

# SHERWELL UNITED CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1173365

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2017-06-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN UNION WITH AND ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND OTHERWISE CALLED THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONTAINED WITHIN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AS STATED IN SCHEDULE 1.

**Activities:** Our charity provides regular religious worship. Times during the week when the church is open for quiet prayer and somewhere to withdraw from busy lives for a short time. Facilities for organisations to use the premises.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Plymouth City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£140,021	£122,327	-	-
2023-08-31	£134,947	£119,490	-	-
2022-08-31	£94,195	£85,324	-	-
2021-08-31	£83,851	£152,342	-	-
2020-08-31	£107,866	£126,545	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ALISTAIR LOWE	Chair	2021-09-16
Ann Stevens		2023-04-09
ELISABETH PELLOW		2015-01-01
Elizabeth Rees		2023-04-09
HEATHER JOYCE BRUMPTON		2011-05-03
JEAN MORTIMORE		2011-05-03
MICHAEL COOKE		2011-05-03
PAUL SOWDEN		2011-05-03
Patricia Kalas		2011-05-03
TERENCE GERRY		2011-05-03

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# Accounts

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**SHERWELL UNITED CHURCH  
PLYMOUTH & DEVONPORT CIRCUIT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2024  
Charity Number 1173365**

Sherwell United Church  
Plymouth & Devonport circuit  
Financial statements for year ending August 2024

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Reference and Administrative details for year ending August 2024

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**Minister**

Rev Alistair Lowe

**Independent examiners**

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(SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015, in preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charity.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year as been very busy with new thing happening with the church. Warm Welcome Wednesday has been a great success and we cater for 20-32 people for lunch. There is a good mixture of people who come into the church for this outreach. We have continued to welcome into membership people from Trinity United Reform Church who have decided to settle at Sherwell and our average Sunday attendance is 55-60. Our lettings have increased over the year, with other churches using our building as well as people hiring for parties and events. Our location means that we also get the university hiring the building when they don't have enough room themselves.

# Sherwell United Church, Plymouth & Devonport circuit

## Trustees report continued- year ending August 2024

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

David A Summers, Accountant  
3 Sherford Crescent  
Elburton  
Plymouth  
PL9 8DU



29 January 2025



**SHERWELL UNITED CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 August 2024**

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number: 1173365**

**Sherwell United Church**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2024**

		2023/24		2022/23		
	Note	GENERAL £	£	RESTRICTED £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Collections not including Gift Aid	2	22,330		0	22,330	17,641
Tax recovered under Gift Aid		3,742		0	3,742	4,572
			26,072		26,072	22,213
Donations	3		3,391	228	3,619	2,380
Property lettings	4		100,464	0	100,464	91,460
Interest and Investment Income	5		7,825	0	7,825	7,144
Fund Raising	6		1,064	0	1,064	612
Other receipts	7		1,205	0	1,205	11,138
Internal Organisations	8			618	618	595
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			140,021	846	140,867	135,542
Collections for external organisations	9			573	573	400
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			140,021	1,419	141,440	135,942
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Circuit assessment/share						
Methodist			41,011	0	41,011	45,771
U.R.C.			1,925	0	1,925	2,100
Property costs						
Church repairs and maintenance		10,605		17,345	27,950	32,783
Caretaking and cleaning		8,137		0	8,137	7,129
Insurance		6,530		0	6,530	5,829
Utilities		13,478		0	13,478	10,700
			38,750			
Administration	10		21,003	0	21,003	16,036
Donations - Methodist	13	0		0	0	0
Donations - Other	14	490		0	490	0
			490			
Other payments	15		17,896	211	18,107	15,738
Internal Organisations	8			545	545	571
			121,075	18,101	139,176	136,657
Capital Expenditure			1,252	13,411	14,663	2,202
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			122,327	31,512	153,839	138,859
Collections passed onto external organisations	9		0	573	573	400
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			122,327	32,085	154,412	139,259
Net income (expenditure) for the year			17,694	-30,666	-12,972	-3,317
Transfers between funds	8		18	-18	0	50,596
Gain/Loss on realisation of investments			0	0	0	0
Total funds in hand at 1st September 2023			83,248	42,069	125,317	78,038
<b>TOTAL FUNDS IN HAND AT 31 August 2024</b>			100,960	11,385	112,345	125,317

**1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost receipts & payments basis of accounting. In accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP2005) and Charities Act 2011 and the accounting regulations of the Methodist Church.

**Funds**

The Funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted, Restricted funds which are held for held for a narrower purpose. Details of retriected funds are set out in note 15.

