now a new monthly Church youth service 'Set the Fire' held at a different venue to the local Leisure Centre in which the Church normally meets. This is catered for with the correct ratio of leaders to youth and good communication with parents concerning the drop off and collection.

End of year meetings have happened with all children and youth group leaders. This ensures good communication to review the year, look at how effective the teaching resources and material have been, to share any issues and to look ahead to forthcoming changes.

The NewDay camp in July is now a regular event that has grown in the number of young people signing up to go from the church. Safeguarding practices include taking individuals that are known to the youth leaders and attend church youth meetings. As the leaders are responsible for them during the week, it is important they have a relationship with the family, and know their expectations. Communication is key with the parents and this has been done through email, zoom meetings and a WhatsApp group. A letter is read and signed by both the parent and young person agreeing to their code of conduct. Communication with the youth at the camp is done through daily meetings and a WhatsApp group, allowing them greater independence and freedom.

Health and Safety / First Aid

Risk assessments were conducted for events and for The Village Hub. All staff members received training in fire warden duties, manual handling, and desktop assessments. Additionally, eyesight tests are available to all staff.

Resources

Staffing

During the year under review, the charity employed an assistant Minister and an outreach coordinator, both full-time, and four part-time workers: a Minister, a youth worker, an administrator, and an administrative assistant.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Financial review

For the year as a whole, the charity registered a deficit of £30,090 (2023-24: surplus of £6,697). The deficit is explained by the receipt, at the very end of 2023-24, of a single donation of £30,000 to support salary costs in 2024-25. The 2024-25 accounts thus have these salary costs, but not the supporting income, booked to the previous year.

Policy on reserves

The charity aims to maintain reserves adequate to continue its charitable operations. It is not however the Trustees' policy to seek to build reserves against asset depreciation. Major refurbishment or renewal is to be addressed by raising funds restricted to those ends, as with the acquisition and refurbishment of the Village Hub outreach centre. At the end of the year the total unrestricted reserves carried forward amounted to £450,164 (2024: £475,256). There is a further aim of maintaining cash balances equivalent to three months' expenditure.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 7 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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Tim Burr
Trustee

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Community Church Storrington for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Life Community Church Storrington you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since Life Community Church Storrington's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Life Community Church Storrington as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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G W Schulz FCMA
Independent Examiners Ltd

7 January 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	208,076	10,830	218,906	258,027
Charitable activities	3	17,720	-	17,720	9,763
Other trading activities	4	47,586	-	47,586	45,607
Investment income	5	<u>2,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,441</u>	<u>2,009</u>
Total income		<u>275,823</u>	<u>10,830</u>	<u>286,653</u>	<u>315,406</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	47,370	-	47,370	41,488
Charitable activities	7	<u>253,545</u>	<u>15,828</u>	<u>269,373</u>	<u>267,221</u>
Total expenditure		<u>300,915</u>	<u>15,828</u>	<u>316,743</u>	<u>308,709</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(25,092)</u>	<u>(4,998)</u>	<u>(30,090)</u>	<u>6,697</u>
Net movement in funds		(25,092)	(4,998)	(30,090)	6,697
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>475,256</u>	<u>7,319</u>	<u>482,575</u>	<u>475,878</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>450,164</u>	<u>2,321</u>	<u>452,485</u>	<u>482,575</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	<u>367,761</u>	<u>376,156</u>
		<u>367,761</u>	<u>376,156</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	5,451	7,398
Debtors	13	10,967	11,862
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>70,850</u>	<u>87,843</u>
		87,268	107,103
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(2,544)</u>	<u>(684)</u>
Net current assets		<u>84,724</u>	<u>106,419</u>
Net assets		<u>452,485</u>	<u>482,575</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		2,321	7,319
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>450,164</u>	<u>475,256</u>
Total funds	16	<u>452,485</u>	<u>482,575</u>

The financial statements on pages 12 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 7 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Tim Burr
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Life Community Church Storrington meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025 (CONTINUED)

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	25% on cost

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025 (CONTINUED)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	174,648	10,830	185,478	225,502
Gift aid reclaimed	33,428	-	33,428	32,525
	<u>208,076</u>	<u>10,830</u>	<u>218,906</u>	<u>258,027</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Events	17,682	-	17,682	9,763
Lettings	38	-	38	-
	<u>17,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,720</u>	<u>9,763</u>

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total 2024 £
Trading income;				
Shop sales	47,586	-	47,586	45,607
	<u>47,586</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,586</u>	<u>45,607</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,441	-	2,441	2,009
	<u>2,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,441</u>	<u>2,009</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Costs of goods sold		25,717	25,717	23,138
Shop running costs		1,639	1,639	1,837
Attributable costs		1,502	1,502	1,108
Depreciation		-	-	930
Staff Costs	10	18,512	18,512	14,475
		<u>47,370</u>	<u>47,370</u>	<u>41,488</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Events		14,275	-	14,275	13,300
Gatherings		14,505	-	14,505	15,177
Local outreach		8,092	1,909	10,001	10,126
Missions	8	22,000	2,785	24,785	34,409
Other gift expense	8	-	-	-	200
Pastoral care	8	3,973	-	3,973	5,610
Premises and administration	10	55,519	-	55,519	46,973
Training and teaching	10	45,910	26	45,936	41,020
The Village Hub	10	2,503	6,750	9,253	18,744
Ukraine response	8	-	4,358	4,358	6,804
Youth and children	10	75,449	-	75,449	58,799
Independent examination		936	-	936	900
Depreciation		10,383	-	10,383	15,159
		<u>253,545</u>	<u>15,828</u>	<u>269,373</u>	<u>267,221</u>

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Mission support and missionary gifts	<u>10,725</u>	<u>14,140</u>	<u>22,051</u>	<u>22,848</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	142,601	129,374
Social security costs	6,922	5,281
Pension costs	7,979	7,279
	<u>157,502</u>	<u>141,934</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Employees	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 May 2024	403,573	32,070	435,643
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,988</u>	<u>1,988</u>
At 30 April 2025	<u>403,573</u>	<u>34,058</u>	<u>437,631</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2024	32,113	27,374	59,487
Charge for the year	<u>8,071</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>10,383</u>
At 30 April 2025	<u>40,184</u>	<u>29,686</u>	<u>69,870</u>
Net book value			
At 30 April 2025	<u>363,389</u>	<u>4,372</u>	<u>367,761</u>
At 30 April 2024	<u>371,460</u>	<u>4,696</u>	<u>376,156</u>

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12 Stock

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stocks	<u>5,451</u>	<u>7,398</u>

13 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	1,068	1,075
Accrued income	<u>9,899</u>	<u>10,787</u>
	<u>10,967</u>	<u>11,862</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	2,148	-
Other creditors	-	324
Accruals	<u>396</u>	<u>360</u>
	<u>2,544</u>	<u>684</u>

15 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £7,979 (2024 - £7,279).

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16 Funds

	Balance at 1 May 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2025 £
Current year				
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	475,256	275,823	(300,915)	450,164
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	500	2,720	(2,720)	500
Lord's Larder	674	1,235	(1,909)	-
Specific gifts	-	65	(65)	-
Outreach co-ordinator	-	6,750	(6,750)	-
The Village Hub	-	-	1,189	1,189
Life Community Ministries	30	40	(26)	44
Ukraine	6,115	20	(5,547)	588
	<u>7,319</u>	<u>10,830</u>	<u>(15,828)</u>	<u>2,321</u>
Total funds	<u>482,575</u>	<u>286,653</u>	<u>(316,743)</u>	<u>452,485</u>
				Balance at 30 April 2024 £
Prior year	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	462,330	277,661	(264,735)	475,256
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	-	3,220	(2,720)	500
Lord's Larder	407	1,470	(1,203)	674
Specific gifts	-	110	(110)	-
Missions collections	-	4,340	(4,340)	-
Outreach co-ordinator	-	27,000	(27,000)	-
Life Community Ministries	42	1,605	(1,617)	30
Ukraine	13,099	-	(6,984)	6,115
	<u>13,548</u>	<u>37,745</u>	<u>(43,974)</u>	<u>7,319</u>
Total funds	<u>475,878</u>	<u>315,406</u>	<u>(308,709)</u>	<u>482,575</u>

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	367,761	-	367,761
Current assets	84,947	2,321	87,268
Current liabilities	<u>(2,544)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,544)</u>
Total net assets	<u>450,164</u>	<u>2,321</u>	<u>452,485</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	376,156	-	376,156
Current assets	99,784	7,319	107,103
Current liabilities	<u>(684)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(684)</u>
Total net assets	<u>475,256</u>	<u>7,319</u>	<u>482,575</u>

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

Life Community Church Storrington

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Objectives and activities

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Life Community Church Storrington is a registered charity, number 1172456, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Organisational structure

The charity is overseen by the trustees listed on page 1. The day to day running of the church fellowship is overseen by five elders and seven deacons.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objects and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith by, but not exclusively by, gathering in public or at other times for teaching of the Bible, worship and praise, evangelism, study, prayer, child and youth work and community service;
- To relieve poverty both in the UK and overseas by any means such as gifts, donations, contributions, loans and advances with or without interest;
- To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the Charity as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The trustees view the activities of Life Community Church to be aligned with its charitable objectives and to be delivering well against those objectives.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Overview

Life Community Church in Storrington has continued to grow and serve the needs of the community throughout the reporting period. The church meets every Sunday at the Storrington Leisure Centre for a 90-minute Christian service that includes musical worship, preaching, and prayer. In addition, there are various activities for youth and children.

