



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 To 31 December 2024

Charity name: JAMES STREET CHURCH

Charity registration number: 1172983

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Church shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advancement of the Christian faith [in accordance with the Statement of Faith] in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide; and • The relief of persons who are in need by reason of financial hardship, ill-health, disability, unemployment, and such other economic or social disadvantage. • The support of Christian missionaries and humanitarian appeals outside of the UK.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Advancement of the Christian Faith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Services Our Sunday service is between 10:30 and 12:00 PM with coffee, cake etc available from 10:00 to 10:25. Again we are open to any one dropping in as everyone is always welcome. We have a church family of between 35 and 40 people. • Tuesday Fellowship. On a Tuesday evening, except when there is a worship evening, we hold a fellowship evening of prayer and Bible study. It's mainly for our own church family that attends but is open to everyone. • Men's breakfast. This is open to all men and normally held quarterly on a Saturday. We had 15 men at the last one. • Ladies Conference We also run an annual Ladies Day in November, again open to all ladies. It's a time for the ladies to stop and recharge and be still with the Lord. They get a cream tea made by the men. We always have around 40 ladies attending. • Worship evenings. We were on this once a month on a Tuesday at 6:30 to 8:00 PM. It is a time when anyone from any place in the city can come and spend time in praise and worship, dancing, using instruments and just spending time together. We have around 20 to 25 people

		<p>attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary Prayer Sanctuary is held every other week. It is a time when anyone can walk into the church to talk, pray, or talk and pray with our prayer team, they are unable to get there. They can text the team and pray to pray for them. They also visit the elderly who are sick and cannot get to the church. <p>Relief of persons in need (Loving the community)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids club and youth group Ages 5 to 16. Friday evening, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. At Kid's club and youth group we aim for the children to have. A fun in a safe environment. We play games, do crafts and teach life skills like cooking. We have between 13 and 21 children each week. • Craft Group. We run a craft group in the church once a month on a Monday. This is a drop in session and a few elderly people from the estate joined with church people to make things. They have just started to make Christmas items. Everyone is welcome, all ages. • Food Bank. This runs every Thursday 10 to 11.00 am. The food bank is a walk in service with no referral needed. We trust the people when they say they are in need. We give a mixture of tinned, packet and fresh foods each week in just the hour. We feed between 180 and 210 people a week. Alongside the food bank we run a cafe providing hot drinks, cake, biscuits and a small meal. Hot dogs, jacket potato, pasta etcetera. About 12 stay and eat and many more have a hot drink. • Christmas meals, parties and presents We are extremely fortunate to be able to work with the Rotary Club at Christmas. They help us put on a Christmas lunch for everyone who needs it or needs the company. This year it's the 15th of December. We cater for 50 adults. They also help us run a children's. Christmas party all children are welcome. We ask a local school which children need it the most. And invite them. We again cater for 50 children. They have a party, games, dancing, food and are given a gift. • Police and community meetings The Police and community meetings are held in the church every three months for the residents to come along and share their views and hear about what's going on in their community. • Elections The council uses the church for elections, which means it is easy for the community to vote.
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		Mission We support other relief and mission organisations working outside of the UK especially including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Doors https://www.opendoorsuk.org/ , • Bringing Good News https://www.bringinggoodnews.org/ • The Tabernacle Church Stanley, Falkland Islands
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity seeks where possible to reach out and offer loving care to all residents on the surrounding estate and to anyone who approaches us for help.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	At the discretion of the trustees, the charity will make occasional donations or grants to other charities or individuals that are performing activities which are aligned with the charitable objectives of this charity. To this end, we seek to give a proportion of our income through other relief and mission organisations.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity currently has no program of social investment.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are very grateful for the faithful volunteers who help activities at James Street happen. Many of these volunteers are retired but faithfully devote a lot of energy to blessing the surrounding community through the activities of James Street. These include voluntary youth workers, cooks, drivers and musicians, administrators and caretakers. In addition, we wish to recognise the voluntary members of the pastoral team who visit the sick and elderly, provide pastoral guidance and prayer for the community.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Despite its small size and limited resources, James Street Church has during 2024 continued its tradition established over 60 years of blessing the people of the surrounding Golden Grove estate.</p> <p>Alison Strudwick continues to be a part time Pastor for the church. Alison spends three days a week organising the activities of the church and providing pastoral support to individuals as needed.</p> <p>We have continued to provide pastoral support and encouragement to anyone who came to our church, either on-line or through the weekly food bank.</p> <p>We support the spiritual needs of the estate through offering prayer and counsel as appropriate to anyone who comes to us.</p> <p>Around 35 people come regularly to our Sunday meetings including a number from the adjacent sheltered housing where we also have volunteer visitors. We have continued to provide online services and helped many of our older vulnerable citizens to access these through their phones or tablets.</p> <p>We continue to see a high demand for help for impoverished families on our estate. We continue to support over 100 families with food donations through our Thursday food bank.</p> <p>We have continued to organise outdoor celebrations of Christmas and Easter with dramatic presentations and community singing.</p> <p>Our children's clubs meet regularly. We provide games, crafts and a simple snack for all of the children who attend. We have also organised a number of trips to local landmarks which gets the children off the estate.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The trustees wish to record our profound gratitude to Alison Strudwick, our pastor, has continued to provide leadership and pastoral support to the community.</p> <p>As a result of Alpha and other initiatives we have seen a number of new members who have appreciated pastoral support and someone to talk to about various issues in their lives.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We are encouraging the majority of our members to rearrange their giving to give a regular gift to James Street through Stewardship Services who will handle direct debits and charitable tax recovery on our behalf.</p> <p>(https://www.stewardship.org.uk/)</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We have slightly exceeded our income this year and this has meant dipping into our reserves. The increased expenditure has mostly been accounted for by expenditure on building refurbishment and additional demands on the foodbank.</p> <p>Our major expenditure continues to be the food bank which is supported by giving from the congregation. We are saddened by the continued need for food support to families in the area and we believe we provide a lifeline for many.</p> <p>The trustees are aware of the excess expenditure, however we have sufficient funds in hand for this not to pose an immediate problem.</p> <p>We are considering how we can raise additional funds to sustain our charitable activities.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to cover 6 months of operational expenditure. From time to time we may dip into these reserves to cover emergency building or maintenance costs.</p> <p>Separately we have established a building fund to cover ongoing maintenance and improvements to the building.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£39,556
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The charity's principal source of income is the faithful giving to the church members who although mostly retired, continue to support the ongoing operational costs of the charity.</p> <p>We have also received some more substantial gifts (or gifts in kind) from individuals who wish to support the youth work.</p> <p>Where appropriate in addition we seek grants from relevant awarding bodies to help fund our charitable activities.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>We have no long-term investments and hold our cash reserves in public banking deposit accounts. We have no specific policy on social investment.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The principal risks facing the charity are</p> <p>1. The ageing church membership.</p> <p>Although our members are very faithful and active in their support, we recognise that they are getting older and several have passed away this year. However, we also recognise that this church has always had a similar age profile and so we trust that new members will join us as others depart.</p> <p>2. Ageing building in need of refurbishment</p> <p>Our building is an asset which continues to serve us well. We continue to sustain its usefulness through sustaining repairs and decoration. However, we recognise that as it gets older, more major work may become necessary for which the charity has no immediate provision.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New Trustees are selected by unanimous vote of the current Trustees. All Trustees must be in agreement with the aims and objectives and statement of faith of the charity.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	JAMES STREET CHURCH
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1172983
Charity's principal address	James Street Church James Street Southampton SO141PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Craig Gallen	Chair		
2	Andy Strudwick	Treasurer		
3	Alan Spake			
4	Ian Malcolm Campbell			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