**Accounting Policies**

**Income** Income is included in these accounts when received.  
**Expenditure** Expenditure is recognised when paid.

**Reserves** The Church aims to keep reserves amounting to one years running costs.

	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>		
	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>2 Offertory</b>						
Collections	9,595		9,595	7,676		7,676
Standing orders	12,735		12,735	9,134		9,134
Gift day	0		0	831		831
	<b>22,330</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,330</b>	<b>17,641</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,641</b>
<b>3 Donations</b>						
Legacies	0		0	2,050		2,050
General	3,391	228	3,619	330		330
	<b>3,391</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,380</b>
<b>4 Rents</b>						
Room hire	44,751		44,751	41,739		41,739
Rooms leased	12,252		12,252	6,250		6,250
Car park	2,940		2,940	7,865		7,865
North Road	40,521		40,521	35,606		35,606
	<b>100,464</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,464</b>	<b>91,460</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91,460</b>
<b>5 Investment income</b>						
Trust income	2,301	50,596	52,897	3,431	0	3,431
Deposit account	5,524		5,524	3,713		3,713
	<b>7,825</b>	<b>50,596</b>	<b>58,421</b>	<b>7,144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,144</b>
<b>6 Fund raising</b>						
Sale of Books	310		310	332		332
Coffee	754		754	280		280
	<b>1,064</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>612</b>

**Sherwell United Church**

**Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2024**

7 Other receipts	2024		2023			
	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
Insurance Claim	0		0	11,138		11,138
Grant income	1,000		1,000	0		0
Funeral fees	205		205	0		0
	<b>1,205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>11,138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,138</b>

**8 Internal Organisations**

	Opening Balance	Received	Paid	Transfer to Church	Closing Balance
Card Stall	46	18		-18	46
Flower Ministry	26	600	545		81
	<b>72</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>127</b>

**9 Collections for External Organisations**

	Opening Balance	Received	Paid	Transfer to Church	Closing Balance
Children's Society	0	132	132	0	0
Christian Aid	0	441	441		0
	<b>0</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**10 Administration**

	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
Salaries			0			0
Clerical Assistance	7,850		7,850	5,775		5,775
Bookkeeping	2,280		2,280	1,800		1,800
Travel Expenses	3,555		3,555	4,652		4,652
Professional Fees	208		208	580		580
Cost of Church Services	396		396	465		465
Stationery & Printing	980		980	913		913
Telephone	682		682	619		619
Postage	0		0	16		16
Music	699		699	813		813
Legal fees	3,360		3,360			
Miscellaneous	392		392	343		343
Bank Charges	61		61	60		60
Training	540		540	0		0
	<b>21,003</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,003</b>	<b>16,036</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,036</b>

**11 Employees**

The church had an average of 2 part time employees (0.2 of full time) during the year (2023: 1). Total emoluments were:

	2024	2023
Salaries (included in Cleaning)	971	3,822
Salaries (included in Clerical Assistance)	3,684	
Employer's National Insurance	0	0
Employer's Pension Contributions	0	0
	<b>4,655</b>	<b>3,822</b>

The church has a defined contribution pension scheme. No contributions were made in the year

**Sherwell United Church**

**Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2024**

**12 Payments to trustees**

During the year, one trustee provided services to the charity for which they received remuneration. This amounts to £4,148 included in Administration.

<b>13 Donations</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2023 Total £</b>
<b>Methodist Charities</b>						
	0		0	0		0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**14 Donations**

**Other Charities**

Church of England Children's So	490		490	0		0
	<b>490</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**15 Other Payments**

Expenses North Road	16,667		16,667	15,424		15,424
Catering	473		473	314		314
Outreach expenses	756		756	0		0
Benevolent fund expenditure		211				
	<b>17,896</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>17,896</b>	<b>15,738</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,738</b>

**16 Restricted Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1/9/23</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at 31/8/24</b>
Coldman Trust: Layworker	4,832				4,832
Other restricted funds					
Sale of Manse 2	31,798		30,756		1,042
Sunday School	2,506				2,506
Music	485				485
Organ	1,143				1,143
Benevolent	1,233	228	211		1,250
Total other	<b>37,165</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>30,967</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,426</b>
Total Restricted Funds	<b>41,997</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>30,967</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,258</b>

**17 Capital Commitments**

Capital commitments £nil (2023 £nil)

**18 OTHER ASSETS**

**A General Fund Trusts**

	<b>TMCP Sundry Bequest</b>	<b>URC General Trust</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance b/fwd	63,302	27,997	91,299
Income received	2,007	862	2,869
Additional deposit	0	0	0
Change in value	4,574	-1,142	3,432
	<u>69,883</u>	<u>27,717</u>	<u>97,600</u>
Withdrawn	0	0	0
Expenses	180	0	180
Income paid over to Church	1,826	862	2,688
	<u>67,877</u>	<u>26,855</u>	<u>94,732</u>

The Church can use the capital and income of these trusts. The church received £2,688 income from these trusts last year.