The Sunday service is open to everyone in the community. The church warmly welcomes individuals from all walks of life and backgrounds. It embraces each person as they are and actively supports them on their journey toward Jesus Christ and in their daily lives. The church aims to create a family-like atmosphere for all attending.

In addition to the Sunday service, the church operates a café, shop, and meeting space in the town center of Storrington, providing community support across various areas while maintaining a strong emphasis on Christian teachings.

During the week, church members gather in smaller groups for prayer and Bible study. The church also organizes larger events, such as weekends of Christian fellowship, trips to Christian youth camps, and special days aimed at supporting the local community.

Furthermore, the church engages in supporting projects both in the UK and abroad.

Sunday Service

The church gathers every Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Leisure Centre in Storrington for a 90-minute service, with an average attendance of around 120 people.

The Sunday service begins with a time of worship, led by the church's musicians and supported by a technical team, alongside general announcements for the church community. This is followed by a Christian message delivered by different speakers from the church, with the main speaker being Church Minister Nathanael Edwards. Other church members also contribute from time to time.

Once a month, the congregation participates in a communion service that involves sharing bread and wine.

During the service, children and youth have their own separate activities that last for one hour.

At the end of each service, tea and coffee are served to the attendees. The seating, sound equipment, refreshments, and children's activity areas are all set up before the service begins and are taken down afterward.

Youth and Children's activities

Sunday Church Groups

Sparks (0 Years - Reception/Year 1): This age group included 10 children, along with leaders and helpers.

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Fireworks (Year 1/2 - Year 5): There were 20 to 25 children in this age group. The leaders provided appropriate content tailored to the children's varying levels.

Wildfires (Youth - Year 6-8): This group consisted of 20 children, and they utilized the cricket pavilion at the Leisure Centre. During the summer season, they also met at The Village Hub when the cricket club used the facilities. This group is led by dedicated volunteers.

Furnace Fires Youth (Year 9+): Introduced last year, this group has seen success, typically consisting of up to 10 youth. The need for this group became clear as our youth grew older and required a more mature, Bible-focused setting. They feel a strong sense of belonging within the service and the church family, as they are allowed to remain for the entire worship session. We have excellent leaders and helpers in this group, ensuring we are well-supported for the upcoming year.

Friday Night Groups

Kids Club (6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Year 3-5): The number of children attending this group varies from week to week. Most of the participants come from the local area, as we offer this group for free. Some children from the church also attend.

Youth Group (7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Year 6+): Attendance for this group has fluctuated over the year; however, we have recently seen an increase in the number of youth participating on Friday evenings.

Additional activities.

CAMPS:

NEWDAY: In the summer, a group of thirteen youth and four adults attended the NewDay Christian Youth Conference. The event was a success for all the participants and is expected to grow in the coming years.

Easter Camp: An Easter camp was held at Pulborough Primary School as an outreach event, primarily attracting children from the local area.

MORE:

Friday Sparks - Toddler Group: This group meets at the Leisure Centre every Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who help with setup, cleanup, and support during the sessions. The group has grown, with over 100 parents, caregivers, grandparents, and children attending each week. Recently, we introduced "Monty," the orange puppet, who is operated by two leaders. Monty has become quite popular, allowing us to share Bible stories and convey the gospel message in a fun and engaging way for both children and adults. Additionally, another leader has taken charge of the weekly crafts related to the Bible story, which align with our Sunday Sparks activities to maximize resource efficiency. Overall, it is a successful and beloved group.

Tuesday Youth Bible Study: This group meets biweekly at the Village Hub for a Bible study led by two leaders. Up to 10 youth attend, engaging in valuable, in-depth studies tailored to their age group.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Steyning Grammar School - Rock Road Christian Union: Nick Peebles, our Associate Minister, led this group at the school once a week for Year 7 and 8 students on a rotating schedule. There was an increase in student engagement with the Christian Union, which met on Tuesdays at Steyning Grammar Rock Road. The group grew to include a regular attendance of sixteen students. A variety of topics were covered and the group began supporting a charity with a Christian ethos called Life Support. It was encouraging to see the growth and engagement from the students, who recently raised £300 for the charity during an event they organized at lunchtime. Additionally, as a church, we conducted worship assemblies at local secondary and primary schools.

Ministries

This section covers the wide range of church activities that take place during the week, away from the Sunday Service.

The Church ran Alpha courses on a regular basis, these courses are open to anyone and explore questions about life, faith and meaning. During this period, two courses for adults were completed with a total of 14 attendees, and one course for youth completed with 10 attendees.

The Women Together ministry met for monthly breakfast sessions with speakers and a longer conference day once a year also with speakers and times of worship. This ministry also provided a monthly written encouragement piece for members.

The Lord's Larder ministry prepared food parcels for individuals against their specific needs (e.g. Nappies for young mothers). People were referred by church members, schools and the wider community. Approximately three people were helped per month under this scheme with more at Christmas.

The church ran a marriage course based on the material from HTB church. It ran over 7 evening sessions and five couples attended.

The Lunch Club is a collaboration between the four churches of Storrington. Each month approximately 60 people were given a two course Sunday lunch with transport provided for those that need it. People who joined the lunch were often lonely, unable to cook for themselves or may have mental health issues.

The Men's Ministry was involved with 12 events and activities. These ranged from Light Night socials, Going Deeper Bible studies, making and serving breakfast for a Women's breakfast and our inaugural Men Together conference at Dalesdown last September. Study sessions have been a mix of character studies on Jonah and Samson, and thematic studies on Forgiveness and the Heart of Worship. Each session averaged about 20 per meeting. Our first Men Together conference had 35 men join us.

And finally, birthday cards are provided for regular attendees of the church.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Teaching

Teaching the Word of Jesus from the Bible is a central aspect of the church's activities. One of the primary teaching opportunities occurs during the Sunday service, where teachings typically last between 30 and 45 minutes. These sessions are led by Nathaniel Edwards, the church minister, and are shared with elders, deacons, and visiting speakers.

During this reporting period, the church has hosted a monthly meeting called 'Vital,' where members gather to hear the Word of God and engage in worship. Additionally, the church holds an 'In His Presence' evening every three months, which is an extended time of worship open to all local churches.

GIFT groups (Growing in Faith Together) provide church members with a mid-week opportunity to meet in a home setting. There are seven small groups, each typically consisting of five to ten people. These gatherings have fostered deeper friendships within the church family as they explore the Bible together. Encouraging studies have included topics such as Hearing from God as we read His Word, the Kingship of Jesus, and God's Grace. GIFT groups also feature social evenings, prayer, and worship, making them an excellent venue for getting to know a few people more intimately. One of these groups, called 'Mum's the Word,' specifically caters to mothers and babies.

Moreover, the church organizes teaching evenings focused on various Biblical topics and contemporary issues that Christians wish to understand in the context of Scripture. These sessions, known as 'Grow' and 'What About,' are led by experienced teachers within the church.

Prayer Meetings

The church places a high importance on prayer and held dedicated meetings for this purpose. These included the Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, as well as Monday and Tuesday meetings focused on healing and prayer for missions.

High Street Outreach

The church owns a small former shop located on the high street of Storrington, which serves as a meeting place during the week. This facility, called The Village Hub, includes a meeting room for small group discussions, an office for church staff, a kitchen, a prayer room, and a small shop offering coffee, sandwiches, cakes, and locally sourced items.

As an organization, we are committed to serving the people of Storrington in any way we can, providing practical assistance and connecting individuals with organizations better equipped to offer specific support. The Village Hub plays a vital role in our local community, a sentiment echoed by many residents.

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The Village Hub consists of a gift shop, café, and community space. Our café offers a variety of goods, from locally roasted coffee to handmade sandwiches, while our gift shop features artisan products crafted by local makers. We prioritize supporting our local economy and have built strong relationships across the South Downs. Our stock is ethical, sustainable, and charity-focused whenever possible. We aim to create a comfortable environment where people can relax and socialize. There are always two staff members on shift to provide a listening ear and companionship, addressing one of the community's greatest needs.

In The Village Hub, we offer a range of activities to engage the local community. Our Baby Club has successfully transitioned its first group of babies to age-appropriate programs while continually welcoming new mothers and babies. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the importance of providing a calm and intimate environment for new and first-time mothers. We also run a weekly In Stitches group, which creates a space for socializing and bonding through knitting, crochet, and other stitching activities. This year, we collaborated on decorating tote bags sold to benefit Life Support Ministries and created blankets, jumpers, and clothing items sent to Zambia as well as donated to the local Family Support Unit. Several members are knitting limb socks for injured Ukrainian soldiers. The group is lively and sociable, with seasonal parties fostering new friendships.