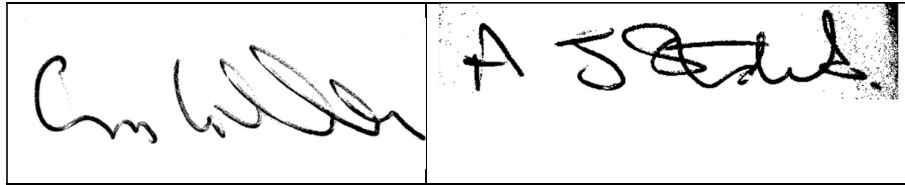
Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Craig Gallen

Andy Strudwic

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Trustee (Treasurer)

Date

18/06/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
JAMES STREET CHURCH

No (if any)
1172983

Receipts and payments accounts



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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-24		31-Dec-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Giftable Tithes and Donations	6,930		-	6,930	17,166
Tithes and Donations	9,651		-	9,651	11,404
Car Park and Room Hire	4,752		-	4,752	2,719
Youth Ministry	266		-	266	116
Conference and Outreach	10,876		-	10,876	1,347
Special Appeals	73		-	73	2,563
Mini Bus Hire			-	-	
Grants			-	-	
Interest Received	459			459	229
Food Bank Donations				-	3,912
Estate of Late David Burnett			-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,007	-	-	33,007	39,456
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,007	-	-	33,007	39,456
A3 Payments					
Building Upkeep & Operational Cost	5,121		-	5,121	3,706
Fees and Subscriptions	670		-	670	1,908
Church Activities	1,340		-	1,340	3,673
Charitable Giving	1,950		-	1,950	3,786
Outreach and Conference	11,369		-	11,369	10,323
Administration Costs	1,393		-	1,393	4,216
Employment	7,549		-	7,549	7,292
Mini Bus	3,156		-	3,156	3,329
Food Bank	7,008	-	-	7,008	4,764
Sub total	39,556	-	-	39,556	42,997
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39,556	-	-	39,556	42,997
Net of receipts/(payments)	-6,549	0	-	-6,549	3,541
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-6,549	0	-	-6,549	3,541

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account Balances General Accounts	15,865		-
	Bank Account Balances Saving Accounts	26,711	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	42,576	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Mr C R Gallen	18/06/2025	
		Mr A J Strudwick	18/06/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
JAMES STREET CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no (if
any)

1172983

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of
report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's
statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

25/4/25

Name:

Kelvin Bonura

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

F.C.C.A (Retired)

Address:

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Poole
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.