**B Restricted Fund Trusts**

**Trusts**

	<b>Sale of Property</b>	<b>Sale of Manse 2</b>	<b>Total Restricted Trusts</b>
Balance b/fwd	112,096	46,444	158,540
Income received	6,056	1,430	7,486
Change in value(unrealised)	-	-1,894	-1,894
	<u>118,152</u>	<u>45,980</u>	<u>164,132</u>
Transfer to Restricted funds	0	0	0
Expenses	319	0	319
Income paid over to Church	0	1,430	1,430
	<u>117,833</u>	<u>44,550</u>	<u>162,383</u>

The Methodist Church has decided that the sale of Property Trust can in addition to major property purchase or repair now be used for personnel costs.

The Sale of Manse Trusts arise from the sale of a URC Manse. The capital can be used for major property repairs or replacement of buildings. The income can be used for general church purposes.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>3 Furniture, Organ &amp; Other Equipment (at insured value)</b>	<b>390,665</b>	<b>348,807</b>

**4 Property**

The property occupied by the church is vested in United Reform Church Trustees

The freehold property 150 North Road East is held for investment purposes. its insured value is:-

	586,126	837,323
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The insured value of landlords fittings is

	34,677	33,263
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Sherwell United Church

Balance Sheet at 31 August 2024

			2024	2023	
<b>Summary of Funds at 31 August 2024</b>					
	Note	General	Restricted	Total £	Total £
General fund		100,960		100,960	83,248
Restricted Funds	16		11,258	11,258	41,997
Collections not paid over			0	0	0
Internal Organisations	8		127	127	72
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>		<b>100,960</b>	<b>11,385</b>	<b>112,345</b>	<b>125,317</b>

Summary of how funds held

Balances at Bank and in Hand

Deposit accounts	62,652	11,258	73,910	68,457
Current accounts	38,125	127	38,252	56,775
Cash in hand	183		183	85
	<u>100,960</u>	<u>11,385</u>	<u>112,345</u>	<u>125,317</u>
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Mrs J Mortimore, Treasurer

*J. Mortimore*

Approved by the Church Council on

*A.M. BWR.*  
Chair of meeting.

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As we enter another year, our Minister has an increased workload from circuit, however he seems to take it in his stride, and the congregation enjoy the message he brings. As a united church we are able to draw on URC ministers and lay preachers as well as those within Methodist circuit. As a listed building the paperwork involved in improving the building has proved challenging. However we have managed to replace railings on a first floor walkway with toughened glass, and have new wrought iron railings being replaced around the car park. Unfortunately the railings around the car park have not been repaired and we are looking at another company to do the work.

# Sherwell United Church, Plymouth & Devonport circuit

## Trustees report continued- year ending August 2023

Sherwell has embraced the 'Warm Welcome' scheme and opened its doors once a week for coffee and lunch. This has continued over the past year and brings a sense of community to the area. There are Bi-Monthly musical recitals, with lunch and different artists giving their time freely to help the church raise money for the local food bank. These are very popular and artists have included professional singers, stage actors and local amateur groups.

Sherwell has hosted Hope Theatre Cafe, which is organised by the circuit 'Performing Arts Mission Enabler'

Sherwell has several rooms of various sizes that are rented out to regular users as well as 'one off' bookings, being located in the city centre helps with the renting of rooms.

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21 February 2024

**SHERWELL UNITED CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 August 2023**

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number: 1173365**

**Sherwell United Church**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2023**

		2022/23			2021/22	
	Note	GENERAL £	£	RESTRICTED £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Collections not including Gift Aid	2	17,641		0	17,641	16,475
Tax recovered under Gift Aid		4,572		0	4,572	3,433
			22,213		22,213	19,908
Donations	3		2,380	0	2,380	310
Property lettings	4		91,460	0	91,460	59,594
Interest and Investment Income	5		7,144	0	7,144	8,877
Fund Raising	6		612	0	612	562
Other receipts	7		11,138	0	11,138	215
Refund of overpaid URC Assessment 2021			0		0	8,348
Internal Organisations	8			595	595	629
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			<b>134,947</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>135,542</b>	<b>98,443</b>
Collections for external organisations	9			400	400	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>134,947</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>135,942</b>	<b>98,443</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Circuit assessment/share						
Methodist			45,771	0	45,771	19,892
U.R.C.			2,100	0	2,100	2,100
Property costs						
Church repairs and maintenance		16,187		16,596	32,783	14,250
Caretaking and cleaning		7,129		0	7,129	6,120
Insurance		5,829		0	5,829	5,178
Utilities		10,700		0	10,700	9,502
			39,845			
Administration	10		16,036	0	16,036	12,642
Donations - Methodist	13	0		0	0	241
Donations - Other	14	0		0	0	500
			0			
Other payments	15		15,738	0	15,738	14,899
Internal Organisations	8			571	571	664
			119,490	17,167	136,657	85,988
Capital Expenditure			0	2,202	2,202	610
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			<b>119,490</b>	<b>19,369</b>	<b>138,859</b>	<b>86,598</b>
Collections passed onto external organisations	9		0	400	400	123
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			<b>119,490</b>	<b>19,769</b>	<b>139,259</b>	<b>86,721</b>
Net income (expenditure) for the year			15,457	-18,774	-3,317	11,722
Transfers between funds	18B		0	50,596	50,596	0
Gain/Loss on realisation of investments			0	0	0	0
Total funds in hand at 1st September 2022			67,791	10,247	78,038	66,316
<b>TOTAL FUNDS IN HAND AT 31 August 2023</b>			<b>83,248</b>	<b>42,069</b>	<b>125,317</b>	<b>78,038</b>