The Bible Encounter group meets biweekly, offering a relaxed atmosphere for individuals to explore their faith and seek answers to their questions. This year's studies covered topics including King David in the Old Testament, an introduction to the Psalms, Nehemiah, and the Gospel of Mark. We discuss contemporary issues raised by scripture, deepening our understanding of faith in today's world.

We also host a weekly group for seniors, providing social support and fostering friendships that extend beyond our meetings. Many participants lack nearby family, making us a valuable support network. We offer meals, gardening assistance, cleaning, and shopping help, especially after hospital stays. Our monthly High Tea is so popular it often has a waiting list. We celebrate birthdays, organize outings, and recently hosted a beach trip, which was greatly enjoyed by our seniors.

Additionally, we collaborate with various groups, such as Liaise at Frontline, to provide free debt and benefits advice. This year, they facilitated debt relief orders for four clients, successfully writing off their debts, and helped one client declare bankruptcy. They are preparing two additional debt relief orders and have assisted numerous clients with payment arrangements and benefit applications. The increasing reliance on food banks has led to the launch of the Pulborough Pantry, which quickly became busy and vital for low-income individuals struggling to survive.

In response to rising demand, and referrals from local doctors and healthcare providers, we have expanded our offerings. We now run a bereavement café that has been well-attended and beneficial.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

The Village Hub also hosts the Horsham Wellbeing Clinic, offering services such as alcohol and smoking cessation programs and health checks. We aim to start a mother and baby group with the NHS focused on breastfeeding support. Additionally, we collaborate to provide free monthly computer help sessions and a repair café, offering free clothing and electrical repairs to reduce waste and extend the life of beloved items. We have also hosted monthly surgeries with Horsham Councillors, allowing residents to ask questions and provide suggestions.

Our community engagement continues with popular events like 'Meet the Author,' where local authors discuss their books and interact with residents. During school holidays, our free children's activities have included pottery, watercolour painting, and crafting, providing creative outlets for kids.

The 'Love Storrington' event included litter picking, children's crafts, a seniors' fish and chip lunch, and a village treasure hunt, fostering community involvement.

Our annual free Christmas event saw 130 children visit Father Christmas and Mrs. Claus, receive gifts, participate in various crafts, and enjoy take-home cookies. This event is a highlight of our year and continues to grow in popularity.

The Village Hub remains a cornerstone of community support, continually adapting to meet the needs of Storrington residents and enriching local life through diverse and meaningful programs.

The shop

The shop began trading on 22 May 2021. Within the retail offer, the aim is to stock items that support charitable causes, are ethically and sustainably produced, or are made by local artists. A small range of Christian literature is also held for sale. The café, within the shop, aims to provide a setting where church and community can encounter one another on equal terms. Trade is not limited, however, to items directly serving the objects of the charity, and the Trustees recognise that such trading activity should not be at the expense of charitable funds. For the year to 30 April 2024, its third year, the shop made a surplus of £1,313 after attributable overheads (including depreciation of equipment) of £2,038. So there was no call on charitable funds. Going forward, the aim is that the shop at least contribute a market rent (some £5,000 a year) for the space it occupies within the Hub.

International Support

The church maintains connections with missionaries serving in various regions, including Africa (Holgar and Jilly Schein in South Africa, and Mary and Martin Barber in Madagascar), Asia, and Europe (David and Kellie Bentley in Spain, and Karen Pettit in France). Their work encompasses education, efforts to combat human trafficking, community development, and counseling. The church and its members contribute to support their missions.

Additionally, a monthly missionary prayer meeting keeps everyone informed about their activities and provides essential information for ongoing spiritual support and prayer.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Safeguarding

Policies and practices have been established to ensure the safety of children and youth work, as well as at The Village Hub. The church is a member of www.thirtyoneeight.org, an organization that specializes in safeguarding standards. This resource provides training, accountability, and support to help us maintain those standards. The safeguarding team consists of members who completed their "safeguarding leads" training in May 2024, and Nick Peebles (associate Minister) has recently renewed his lead safeguarding training.

Over the past year, several new practices have been implemented, including:

- More visible t-shirts for kid and youth workers.
- A review of the sign-in and collection methods for children.
- Enhanced safety measures for restroom use in a shared public building.
- Online storage of data for outreach groups, such as the youth club and toddler group.
- Team meetings hosted by Nick Peebles for each group to report and provide feedback.
- A new email address specifically for safeguarding matters within the church.
- Updates to the information board used for kids and youth activities on Sundays and Fridays.
- Communication to children and parents regarding the leaders of each group with a "who's who" guide.
- Policies uploaded to Google Cloud for secure and accessible storage.
- Email logging of safeguarding issues.

The training emphasized the importance of effective communication with the trustees.

Health and Safety / First Aid

In 2023, seven individuals were trained in "FAA Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work (RQS)." Risk assessments were conducted for events and for The Village Hub. All staff members received training in fire warden duties, manual handling, and desktop assessments. Additionally, eyesight tests are available to all staff.

Communication

The church utilizes various communication methods, including:

- A weekly email newsletter called 'In Touch,' which outlines upcoming activities, provides details about the Sunday service, and includes useful contact information for church members.
- A WhatsApp broadcast group for sharing ad-hoc information with the church community.
- Emails specifically for members of the weekly GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) groups.
- Spoken announcements during the Sunday service.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

- Social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram.
- Flyers for specific events, such as the Alpha course.
- Promotion of church events on local websites for broader outreach.

Staffing

During the year under review, the charity employed an assistant Minister and an outreach coordinator, both full-time, and four part-time workers: a Minister, a youth worker, an administrator, and an administrative assistant.

Financial review

During the year the charity made a surplus of £6,697 (2022-23: deficit of £19,123). The change between the two years is explained by the receipt at the year-end of a single donation of £30,000, to support salary costs in the following year (2024-25). Without that forward-looking donation, there would be a deficit of £23,303 for 2023-24. Most of this can however be attributed to depreciation of tangible fixed assets, amounting to a charge for the year of £16,089. It is not the Trustees' policy to seek to build reserves against asset depreciation, but rather to apply available funds to the Church's current charitable operations. (See reserves policy below.) Major refurbishment or renewal is to be addressed by raising funds restricted to those ends, as with the acquisition and refurbishment of the Village Hub outreach centre.

Policy on reserves

The charity aims to maintain reserves adequate to continue its charitable operations. At the end of the year the total unrestricted reserves carried forward amounted to £475,256 (2023: £462,330). There is a further aim of maintaining cash balances equivalent to three months' expenditure.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Tim Burr
Trustee

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Community Church Storrington for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Life Community Church Storrington you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since Life Community Church Storrington's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Life Community Church Storrington as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

.....
G W Schulz FCMA
Independent Examiners Ltd

17 December 2024

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	220,282	37,745	258,027	219,753
Charitable activities	3	9,763	-	9,763	4,529
Other trading activities	4	45,607	-	45,607	44,080
Investment income	5	<u>2,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,009</u>	<u>833</u>
Total income		<u>277,661</u>	<u>37,745</u>	<u>315,406</u>	<u>269,195</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	27,013	14,475	41,488	43,063
Charitable activities	7	<u>237,722</u>	<u>29,499</u>	<u>267,221</u>	<u>245,255</u>
Total expenditure		<u>264,735</u>	<u>43,974</u>	<u>308,709</u>	<u>288,318</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>12,926</u>	<u>(6,229)</u>	<u>6,697</u>	<u>(19,123)</u>
Net movement in funds		12,926	(6,229)	6,697	(19,123)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>462,330</u>	<u>13,548</u>	<u>475,878</u>	<u>495,001</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>475,256</u></u>	<u><u>7,319</u></u>	<u><u>482,575</u></u>	<u><u>475,878</u></u>

The notes on pages 15 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	<u>376,156</u>	<u>386,483</u>
		<u>376,156</u>	<u>386,483</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	7,398	5,233
Debtors	13	11,862	12,772
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>87,843</u>	<u>74,789</u>
		107,103	92,794
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(684)</u>	<u>(3,399)</u>
Net current assets		<u>106,419</u>	<u>89,395</u>
Net assets		<u><u>482,575</u></u>	<u><u>475,878</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		7,319	13,548
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>475,256</u>	<u>462,330</u>
Total funds	16	<u><u>482,575</u></u>	<u><u>475,878</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 13 to 25 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 17 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Tim Burr
Trustee

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Life Community Church Storrington meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	25% on cost

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	187,757	37,745	225,502	187,480
Gift aid reclaimed	32,525	-	32,525	32,273
	<u>220,282</u>	<u>37,745</u>	<u>258,027</u>	<u>219,753</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Events	9,763	-	9,763	4,326
Lettings	-	-	-	203
	<u>9,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,763</u>	<u>4,529</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total 2023 £
Trading income;				
Shop sales	45,607	-	45,607	44,080
	<u>45,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,607</u>	<u>44,080</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>2,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,009</u>	<u>833</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Costs of goods sold		23,138	-	23,138	25,663
Shop running costs		2,945	-	2,945	2,273
Depreciation		930	-	930	930
Staff Costs	10	<u>-</u>	<u>14,475</u>	<u>14,475</u>	<u>14,197</u>
		<u>27,013</u>	<u>14,475</u>	<u>41,488</u>	<u>43,063</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Events		13,300	-	13,300	8,922
Gatherings		15,177	-	15,177	12,781
Local outreach		8,923	1,203	10,126	8,298
Missions	8	25,722	8,687	34,409	32,403
Other gift expense	8	100	100	200	3,290
Pastoral care	8	5,610	-	5,610	10,985
Premises and administration	10	46,973	-	46,973	34,176
Training and teaching	10	41,020	-	41,020	36,900
The Village Hub	10	6,039	12,705	18,744	19,391
Ukraine response	8	-	6,804	6,804	18,025
Youth and children	10	58,799	-	58,799	45,526
Independent examination		900	-	900	840
Depreciation		15,159	-	15,159	13,718
		<u>237,722</u>	<u>29,499</u>	<u>267,221</u>	<u>245,255</u>

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions 2024 £	Grants to institutions 2023 £	Grants to individuals 2024 £	Grants to individuals 2023 £
Mission support and missionary gifts	<u>14,140</u>	<u>16,430</u>	<u>22,848</u>	<u>34,755</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	129,374	105,029
Social security costs	5,281	4,220
Pension costs	7,279	6,622
	<u>141,934</u>	<u>115,871</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Employees	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 May 2023	403,573	26,308	429,881
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>5,762</u>	<u>5,762</u>
At 30 April 2024	<u>403,573</u>	<u>32,070</u>	<u>435,643</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2023	24,042	19,356	43,398
Charge for the year	<u>8,071</u>	<u>8,018</u>	<u>16,089</u>
At 30 April 2024	<u>32,113</u>	<u>27,374</u>	<u>59,487</u>
Net book value			
At 30 April 2024	<u>371,460</u>	<u>4,696</u>	<u>376,156</u>
At 30 April 2023	<u>379,531</u>	<u>6,952</u>	<u>386,483</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

12 Stock

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stocks	<u>7,398</u>	<u>5,233</u>

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	1,075	1,246
Accrued income	<u>10,787</u>	<u>11,526</u>
	<u>11,862</u>	<u>12,772</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	79
Other taxation and social security	-	2,264
Other creditors	324	756
Accruals	<u>360</u>	<u>300</u>
	<u>684</u>	<u>3,399</u>

15 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £7,279 (2023 - £6,622).

Contributions totalling £507 (2023 - £756) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2024 £
Current year				
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	462,330	277,661	(264,735)	475,256
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	-	3,220	(2,720)	500
Lord's Larder	407	1,470	(1,203)	674
Specific gifts	-	110	(110)	-
Missions collections	-	4,340	(4,340)	-
Outreach co-ordinator	-	27,000	(27,000)	-
Life Community Ministries	42	1,605	(1,617)	30
Ukraine	13,099	-	(6,984)	6,115
	<u>13,548</u>	<u>37,745</u>	<u>(43,974)</u>	<u>7,319</u>
Total funds	<u>475,878</u>	<u>315,406</u>	<u>(308,709)</u>	<u>482,575</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 May 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2023 £
Prior year				
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	466,998	215,968	(220,636)	462,330
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	-	2,720	(2,720)	-
Lord's Larder	265	1,526	(1,384)	407
Specific gifts	-	12,570	(12,570)	-
Missions collections	1,492	2,555	(4,047)	-
Outreach co-ordinator	-	27,000	(27,000)	-
The Village Hub	137	530	(667)	-
Life Community Ministries	988	121	(1,067)	42
Settlement administrator	2,100	1,050	(3,150)	-
Ukraine	23,021	5,155	(15,077)	13,099
	<u>28,003</u>	<u>53,227</u>	<u>(67,682)</u>	<u>13,548</u>
Total funds	<u>495,001</u>	<u>269,195</u>	<u>(288,318)</u>	<u>475,878</u>

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (CONTINUED)

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	376,156	-	376,156
Current assets	99,784	7,319	107,103
Current liabilities	<u>(684)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(684)</u>
Total net assets	<u>475,256</u>	<u>7,319</u>	<u>482,575</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	386,483	-	386,483
Current assets	79,246	13,548	92,794
Current liabilities	<u>(3,399)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,399)</u>
Total net assets	<u>462,330</u>	<u>13,548</u>	<u>475,878</u>

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

Life Community Church Storrington

Charity registration number: 1172456

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LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Peter Verheul Stuart Spinney Dr Bonnie Tse Tim Burr, Chair
Charity Registration Number	1172456
Principal Office	Oakside West Chiltington Road Pulborough West Sussex RH20 2PR
Independent Examiner	G W Schulz ACMA Independent Examiners Ltd 2 Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham Chichester West Sussex PO18 8NF
Bankers	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling ME19 4JQ

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Objectives and activities

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Life Community Church Storrington is a registered charity, number 1172456, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Organisational structure

The charity is overseen by the trustees listed on page 1. The day to day running of the church fellowship is overseen by five elders and seven deacons.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objects and aims

The principal objective of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion, and related charitable purposes, both in our local community and through mission overseas.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

We have no permanent place of worship. Sunday gatherings for Christian worship, teaching and encouragement, together with age-group classes for children, are instead held in the local Leisure Centre. All are open to members of the public who wish to be there. At other times, activities are concentrated around High Street premises we own in the centre of Storrington, known as The Village Hub, from which we can better reach out to the local community, as detailed below. We also reach out to children and young people, with a youth group and a children's club, plus a well-attended toddler group for which again we use the Leisure Centre. Prayer meetings are held from week to week, along with other small group meetings.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

The Village Hub

These premises offer a range of facilities:

Ground floor

- a small, street-facing shop offering drinks and light refreshments, plus giftware, homeware, and personal items;
- to the rear, space for outreach activities, organised or informal, whereby people can connect with the church, learn more about it, and if they wish seek input from it;

Upstairs

- office and meeting space, on two floors.

Our vision in opening and running the Hub is to provide a place devoted to caring for, praying for, and serving the people of Storrington, and thus to play a significant role in our local community. It serves as a gift shop, cafe, and drop-in centre, fostering community engagement and providing support to individuals in need.

Overview of The Village Hub's Community Engagement and Services

We offer a diverse range of planned groups and activities tailored to all age groups. These activities aim to facilitate connections within the community and provide opportunities for personal growth and interaction. For instance, our stitching group has experienced steady growth over the past year, providing a platform for individuals to connect and engage in a shared activity. Additionally, our Bible Encounter group offers a relaxed environment where individuals can explore their faith and seek answers to their questions.

The Hub has also witnessed remarkable growth in our Baby Club, where parents with infants not only gather for group meetings but also extend their support to each other outside of formal sessions. This support network has been a significant source of encouragement and assistance for new parents. Furthermore, we are actively seeking a partnership with the NHS to establish a breastfeeding clinic, aiming to offer specialised support to new mothers.

In collaboration with Liaise, part of Frontline Debt Advice UK, we assist people facing financial challenges, with debt counselling, and with welfare benefit entitlement. Over the past year, we have experienced increased demand, with referrals coming from local doctors, healthcare providers, as well as individuals seeking advice. Thursdays are dedicated to these services, where appointments and drop-ins are accommodated.

The popularity of our Thursday Together group, including the sought-after High Tea events for older people, has led to a waiting list for the event, necessitating our exploration of partnerships to accommodate more attendees. Through these initiatives, we have not only provided social engagement but also extended practical assistance such as hospital transportation and food drop-offs for seniors in need.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

To address digital literacy challenges, we have introduced a monthly computer help session, offering support to individuals struggling with their phones or computers. This initiative has been well-received and has become a valuable resource within our community. Additionally, our monthly repair cafe has attracted individuals who lack the resources or skills to fix their possessions, providing them with a free service to restore and reuse items instead of purchasing new ones.

The Hub also serves as a venue for the Horsham Wellbeing clinic, enabling them to offer one-on-one support to clients who face difficulties accessing services in the Horsham District. They focus on addressing alcohol and smoking-related concerns, while also conducting MOT checks for the local community from our premises. Our reputation as a community resource has led to requests for speaking engagements at doctors' training days, where we share information about the services we offer and our partnerships with different organisations to support the local population.

The Lord's Larder, whereby the charity has for many years provided bespoke food parcels or food tokens to people in crisis, now operates from the Village Hub. It too gets referrals from the local surgery and elsewhere. We also try to work with our debt counselling provider to help clients get back on their feet.

The shop

The shop began trading on 22 May 2021. Within the retail offer, the aim is to stock items that support charitable causes, are ethically and sustainably produced, or are made by local artists. A small range of Christian literature is also held for sale. The café, within the shop, aims to provide a setting where church and community can encounter one another on equal terms. Trade is not limited, however, to items directly serving the objects of the charity, and the Trustees recognise that such trading activity should not be at the expense of charitable funds. For the year to 30 April 2023, its second year, the shop made a surplus of £1,017 after attributable overheads (including depreciation of equipment) of £1,849. So there was no call on charitable funds. Going forward, the aim is that the shop at least contribute a market rent (some £5,000 a year) for the space it occupies within the Hub.