**Sherwell United Church**

**Balance Sheet at 31 August 2023**

			2023	2022	
<b>Summary of Funds at 31 August 2023</b>					
	Note	General	Restricted	Total £	Total £
General fund		83,248		83,248	67,791
Restricted Funds	16		41,997	41,997	10,199
Collections not paid over			0	0	0
Internal Organisations	8		72	72	48
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>		<b>83,248</b>	<b>42,069</b>	<b>125,317</b>	<b>78,038</b>

**Summary of how funds held**

Balances at Bank and in Hand

Deposit accounts	26,460	41,997	68,457	21,435
Current accounts	56,703	72	56,775	56,555
Cash in hand	85		85	48
	<u>83,248</u>	<u>42,069</u>	<u>125,317</u>	<u>78,038</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>	<b>83,248</b>	<b>42,069</b>	<b>125,317</b>	<b>78,038</b>

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Mrs J Mortimore, Treasurer *J. Mortimore*  
 Approved by the Church Council on *26/3/2024*

*[Signature]*  
*27/8/24.*  
 AUSTIN LOWE  
 MINISTER

## Sherwell United Church

### Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2023

#### 1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost receipts & payments basis of accounting. In accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP2005) and Charities Act 2011 and the accounting regulations of the Methodist Church.

#### Funds

The Funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted, Restricted funds which are held for held for a narrower purpose. Details of retriected funds are set out in note 15.

#### Accounting Policies

**Income** Income is included in these accounts when received.  
**Expenditure** Expenditure is recognised when paid.

**Reserves** The Church aims to keep reserves amounting to one years running costs.

2 Offertory	2023			2022		
	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
Collections	7,676		7,676	7,501		7,501
Standing orders	9,134		9,134	8,974		8,974
Gift day	831		831	0		0
	<b>17,641</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,641</b>	<b>16,475</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,475</b>
<b>3 Donations</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total £</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Legacies	2,050		2,050			0
General	330		330	310		310
	<b>2,380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>4 Rents</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total £</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Room hire	41,739		41,739	13,419		13,419
Rooms leased	6,250		6,250	18,750		18,750
Car park	7,865		7,865	6,775		6,775
North Road	35,606		35,606	20,650		20,650
	<b>91,460</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91,460</b>	<b>59,594</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59,594</b>
<b>5 Investment income</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total £</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Trust income	3,431	50,596	54,027	3,752	3,619	7,371
Deposit account	3,713		3,713	1,506		1,506
	<b>7,144</b>	<b>50,596</b>	<b>57,740</b>	<b>5,258</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>8,877</b>
<b>6 Fund raising</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total £</b>	<b>General £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Sale of Books	332		332	307		307
Coffee	280		280	255		255
	<b>612</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>562</b>

**Sherwell United Church**

**Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2023**

7 Other receipts	2023			2022		
	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
Insurance Claim	11,138		11,138	0		0
Sundry	0		0	165		165
Traidcraft	0		0	50		50
	<b>11,138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,138</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>215</b>

**8 Internal Organisations**

	Opening Balance	Received	Paid	Transfer to Church	Closing Balance
Card Stall	46	0	0	0	46
Flower Ministry	2	595	571	0	26
	<b>48</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>

**9 Collections for External Organisations**

	Opening Balance	Received	Paid	Transfer to Church	Closing Balance
Hope Theatre Café	0	400	400	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**10 Administration**

	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
Salaries			0			0
Clerical Assistance	5,775		5,775	5,722		5,722
Bookkeeping	1,800		1,800	1,200		1,200
Travel Expenses	4,652		4,652	1,011		1,011
Professional Fees	580		580	980		980
Cost of Church Services	465		465	253		253
Stationery & Printing	913		913	849		849
Telephone	619		619	565		565
Postage	16		16	16		16
Music	813		813	830		830
Miscellaneous	343		343	476		476
Bank Charges	60		60	110		110
Training	0		0	630		630
	<b>16,036</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,036</b>	<b>12,642</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,642</b>