Children and young people

Toddler Group

Over the year under review, we have continued with our Sparks toddler group, which meets every Friday morning during term time. This group has grown even more than last year. We have seen numbers regularly of 130 parents and children attending, with the highest on a regular session being 180 parents and toddlers in January. It has impacted the community by allowing young families to socialise and meet other parents and children. This interaction has been of real benefit to children going to school next year as, in some cases, this is the first sizable socialising environment they have ever been in. The height of popularity was at Christmas when we welcomed 200 parents and children to the Special Christmas party.

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During these sessions, we teach about a bible story and do a creative craft. We get multiple opportunities to build relationships with local parents and support their needs. Most of them are from outside the church community. Some have been coming to our Sunday morning creche, getting acquainted with our helpers there. During these Friday Sparks toddler sessions, we have had charities and organisations such as CAP Money, Liaise, and the Foodbank, come in and connect with the group. We have also had the District Council join us to advertise their local charitable resources accessible to the community.

Children's club

This last year we have been running a children's club once a week called Friday Fireworks. This session is a free club which is accessible to all who attend. We regularly have 25 children attending, including children from within the church and the wider local community. The Fireworks Children's Club has provided a service to children who may not otherwise be able to attend clubs and has given us, as a church, an excellent opportunity to serve and get to know these local families. A number of the families who are attending the firework kids club have heard about the group through the Friday Sparks toddler group.

In these sessions, we play games, have fun, enjoy times of teaching, and go over bible stories, looking at different elements of life. We started the year by doing a series which looked at the Great Characters of the Bible, followed by a series looking at the Parables of Jesus. When we looked at the great characters, we focused on the fact that they made mistakes just like we do and were still able to be used by God. We then moved on to a series looking at the Parables of Jesus, the importance of having God at the centre of our lives, and how that changes us to be people God can use. We have also run a free Easter camp over the first week of April, where we had 60 different children attend for four days from various settings. During this camp, we played games, did crafts and challenges focusing on the Easter Story. We have been able to make several outings during this calendar year as well, giving further opportunities for children who would not usually be able to go on such trips.

Youth Group

Over the year under review, we have run a Youth group called Wildfires, which meets every Friday in term time. Wildfires on Friday have been very successful, and we have a regular 30 to 40 attendees participating. Once again, these are a mix of local youth and youth from within our church, where we do a mix of games and teaching on various topics. We started the year by looking at Great Biblical Characters before doing a youth Alpha Course. We have continued doing our youth discipleship group, furnace fires, which meets monthly on a Tuesday evening. During these sessions, we regularly discuss who God is and his character with time to stop, pause and pray together.

This year we have also started a Christian Union in the local secondary school, which has seen us work closely with the school and create a great relationship. From this, they have asked us to come in and do additional events where we can and support them in what they are organising.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Overview

Over the last three years of the children and youth work, we have seen over 800 children attend our activities over all age groups. We have shared the Christian faith with the children, their parents, and other adults during this time. The work has created an opportunity to reach areas in the local community that we might have otherwise struggled to reach.

Inter-church outreach

Sunday Lunch club, run by four local churches including ours, organises a lunch every month, now catering for 56 people. For many it is the only time they have a home-cooked meal and time to chat with old and new friends. We regularly run a minibus to collect guests. As well, we are actively supporting the pop-in lunch on each Thursday of the month. Club members are also encouraged to go along to the High Tea at The Village Hub.

Overseas

Overseas we continued to support a number of external mission partners, including in France, Spain, South Africa, and Madagascar, where as part of their ministry two workers run a primary school. In Asia, partners are working to prevent human trafficking, including through education of young people at risk.

Ukraine

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we determined to raise money to help refugees from the conflict. Here in Storrington, we set up a local group 'South Downs Ukraine Response', to help find accommodation and offer practical support for Ukrainians wishing to find refuge in the UK. At The Village Hub we have hosted a weekly drop-in for Ukrainians and some other nationalities seeking advice or support as well as running English lessons, three days a week. We have given support to cover accommodation costs, taken new arrivals on local excursions, and helped with buying clothes and other essentials. Alongside our work here in the UK we have also offered support to a group working with Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

In the latter part of the year under review, we worked with West Sussex County Council and Horsham District Council to better serve the Ukrainians settling locally, assisting with second/third placements, getting them into private rentals, and also job seeking. In total this financial year we have spent just under £15,000 on supporting the UK response both here and abroad. We still have some £13,000 left in our Ukraine fund, which has been carried into 2023-24. We plan to use this for relief of Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Moldova, and Ukraine itself via local churches.

Other

During the year under review, the charity employed an assistant minister and an outreach co-ordinator, both full-time, and two part-time workers: an elder and an administrator.

The Trust is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Financial review

During the period the charity made a deficit of £19,123 (2021-22: surplus of £5,205). This amount is added to reserves of £495,001 brought forward from the previous year and therefore the closing reserves at the balance sheet date amount to £475,879.

In reviewing the deficit, the Trustees have noted that the main new factor in the year of account has been the provision (£13,718) for depreciation of recently acquired charitable assets, not balanced by new investment or capitalisation. Other factors account for just £5,404 of the deficit. It is not the Trustees' policy to seek to build reserves against depreciation of long-life assets, but rather to apply available funds to the Church's current charitable operations. (See reserves policy below.) Major refurbishment or renewal is to be addressed by raising funds restricted to those purposes, as with the recent acquisition and refurbishment of the Village Hub.

Policy on reserves

The charity aims to maintain reserves adequate to continue its charitable operations. At the end of the year the total unrestricted reserves carried forward amounted to £462,330 (2022: £466,998). There is a further aim of maintaining cash balances equivalent to three months' expenditure.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 26 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Tim Burr
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Community Church Storrington for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Life Community Church Storrington you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since Life Community Church Storrington's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Life Community Church Storrington as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

.....
G W Schulz ACMA
Independent Examiners Ltd

26 September 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	166,527	53,226	219,753	233,881
Charitable activities	3	4,528	1	4,529	1,718
Other trading activities	4	44,080	-	44,080	38,002
Investment income	5	833	-	833	25
Total income		<u>215,968</u>	<u>53,227</u>	<u>269,195</u>	<u>273,626</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	32,148	10,915	43,063	39,480
Charitable activities	7	<u>188,488</u>	<u>56,767</u>	<u>245,255</u>	<u>228,941</u>
Total expenditure		<u>220,636</u>	<u>67,682</u>	<u>288,318</u>	<u>268,421</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(4,668)</u>	<u>(14,455)</u>	<u>(19,123)</u>	<u>5,205</u>
Net movement in funds		(4,668)	(14,455)	(19,123)	5,205
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>466,998</u>	<u>28,003</u>	<u>495,001</u>	<u>489,796</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>462,330</u>	<u>13,548</u>	<u>475,878</u>	<u>495,001</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	<u>386,483</u>	<u>401,131</u>
		<u>386,483</u>	<u>401,131</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	5,233	4,773
Debtors	13	12,772	11,163
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>74,789</u>	<u>80,492</u>
		92,794	96,428
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(3,399)</u>	<u>(2,558)</u>
Net current assets		<u>89,395</u>	<u>93,870</u>
Net assets		<u><u>475,878</u></u>	<u><u>495,001</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		13,548	28,003
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>462,330</u>	<u>466,998</u>
Total funds	16	<u><u>475,878</u></u>	<u><u>495,001</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 10 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 26 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Tim Burr
Trustee

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Life Community Church Storrington meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	25% on cost

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	134,254	53,226	187,480	203,572
Gift aid reclaimed	32,273	-	32,273	30,309
	<u>166,527</u>	<u>53,226</u>	<u>219,753</u>	<u>233,881</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Events	4,325	1	4,326	1,698
Lettings	203	-	203	20
	<u>4,528</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4,529</u>	<u>1,718</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total 2022 £
Trading income;				
Shop sales	44,080	-	44,080	38,002
	<u>44,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,080</u>	<u>38,002</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>25</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Costs of goods sold		25,663	-	25,663	22,541
Shop running costs		2,273	-	2,273	1,102
Depreciation		930	-	930	837
Staff Costs	10	<u>3,282</u>	<u>10,915</u>	<u>14,197</u>	<u>15,000</u>
		<u>32,148</u>	<u>10,915</u>	<u>43,063</u>	<u>39,480</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£
Events		8,922	-	8,922	7,331
Gatherings		12,781	-	12,781	12,069
Local outreach		6,838	1,460	8,298	9,166
Missions	8	24,569	7,834	32,403	35,547
Other gift expense	8	-	3,290	3,290	2,050
Pastoral care	8	1,405	9,580	10,985	1,905
Premises and administration	10	34,048	128	34,176	28,039
Training and teaching	10	36,900	-	36,900	34,094
The Village Hub	10	2,941	16,450	19,391	27,028
Ukraine response	8	-	18,025	18,025	12,915
Youth and children	10	45,526	-	45,526	44,146
Independent examination		840	-	840	840
Depreciation		13,718	-	13,718	13,811
		<u>188,488</u>	<u>56,767</u>	<u>245,255</u>	<u>228,941</u>

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions 2023 £	Grants to institutions 2022 £	Grants to individuals 2023 £	Grants to individuals 2022 £
Mission support and missionary gifts	<u>16,430</u>	<u>37,282</u>	<u>34,755</u>	<u>16,439</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	105,029	93,542
Social security costs	4,220	3,730
Pension costs	6,622	6,163
	<u>115,871</u>	<u>103,435</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 May 2022	<u>403,573</u>	<u>26,308</u>	<u>429,881</u>
At 30 April 2023	<u>403,573</u>	<u>26,308</u>	<u>429,881</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2022	15,971	12,779	28,750
Charge for the year	<u>8,071</u>	<u>6,577</u>	<u>14,648</u>
At 30 April 2023	<u>24,042</u>	<u>19,356</u>	<u>43,398</u>
Net book value			
At 30 April 2023	<u>379,531</u>	<u>6,952</u>	<u>386,483</u>
At 30 April 2022	<u>387,602</u>	<u>13,529</u>	<u>401,131</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

12 Stock

	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks	<u>5,233</u>	<u>4,773</u>

13 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	1,246	1,023
Accrued income	<u>11,526</u>	<u>10,140</u>
	<u>12,772</u>	<u>11,163</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	79	644
Other taxation and social security	2,264	1,278
Other creditors	756	336
Accruals	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
	<u>3,399</u>	<u>2,558</u>

15 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £6,622 (2022 - £6,163).

Contributions totalling £756 (2022 - £336) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 May 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2023 £
Current year				
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	466,998	215,968	(220,636)	462,330
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	-	2,720	(2,720)	-
Lord's Larder	265	1,526	(1,384)	407
Specific gifts	-	12,570	(12,570)	-
Missions collections	1,492	2,555	(4,047)	-
Outreach co-ordinator	-	27,000	(27,000)	-
The Village Hub	137	530	(667)	-
Life Community Ministries	988	121	(1,067)	42
Settlement administrator	2,100	1,050	(3,150)	-
Ukraine	23,021	5,155	(15,077)	13,099
	<u>28,003</u>	<u>53,227</u>	<u>(67,682)</u>	<u>13,548</u>
Total funds	<u>495,001</u>	<u>269,195</u>	<u>(288,318)</u>	<u>475,878</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 May 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2022 £
Prior year				
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	470,513	185,084	(188,599)	466,998
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	500	2,820	(3,320)	-
Lord's Larder	218	1,351	(1,304)	265
Specific gifts	5	1,858	(1,863)	-
Lyanna Bethel fund	400	-	(400)	-
Missions collections	5	10,757	(9,270)	1,492
Apprenticeship fund	2,797	4,175	(6,972)	-
Outreach co-ordinator	192	27,000	(27,192)	-
The Village Hub	15,166	-	(15,029)	137
Life Community Ministries	-	2,545	(1,557)	988
Settlement administrator	-	2,100	-	2,100
Ukraine	-	35,936	(12,915)	23,021
	<u>19,283</u>	<u>88,542</u>	<u>(79,822)</u>	<u>28,003</u>
Total funds	<u>489,796</u>	<u>273,626</u>	<u>(268,421)</u>	<u>495,001</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	386,483	-	386,483
Current assets	79,246	13,548	92,794
Current liabilities	<u>(3,399)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,399)</u>
Total net assets	<u>462,330</u>	<u>13,548</u>	<u>475,878</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	399,884	1,247	401,131
Current assets	69,672	26,756	96,428
Current liabilities	<u>(2,558)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,558)</u>
Total net assets	<u>466,998</u>	<u>28,003</u>	<u>495,001</u>

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

Life Community Church Storrington

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LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Objectives and activities

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Life Community Church Storrington is a registered charity, number 1172456, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Organisational structure

The charity is overseen by the Trustees listed on page 1. The day to day running of the church fellowship is overseen by five elders and seven deacons.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objects and aims

The principal objective of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion, and related charitable purposes, both in our local community and through mission overseas.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

We provide food for people in need and, jointly with other local churches, prepare shared meals for people who might otherwise eat alone. At Christmas, we also distribute special parcels of seasonal fare to local people. We also reach out to children and young people, with a youth group, a children's club, and a toddler group as well. For the first time, too, the church has benefitted from the acquisition of premises in the middle of Storrington, bringing our community engagement into better balance with our emphasis on gatherings of the church itself.

Meeting in the local Leisure Centre, we hold weekly Sunday meetings of Christian worship, teaching and encouragement, with age-group classes for children too. All are open to members of the public who wish to be there. Prayer meetings are also held from week to week, and small group meetings in which all are able to participate.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

During the year under review, the church has been able to resume its normal pattern of public gathering for worship and ministry, as Government restrictions to curb the Covid pandemic have been lifted. The large sports halls hired to meet social distancing requirements have continued to be needed, however, as numbers identifying with the church, around 100 before the pandemic, were approaching 150 by the end of the year. Income for the year (excluding shop sales), at £235,000, is well above the pre-pandemic (2019-20) level of £168,032.

The Village Hub

These newly acquired premises in the centre of Storrington have been converted into 'The Village Hub', with a range of uses:

Ground floor

- a small, street-facing shop offering drinks and light refreshments, plus giftware, homeware, and personal items;
- to the rear, space for outreach activities, organised or informal, whereby people can connect with the church, learn more about it, and if they wish seek input from it;

Upstairs

- office and meeting space, on two floors.

Outreach at the Hub

Organised outreach programmes include weekly coffee mornings for expectant and new parents/guardians, monthly tea parties for the elderly, art/craft activities and events, Bible exploration, and monthly hosting of the local Repair Café. Debt counselling is provided as well. We respond to referrals from the local surgery and practitioners for lifts to hospital appointments, or to help an isolated person get out. We also receive phone calls from people who are lonely, and can be included in Hub events. Other referrals come from people in the community and beyond.

The Lord's Larder, whereby the charity has for many years provided bespoke food parcels or food tokens to people in crisis, has been operating from the Hub post-Covid. It too gets referrals from the local surgery and elsewhere. We try to work with the debt counselling provider to help clients get back on their feet.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

The shop

The shop began trading on 22 May 2021. It has a small range of Christian literature available for sale, but trade is not otherwise limited to items directly serving the objects of the charity. Rather, the aim is to provide a setting where church and community can encounter one another on equal terms. As such, the Trustees recognise that the trading activity needs to be self-supporting, and not reliant on charitable funds. In its first year (to 30 April 2022) of trading, the shop made a loss of £1,478 plus a notional charge of £4,800 for estimated rental value of space within Hub premises. In reviewing the results, the trustees were however satisfied that with action to limit attributable staff costs, and with full-year turnover at the level built up through the first year, they could reasonably expect progress in the current year (to April 2023) towards eliminating the deficit.

Children and young people

Toddler group

Over the year under review we have started a toddler group which meets every Friday morning during term time. This has grown beyond what we could have hoped for. We have seen numbers regularly of 80 parents and children attending this group. It has impacted the community by giving young families an opportunity to socialise and meet other parents and children. This has been of real benefit to children who are going to school next year, as in some cases the first large socialising environment they have ever been in. The height of popularity was at Christmas when we were able to welcome 150 parents and children to the Christmas party. During these sessions we get multiple opportunities to build relationships with local parents and support them in what they need. Most of them are from outside the church community. A number have been coming to a Sunday morning service and spending time in the creche, getting to know our creche workers there also.

Children's club

Since last September we have been running a children's club once a week. This is a free club which is accessible to all who attend. We regularly have 20 children attending which includes children both from within the church and from our wider local community. This has provided a service to children who may not otherwise be able to attend clubs, and has given us as a church a great opportunity to serve and get to know these local families. In these sessions we play games, have fun and a time for teaching where we go over bible stories looking at different elements of life. We started off doing a series which was looking for hero characteristics. In this we looked at Jesus' character and if we follow Jesus' example we can be supportive and helpful members of society. We then moved on to a series looking at mental health for primary school children. Both of these schemes of work came through another charity ('Energize'). We have also run our Easter camp over the first week of April where we had 30 children attend for 3 days from a variety of settings. During this camp we were playing games and looking at the Easter Story.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Youth group

Over the year under review we have also run a Youth group which meets every Friday in term time. This too has been successful, and we have a regular 30 to 40 attendees coming and taking part. Once again these are a mix of local youth and youth from within our church, where we do a mix of games and of teaching on a variety of topics. We started the year off by looking at mental health through a scheme of work set up by another charity ('Energize') before doing a youth Alpha Course. We have also started a youth discipleship group which meets once a month on a Tuesday evening. During these sessions we regularly have open discussion about who God is and his character as well as time to stop, pause and pray together.

Inter-church outreach

Sunday Lunch club, run by four local churches, restarted post-Covid in September 2001, with a welcome buffet. Due to the prolonged isolation and fear, many former guests were reluctant to come back. We therefore arranged to lift many of them and continue to pick up many of the guests that would be unable to come otherwise. A lunch has been organised every month since. At Christmas we arranged, in addition to a free Christmas lunch for everyone (delivering to regulars who couldn't make it), we also made up festive floral arrangements and organised gifts. Numbers have increased again and we are now catering for around 42 people each month. For many it is the only time they have a home cooked meal and time to chat with old and new friends. We are also actively supporting the pop-in lunch on each Thursday of the month and the High Tea, both at the Village Hub, and encouraging club members to go along.