**11 Employees**

The church had an average of 1 part time employee (0.2 of full time) during the year (2022: 1). Total emoluments were:

	2023	2022
Salaries (included in Cleaning)	3,822	954
Employer's National Insurance	0	0
Employer's Pension Contributions	0	0
	<b>3,822</b>	<b>954</b>

The church has a defined contribution pension scheme. No contributions were made in the year

## Sherwell United Church

### Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2023

#### 12 Payments to trustees

During the year, two trustees provided services to the charity for which they received remuneration. These amount to £5,775 included in Administration and £5,313 included in Church repairs and maintenance.

13 Donations	2023			2022		
	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
<b>Methodist Charities</b>						
Action for Children	0		0	241		241
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>241</u>

#### 14 Donations

##### Other Charities

Cross Rhythms Radio	0		0	500		500
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>

#### 15 Other Payments

Expenses North Road	15,424		15,424	14,732		14,732
Catering	314		314	167		167
Prior year adjustment			0			0
	<u>15,738</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,738</u>	<u>14,899</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,899</u>

#### 16 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1/9/22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/8/23
Coldman Trust: Layworker	4,832				4,832
Other restricted funds					
Sale of Manse 2		50,596	18,798		31,798
Sunday School	2,506				2,506
Music	485				485
Organ	1,143				1,143
Benevolent	1,233				1,233
Total other	<u>5,367</u>	<u>50,596</u>	<u>18,798</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>37,165</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>10,199</u>	<u>50,596</u>	<u>18,798</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,997</u>

#### 17 Capital Commitments

Capital commitments £nil (2022 £nil)

**Sherwell United Church**

**Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2023**

**18 OTHER ASSETS**

**A General Fund Trusts**

	<b>TMCP Sundry Bequest</b>	<b>URC General Trust</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance b/fwd	65,929	28,740	94,669
Income received	1,954	719	2,673
Additional deposit	0	0	0
Change in value	-2,622	-743	-3,365
	<u>65,261</u>	<u>28,716</u>	<u>93,977</u>
Withdrawn	0	0	0
Expenses	188	0	188
Income paid over to Church	1,771	719	2,490
	<u>63,302</u>	<u>27,997</u>	<u>91,299</u>

The Church can use the capital and income of these trusts. The church received £2,490 income from these trusts last year.

**B Restricted Fund Trusts**

**Trusts**

	<b>Sale of Property</b>	<b>Sale of Manse 2</b>	<b>Total Restricted Trusts</b>
Balance b/fwd	108,910	100,432	209,342
Income received	3,496	2,712	6,208
Change in value(unrealised)		-3,392	-3,392
	<u>112,406</u>	<u>99,752</u>	<u>212,158</u>
Transfer to Restricted funds	0	50,596	50,596
Expenses	310	0	310
Income paid over to Church	0	2,712	2,712
	<u>112,096</u>	<u>46,444</u>	<u>158,540</u>

The Methodist Church has decided that the sale of Property Trust can in addition to major property purchase or repair now be used for personnel costs.

The Sale of Manse Trusts arise from the sale of a URC Manse. The capital can be used for major property repairs or replacement of buildings. The income can be used for general church purposes. The drawdowns from Sale of Manse 2 Trust were (a) £16,596 for glass on a first floor walkway, paid for during the year ended 31 August 2023, and (b) £34,000 for chairs (£2202 spent during year), carpeting and car park works, expected to be completed in year ended 31 August 2024.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>3 Furniture, Organ &amp; Other Equipment (at insured value)</b>	<b>348,807</b>	311,434

**4 Property**

The property occupied by the church is vested in United Reform Church Trustees

The freehold property 150 North Road East is held for investment purposes.  
its insured value is:-

**837,323** 768,186

The insured value of landlords fittings is

**33,263** 30,930

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the Sherwell United Church

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28 February 2023

**SHERWELL UNITED CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173365

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# Accounts

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**SHERWELL UNITED CHURCH  
PLYMOUTH & DEVONPORT CIRCUIT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2022  
Charity Number 1173365**

Sherwell United Church  
Plymouth & Devonport circuit  
Financial statements for year ending August 2022

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Sherwell United Church, Plymouth & Devonport circuit  
Reference and Administrative details for year ending August 2022

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Rev Alistair Lowe

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# Sherwell United Church, Plymouth & Devonport circuit

## Trustees Report for year ending August 2022

Sherwell United Church submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ending August 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015, in preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charity.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The General Church meeting, meets regularly during the year and all major policies and decisions recommended by the Trustees are brought to this meeting of the whole church for final decisions to be made.