Overseas

Overseas we continued to support a number of external mission partners, especially in Africa, including Zambia, Malawi, Rwanda and South Africa, as well as Madagascar, where as part of their ministry two workers run a primary school.

Ukraine

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Church determined to raise money to help refugees from the conflict, especially those reaching the UK who are assigned to our part of Sussex. By the end of our financial year the fund had reached £35,000, which is being applied in support of our ongoing Ukraine response. Outcomes will be reported in the Trustees' report for next year.

Other

During the year under review, the charity employed an assistant minister and an outreach co-ordinator, both full-time, and two part-time workers: an elder and an administrator.

The Trust is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Financial review

During the period the charity made a surplus of £5,205 (2021: surplus of £419,572). This amount is added to reserves of £489,796 brought forward from the previous year and therefore the closing reserves at the balance sheet date amount to £495,001.

Policy on reserves

The charity aims to maintain reserves adequate to continue its charitable operations. At the end of the year the total unrestricted reserves carried forward amounted to £466,998 (2021: £470,513).

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 24 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Timothy Burr
Trustee

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Community Church Storrington for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Life Community Church Storrington you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since Life Community Church Storrington's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Life Community Church Storrington as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

.....
G W Schulz ACMA

Independent Examiners Ltd

24 October 2022

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	145,448	88,433	233,881	606,192
Charitable activities	3	1,718	-	1,718	-
Other trading activities	4	37,893	109	38,002	-
Investment income	5	25	-	25	120
Total income		<u>185,084</u>	<u>88,542</u>	<u>273,626</u>	<u>606,312</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	23,643	15,837	39,480	-
Charitable activities	7	<u>164,956</u>	<u>63,985</u>	<u>228,941</u>	<u>186,740</u>
Total expenditure		<u>188,599</u>	<u>79,822</u>	<u>268,421</u>	<u>186,740</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(3,515)</u>	<u>8,720</u>	<u>5,205</u>	<u>419,572</u>
Net movement in funds		(3,515)	8,720	5,205	419,572
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>470,513</u>	<u>19,283</u>	<u>489,796</u>	<u>70,224</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>466,998</u>	<u>28,003</u>	<u>495,001</u>	<u>489,796</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	<u>401,131</u>	<u>405,706</u>
		<u>401,131</u>	<u>405,706</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		4,773	-
Debtors	12	11,163	8,670
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>80,492</u>	<u>76,537</u>
		96,428	85,207
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(2,558)</u>	<u>(1,117)</u>
Net current assets		<u>93,870</u>	<u>84,090</u>
Net assets		<u>495,001</u>	<u>489,796</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		28,003	19,283
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>466,998</u>	<u>470,513</u>
Total funds	15	<u>495,001</u>	<u>489,796</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 24 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Timothy Burr
Trustee

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Life Community Church Storrington meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	25% on cost

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	115,139	88,433	203,572	223,536
Gift aid reclaimed	30,309	-	30,309	28,406
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants	-	-	-	354,250
	<u>145,448</u>	<u>88,433</u>	<u>233,881</u>	<u>606,192</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Events	1,698	-	1,698	-
Lettings	20	-	20	-
	<u>1,718</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,718</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total 2021 £
Trading income;				
Shop sales	37,893	109	38,002	-
	<u>37,893</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>38,002</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	25	-	25	120

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Costs of goods sold		22,541	-	22,541
Shop running costs		1,102	-	1,102
Depreciation		-	837	837
Staff Costs	10	-	15,000	15,000
		23,643	15,837	39,480

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
Events		17,859	763	18,622	6,795
Church ministries		17,616	6,433	24,049	11,607
Community centre		3,198	8,863	12,061	7,227
Rent and utilities		9,320	-	9,320	8,977
Insurance and rates		930	-	930	1,444
Motor expenses		150	-	150	147
Telephone		137	-	137	380
Printing, post and stationery		914	-	914	1,273
Equipment		3,792	300	4,092	5,001
Subscriptions & licenses		1,032	-	1,032	1,103
Advertising & publications		278	-	278	270
Professional fees		438	-	438	385
Sundry office costs		-	-	-	268
Bank charges		111	-	111	72
Independent examination		840	-	840	540
Depreciation		8,446	5,365	13,811	14,102
Grant funding of activities	8	23,405	30,316	53,721	53,385
Staff costs	10	76,490	11,945	88,435	73,764
		<u>164,956</u>	<u>63,985</u>	<u>228,941</u>	<u>186,740</u>

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Mission support and missionary gifts	<u>37,282</u>	<u>29,810</u>	<u>16,439</u>	<u>23,574</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	93,542	67,410
Social security costs	3,730	829
Pension costs	<u>6,163</u>	<u>5,525</u>
	<u>103,435</u>	<u>73,764</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No	No
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 May 2021	395,000	24,808	419,808
Additions	<u>8,573</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>10,073</u>
At 30 April 2022	<u>403,573</u>	<u>26,308</u>	<u>429,881</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2021	7,900	6,202	14,102
Charge for the year	<u>8,071</u>	<u>6,577</u>	<u>14,648</u>
At 30 April 2022	<u>15,971</u>	<u>12,779</u>	<u>28,750</u>
Net book value			
At 30 April 2022	<u>387,602</u>	<u>13,529</u>	<u>401,131</u>
At 30 April 2021	<u>387,100</u>	<u>18,606</u>	<u>405,706</u>

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	1,023	1,259
Accrued income	<u>10,140</u>	<u>7,411</u>
	<u>11,163</u>	<u>8,670</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	644	-
Other taxation and social security	1,278	1,117
Other creditors	336	-
Accruals	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,558</u>	<u>1,117</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

14 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £6,163 (2021 - £5,525).

Contributions totalling £336 (2021 - £Nil) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 May 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	470,513	185,084	(188,599)	466,998
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	500	2,820	(3,320)	-
Lord's Larder	218	1,351	(1,304)	265
Specific gifts	5	1,858	(1,863)	-
Lyanna Bethel fund	400	-	(400)	-
Missions collections	5	10,757	(9,270)	1,492
Apprenticeship fund	2,797	4,175	(6,972)	-
Outreach co-ordinator	192	27,000	(27,192)	-
The Village Hub	15,166	-	(15,029)	137
Life Community Ministries	-	2,545	(1,557)	988
Settlement administrator	-	2,100	-	2,100
Ukraine	-	35,936	(12,915)	23,021
	<u>19,283</u>	<u>88,542</u>	<u>(79,822)</u>	<u>28,003</u>
Total funds	<u>489,796</u>	<u>273,626</u>	<u>(268,421)</u>	<u>495,001</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 May 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	67,566	539,237	(136,290)	470,513
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	710	6,320	(6,530)	500
Lord's Larder	98	850	(730)	218
Jodie Davis fund	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Specific gifts	-	75	(70)	5
Lyanna Bethel fund	-	4,350	(3,950)	400
Missions collections	1,850	-	(1,845)	5
Apprenticeship fund	-	5,600	(2,803)	2,797
Outreach co-ordinator	-	13,500	(13,308)	192
Maia Peat fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Kings fund	-	2,310	(2,310)	-
The Village Hub	-	26,070	(10,904)	15,166
	<u>2,658</u>	<u>67,075</u>	<u>(50,450)</u>	<u>19,283</u>
Total funds	<u>70,224</u>	<u>606,312</u>	<u>(186,740)</u>	<u>489,796</u>

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	399,884	1,247	401,131
Current assets	69,672	26,756	96,428
Current liabilities	<u>(2,558)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,558)</u>
Total net assets	<u>466,998</u>	<u>28,003</u>	<u>495,001</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	390,540	15,166	405,706
Current assets	81,090	4,117	85,207
Current liabilities	<u>(1,117)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,117)</u>
Total net assets	<u>470,513</u>	<u>19,283</u>	<u>489,796</u>

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

Life Community Church Storrington

Charity registration number: 1172456

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Reference and Administrative Details

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LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2021.

Objectives and activities

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Life Community Church Storrington is a registered charity, number 1172456, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Organisational structure

The charity is overseen by the Trustees listed on page 1. The day to day running of the church fellowship is overseen by five elders and seven deacons.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objects and aims

The principal objective of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion, and related charitable purposes, both in our local community and through mission overseas.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

In advancing the Christian religion, the charitable outreach of the church is inspired by Jesus himself: 'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, ill and you looked after me, in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25: 35-37 NIV.

We provide food for people in need, both as a church and through the local foodbank, and, jointly with other local churches, prepare shared meals for people who might otherwise eat alone. At Christmas, we also distribute special parcels of seasonal fare to local people, and send gift boxes to people overseas who might receive little else. For children, we run monthly after-school activities with refreshments including dinner.

As a church, we hold weekly Sunday meetings of Christian worship, teaching and encouragement, all of them open and with members of the public invited. Prayer meetings are also held from week to week, and small group meetings in which all are able to participate.

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Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

Throughout the past year these activities have had to be modified, as the Church has sought to apply measures prescribed by public authorities to combat the Covid pandemic. Sunday services were moved online, where they remained available through the year; but as restrictions were relaxed, it proved possible to hire sports halls large enough for social distancing requirements to be met for the church as a whole. Outdoor meetings also took place, in Covid-compliant small groups. Youth sessions have continued online, or face-to-face as and when permitted.

The church's income is largely donated through the banking system, and has been well sustained. Income lost from church collections has been comparatively small, and there have been savings in hall hire costs and other operating expenses.

Community engagement has also been affected by Covid restrictions, but here a new initiative has been taken, with the acquisition of shop premises in the middle of Storrington. These have been converted into 'The Village Hub', an accessible bridgehead into the community, where people can drop in, share refreshments, learn more about the church, and if they wish seek input from the church.

Social prescribing and debt counselling are provided there, and a number of outreach programmes are planned, with some already under way. These include coffee mornings for parents/guardians, tea parties for the elderly, art/craft activities and events, homework club, Bible exploration, and more. The Lord's Larder, whereby the charity has for many years provided bespoke food parcels to people in crisis, will operate from the Hub on resuming post-Covid. During lockdown the Larder was less active, with lower referrals from the family centre and GPs, but recurring support was instead given to families known to be in difficulty.

We also continued to work with partners where possible. Although the food bank location in Storrington was not open, we continued to provide volunteers who assisted with food bank deliveries direct to clients in the Storrington and Pulborough area. And though the Sunday Lunch Club run by four local churches was unable to operate during the year, contact was maintained with guests, and a Christmas meal delivered without charge to more than 50 of them, all older people. Our Friday youth group has moved to the reopened Storrington Sports Centre, where it has been able to attract more young people from the wider community.

Overseas we continued to support a number of external mission partners including:

- the founders of New Life Homes in Kenya, which over 25 years has rescued over 2000 infants born to HIV-positive mothers and cared for them in its seven homes;
- two workers promoting literacy among the Hausa people in West Africa as part of their Christian ministry;
- two more working among the poor in Madagascar, where as part of their ministry they run a primary school;

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During the year under review, the charity employed an assistant minister and an outreach co-ordinator, both full-time, and two part-time workers: an elder and an administrator.

The Trust is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Financial review

During the period the charity made a surplus of £419,572 (2020: surplus of £26,033) reflecting major donations to fund the acquisition of shop premises as described in the review of activities above. This amount is added to reserves of £70,224 brought forward from the previous year and therefore the closing reserves at the balance sheet date amount to £489,796.

Policy on reserves

The charity aims to maintain reserves adequate to continue its charitable operations. At the end of the year the total unrestricted reserves carried forward amounted to £470,778 (2020: £67,566).

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 8 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



P Verheul (Dec 21, 2021 10:32 GMT)

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Peter Verheul
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Life Community Church Storrington

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Life Community Church Storrington you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since Life Community Church Storrington's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Life Community Church Storrington as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



.....
G W Schulz ACMA

Independent Examiners Ltd

8 December 2021

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH STORRINGTON

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	539,117	67,075	606,192	162,701
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	4,365
Investment income	4	120	-	120	187
Other income	5	-	-	-	779
Total income		<u>539,237</u>	<u>67,075</u>	<u>606,312</u>	<u>168,032</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	<u>136,290</u>	<u>50,450</u>	<u>186,740</u>	<u>141,999</u>
Total expenditure		<u>136,290</u>	<u>50,450</u>	<u>186,740</u>	<u>141,999</u>
Net income		<u>402,947</u>	<u>16,625</u>	<u>419,572</u>	<u>26,033</u>
Net movement in funds		402,947	16,625	419,572	26,033
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>67,566</u>	<u>2,658</u>	<u>70,224</u>	<u>44,191</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u><u>470,513</u></u>	<u><u>19,283</u></u>	<u><u>489,796</u></u>	<u><u>70,224</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	405,706	-
Current assets			
Debtors	11	8,670	5,878
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>76,537</u>	<u>65,045</u>
		85,207	70,923
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(1,117)</u>	<u>(699)</u>
Net current assets		<u>84,090</u>	<u>70,224</u>
Net assets		<u>489,796</u>	<u>70,224</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		19,283	2,998
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>470,513</u>	<u>67,226</u>
Total funds	13	<u>489,796</u>	<u>70,224</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 8 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:


P Verheul (Dec 21, 2021 10:32 GMT)

 Peter Verheul
 Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		419,572	26,033
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		14,102	-
Investment income	4	<u>(120)</u>	<u>(187)</u>
		433,554	25,846
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	11	(2,792)	506
Increase in creditors	12	<u>418</u>	<u>383</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>431,180</u>	<u>26,735</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	120	187
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	10	<u>(419,808)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(419,688)</u>	<u>187</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		11,492	26,922
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 May		<u>65,045</u>	<u>38,123</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 April		<u><u>76,537</u></u>	<u><u>65,045</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Life Community Church Storrington meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

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Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	25% on cost

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	184,311	39,225	223,536	131,118
Gift aid reclaimed	28,406	-	28,406	27,083
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants	<u>326,400</u>	<u>27,850</u>	<u>354,250</u>	<u>4,500</u>
	<u>539,117</u>	<u>67,075</u>	<u>606,192</u>	<u>162,701</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Events	<u>-</u>	<u>4,365</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>187</u>

5 Other income

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Insurance claim	<u>-</u>	<u>779</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
Events		6,795	-	6,795	14,057
Church ministries		8,738	2,869	11,607	13,739
Mission travel		-	-	-	1,967
Community centre		2,525	4,702	7,227	-
Rent and utilities		8,977	-	8,977	8,700
Insurance and rates		1,444	-	1,444	257
Motor expenses		147	-	147	-
Telephone		380	-	380	217
Printing, post and stationery		1,103	170	1,273	403
Equipment		5,001	-	5,001	2,606
Subscriptions & licenses		1,103	-	1,103	399
Advertising & publications		270	-	270	340
Professional fees		385	-	385	953
Sundry office costs		268	-	268	-
Bank charges		72	-	72	105
Independent examination		540	-	540	480
Depreciation		7,900	6,202	14,102	-
Grant funding of activities	7	30,045	23,340	53,385	59,396
Staff costs	9	60,597	13,167	73,764	38,380
		<u>136,290</u>	<u>50,450</u>	<u>186,740</u>	<u>141,999</u>

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7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Mission support and missionary gifts	<u>29,810</u>	<u>22,761</u>	<u>23,574</u>	<u>36,635</u>

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	67,410	34,652
Social security costs	829	318
Pension costs	<u>5,525</u>	<u>3,410</u>
	<u>73,764</u>	<u>38,380</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2021	2020
	No	No
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Additions	395,000	24,808	419,808
At 30 April 2021	395,000	24,808	419,808
Depreciation			
Charge for the year	7,900	6,202	14,102
At 30 April 2021	7,900	6,202	14,102
Net book value			
At 30 April 2021	387,100	18,606	405,706

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	1,259	757
Accrued income	7,411	5,121
	8,670	5,878

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	-	392
Other taxation and social security	1,117	298
Other creditors	-	9
	1,117	699

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 May 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	67,566	539,237	(136,290)	470,513
Restricted funds				
Schein fund	710	6,320	(6,530)	500
Lord's Larder	98	850	(730)	218
Jodie Davis fund	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Specific gifts	-	75	(70)	5
Lyanna Bethel fund	-	4,350	(3,950)	400
Missions collections	1,850	-	(1,845)	5
Apprenticeship fund	-	5,600	(2,803)	2,797
Outreach co-ordinator	-	13,500	(13,308)	192
Maia Peat fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Kings fund	-	2,310	(2,310)	-
The Village Hub	-	26,070	(10,904)	15,166
	<u>2,658</u>	<u>67,075</u>	<u>(50,450)</u>	<u>19,283</u>
Total funds	<u>70,224</u>	<u>606,312</u>	<u>(186,740)</u>	<u>489,796</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

	Balance at 1 May 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 April 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	43,146	138,949	(114,634)	(235)	67,226
Restricted funds					
Schein fund	710	6,320	(6,320)	-	710
Lord's Larder	335	155	(392)	-	98
Jodie Davis fund	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	-
Specific gifts	-	570	(570)	-	-
Lyanna Bethel fund	-	7,890	(8,125)	235	-
Missions collections	-	7,808	(5,958)	-	1,850
	<u>1,045</u>	<u>28,743</u>	<u>(27,365)</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>2,658</u>
Total funds	<u>44,191</u>	<u>167,692</u>	<u>(141,999)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,884</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	405,706	-	405,706
Current assets	81,355	3,852	85,207
Current liabilities	<u>(1,117)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,117)</u>
Total net assets	<u>485,944</u>	<u>3,852</u>	<u>489,796</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 April 2020 £
Current assets	68,265	2,658	70,923
Current liabilities	<u>(699)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(699)</u>
Total net assets	<u>67,566</u>	<u>2,658</u>	<u>70,224</u>

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