The Trustees/Elders of Sherwell United Church comprises:

Minister-Chairperson

Church secretary

Church treasurer

Church Stewards

All Appointed representatives of the church with a minimum of 8 Trustees/ Elders.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Sherwell United Church- Mission Statement:

To Reach up, To reach Out and to Reach in with hope and love

Sherwell United Church- Vision Statement

To be a church where all people feel supported in every area of their lives and to be seen as relevant by those it serves. We are a community of believers who have a heart for God and are living with the purpose of sharing that God with others.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Sherwell is coming out of the 'lock down' situation slowly and some church members have still not returned to worship within the building. During Lock down zoom services were held and email and hard copies of sermons were sent out to church members. August 2021 saw a new Minister join us, and as a united church this is a Methodist Minister.

As a listed building the paperwork involved in improving the building has proved challenging. However we have managed to replace railings on a first floor walkway with toughened glass, and have new wrought iron railings being replaced around the car park.

# Sherwell United Church, Plymouth & Devonport circuit

## Trustees report continued- year ending August 2022

Sherwell has embraced the 'Warm Welcome' scheme and opened its doors once a week for coffee and lunch.

There are Bi-Monthly musical recitals, with lunch and different artists giving there time freely to help the church raise money for the local food bank. These are very popular and artists have included professional singers, stage actors and local amateur groups.

Sherwell has hosted Hope Theatre Cafe, which is organised by the circuit 'Performing Arts Mission Enabler'

Sherwell has several rooms of various sizes that are rented out to regular users as well as 'one off' bookings, being located in the city centre helps with the renting of rooms.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

Sherwell has seen the two treasurers retire, and as nobody felt the call to take on the job, decide to use the services of a book keeper. This move has proved to be very beneficial and has helped the church stay on track dealing with the finances. During the pandemic the church had to draw down from its Trust funds to keep going. Several church members have changed their giving to direct debit. Giving has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.

### RESERVES POLICY

Sherwell United Church reserve policy is to hold one years annual expenditure in reserve.

### INVESTMENT

Sherwell United Church has a current bank account with CAF Bank Ltd, it has an account with the central Finance Board and Trust funds with TMCP and the URC.

### OTHER POLICIES

The Trustees, regularly review risk assessment policy along with evacuation procedure and health and safety policy.

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The church members are currently looking at using the sanctuary area more often as a flexible space, and inviting groups to produce exhibitions or performances.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Rev Alistair Lowe  
Minister

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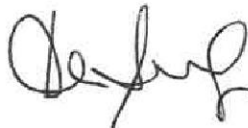
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2022

**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number: 1173365**

Sherwell United Church

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2022

		2021/22		2020/21		
	Note	GENERAL £	£	RESTRICTED £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Collections not including Gift Aid	2	16,475		0	16,475	14,991
Tax recovered under Gift Aid		<u>3,433</u>		0	<u>3,433</u>	2,465
			19,908		19,908	17,456
Donations	3		310	0	310	1,000
Property lettings	4		59,594	0	59,594	32,624
Interest and Investment Income	5		5,258	3,619	8,877	4,771
Fund Raising	6		562	0	562	0
Other receipts	7		215	0	215	28,000
Refund of overpaid URC Assessment 2021			8,348		8,348	0
Internal Organisations	8			629	629	0
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			<u>94,195</u>	<u>4,248</u>	<u>98,443</u>	83,851
Collections for external organisations	9			0	0	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<u>94,195</u>	<u>4,248</u>	<u>98,443</u>	83,851
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Circuit assessment/share						
Methodist			19,892	0	19,892	16,722
U.R.C.			2,100	0	2,100	36,540
Property costs						
Church repairs and maintenance		14,250		0	14,250	31,483
Caretaking and cleaning		6,120		0	6,120	6,128
Insurance		5,178		0	5,178	5,487
Utilities		<u>9,502</u>		0	<u>9,502</u>	13,600
			35,050			
Administration	10		12,642	0	12,642	7,686
Donations - Methodist	13	241		0	241	230
Donations - Other	14	<u>500</u>		0	<u>500</u>	1,000
			741			
Publicity			0	0	0	45
Other payments	15		14,899	0	14,899	33,420
Internal Organisations	8			664	664	0
			<u>85,324</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>85,988</u>	152,341
Capital Expenditure			0	610	610	0
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			<u>85,324</u>	<u>1,274</u>	<u>86,598</u>	152,341
Collections passed onto external organisations	9		0	123	0	665
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			<u>85,324</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>86,598</u>	153,006
Net income (expenditure) for the year			8,871	2,851	11,722	-69,155
Transfers between funds	17B		3,619	-3,619	0	0
Gain/Loss on realisation of investments			0		0	0
Total funds in hand at 1st September 2021			55,301	11,015	66,316	135,471
<b>TOTAL FUNDS IN HAND AT 31 August 2022</b>			<u>67,791</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>78,038</u>	66,316

**Sherwell United Church**

**Balance Sheet at 31 August 2022**

			2022	2021	
<b>Summary of Funds at 31 August 2022</b>					
	Note	General	Restricted	Total £	Total £
General fund		67,791		67,791	55,301
Restricted Funds	15		10,199	10,199	10,809
Collections not paid over			0	0	123
Internal Organisations	16		48	48	83
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>		<b>67,791</b>	<b>10,247</b>	<b>78,038</b>	<b>66,316</b>

**Summary of how funds held**

Balances at Bank and in Hand

Deposit accounts	11,236	10,199	21,435	20,541
Current accounts	56,507	48	56,555	45,767
Cash in hand	48		48	8
		67,791	10,247	78,038
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>		<b>67,791</b>	<b>10,247</b>	<b>66,316</b>
				0

Mrs J Mortimore, Treasurer

*J. Mortimore*

Approved by the Church Council on

## Sherwell United Church

### Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2022

#### 1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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#### Funds

The Funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted, Restricted funds which are held for held for a narrower purpose. Details of retriected funds are set out in note 15.

#### Accounting Policies

**Income** Income is included in these accounts when received.  
**Expenditure** Expenditure is recognised when paid.

**Reserves** The Church aims to keep reserves amounting to one years running costs.

	2022			2021		
	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Offertory</b>						
Collections	7,501		7,501	8,966		8,966
Standing orders	8,974		8,974	6,025		6,025
Gift day	0		0	0		0
	<b>16,475</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,475</b>	<b>14,991</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,991</b>
<b>3 Donations</b>						
Legacies			0	1,000	0	1,000
General	310		310	0	0	0
	<b>310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>4 Rents</b>						
Room hire	13,419		13,419	6,933		6,933
Rooms leased	18,750		18,750	18,750		18,750
Car park	6,775		6,775	6,920		6,920
North Road	20,650		20,650	21		21
	<b>59,594</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59,594</b>	<b>32,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,624</b>
<b>5 Investment income</b>						
Trust income	3,752	3,619	7,371	4,632		4,632
Deposit account	1,506		1,506	139		139
	<b>5,258</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>8,877</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,771</b>
<b>6 Fund raising</b>						
Sale of Books	307		307			0
Coffee	255		255			0
	<b>562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Sherwell United Church

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7 Other receipts	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
Insurance Claim	0		0	28,000		28,000
Sundry	165		165			0
Traidcraft	50		50			0
	<b>215</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,000</b>

8 Internal Organisations

	Opening Balance	Received	Paid	Transfer to Church	Closing Balance
Card Stall	46	0	0	0	46
Flower Ministry	37	629	664	0	2
	<b>83</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>

9 Collections for External Organisations

	Opening Balance	Received	Paid	Transfer to Church	Closing Balance
Action for Children	59	0	59	0	0
Rainbow Project	64	0	64	0	0
	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

10 Administration

	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
Salaries			0	1,468		1,468
Clerical Assistance	5,722		5,722			0
Bookkeeping	1,200		1,200			0
Travel Expenses	1,011		1,011	105		105
Professional Fees	980		980	2,800		2,800
Cost of Church Services	253		253	121		121
Stationery & Printing	849		849	769		769
Telephone	565		565	549		549
Postage	16		16	466		466
Newsletter			0	30		30
Music	830		830	368		368
Miscellaneous	476		476	852		852
Bank Charges	110		110	158		158
Training	630		630			0
	<b>12,642</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,642</b>	<b>7,686</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,686</b>

2022

2021

11 Employees

The church had an average of 1 part time employee (0.2 of full time) during the year (2021: 2). Total emoluments were:

Salaries (included in Cleaning)	954	1,468
Employer's National Insurance	0	0
Employer's Pension Contributions	0	0
	<b>954</b>	<b>1,468</b>

The church has a defined contribution pension scheme. No contributions were made in the year

## Sherwell United Church

### Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2022

#### 12 Payments to trustees

During the year, two trustees provided services to the charity for which they received remuneration. These amount to £5,722 included in Administration and £5,313 included in Church repairs and maintenance.

#### 13 Donations

	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
<b>Methodist Charities</b>						
Benevolence			0	230		230
Action for Children	241		241			0
	<b>241</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>230</b>

#### 14 Donations

##### Other Charities

Christian Aid			0	500		500
Food Bank			0	500		500
Cross Rhythms Radio	500		500			0
	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>

#### 15 Other Payments

Expenses North Road	14,732		14,732	33,139		33,139
Catering	167		167	61		61
Prior year adjustment			0	220		220
	<b>14,899</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,899</b>	<b>33,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,420</b>

#### 15 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1/9/21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31/8/22
Coldman Trust: Layworker	4,832				4,832
Other restricted funds					
Sale of Manse 1		3,619		3,619	0
Sunday School	2,506				2,506
Music	1,095		610		485
Organ	1,143				1,143
Benevolent	1,233				1,233
Total other	<b>5,977</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>5,367</b>
Total Restricted Funds	<b>10,809</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>10,199</b>

#### 16 Capital Commitments

Capital commitments £nil (2021 £nil)

Sherwell United Church

Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2022

17 OTHER ASSETS

A General Fund Trusts

	TMCP Sundry Bequest	URC General Trust	Total
Balance b/fwd	70,064	30,328	100,392
Income received	1,619	835	2,454
Additional deposit	0	0	0
Change in value	-4,140	-1,588	-5,728
	<u>67,543</u>	<u>29,575</u>	<u>97,118</u>
Withdrawn	0	0	0
Expenses	199	0	
Income paid over to Church	1,415	835	2,250
	<u>65,929</u>	<u>28,740</u>	<u>94,868</u>

The Church can use the capital and income of these trusts. The church received £2,250 income from these trusts last year.

B Restricted Fund Trusts

Trusts	Restricted Trusts			Total Restricted Trusts
	Sale of Property	Sale of Manse 1	Sale of Manse 2	
Balance b/fwd	108,710	3,619	105,981	218,310
Income received	510	0	2,917	3,427
Change in value(unrealised)		0	-5,549	-5,549
	<u>109,220</u>	<u>3,619</u>	<u>103,349</u>	<u>216,188</u>
Transfer to Restricted funds	0	3,619	0	3,619
Expenses	310	0	0	310
Income paid over to Church	0	0	2,917	2,917
	<u>108,910</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,432</u>	<u>209,342</u>

The Methodist Church has decided that the sale of Property Trust can in addition to major property purchase or repair now be used for personnel costs.

The Sale of Manse Trusts arise from the sale of a URC Manse. The capital can be used for major property repairs or replacement of buildings. The income can be used for general church purposes. The drawdown from Sale of Manse 1 Trust was in September 2021 was for property repairs carried out during the year ended 31 August 2021.

	2022	2021
3 Furniture, Organ & Other Equipment (at insured value)	311,434	287,992

4 Property

The property occupied by the church is vested in United Reform Church Trustees

The freehold property 150 North Road East is held for investment purposes. its insured value is:-	768,186	709,968
The insured value of landlords fittings is	30,930	28,943

**SHERWELL UNITED CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173365

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# Accounts

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## Sherwell United Church

### Report of the (Honorary) Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Sherwell United Church

This report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 9, carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 .

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement.

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

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

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met: or

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

David A Summers  
Accountant

3 Sherford Crescent  
Elburton  
Plymouth  
PL9 8DU



12 April 2022

**Sherwell United Church**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2021**

		2020/21		2019/20		
	Note	GENERAL £	£	RESTRICTED £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Collections including Gift Aid	2	14,991		0	14,991	15,911
Tax recovered under Gift Aid		<u>2,465</u>		0	<u>2,465</u>	6,678
			17,456		17,456	22,589
Donations	3	1,000		0	1,000	417
Property lettings	4	32,624		0	32,624	78,478
Interest and Investment Income	5	4,771		0	4,771	5,557
Fund Raising	6	0		0	0	486
Other receipts	7	28,000		0	28,000	682
Internal Organisations	16			0	0	350
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			<u>83,851</u>	0	<u>83,851</u>	108,559
Collections for external organisations	8			0	0	788
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<u>83,851</u>	0	<u>83,851</u>	109,347
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Circuit assessment/share						
Methodist			16,722	0	16,722	19,767
U.R.C.			36,540	0	36,540	32,515
Property costs						
Church repairs and maintenance		31,483		0	31,483	24,393
Caretaking and cleaning		6,128		0	6,128	5,584
Insurance		5,487		0	5,487	4,956
Utilities		<u>13,601</u>		0	<u>13,601</u>	12,841
			56,699			
Administration	9		7,686	0	7,686	11,776
Donations - Methodist	11	230		0	230	903
Donations - Other	12	<u>1,000</u>		0	<u>1,000</u>	0
			1,230			
Publicity			45	0	45	0
Other payments	13		33,420	0	33,420	13,617
Internal Organisations	16		0	0	0	320
			<u>152,342</u>	0	<u>152,342</u>	126,672
Capital Expenditure			0	0	0	746
<b>Sub Total General Funds</b>			<u>152,342</u>	0	<u>152,342</u>	127,418
Collections passed onto external organisations	14		0	665	665	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			<u>152,342</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>153,007</u>	127,418
Net income (expenditure) for the year			-68,491	-665	-69,156	-18,071
Transfers between funds					0	0
Gain/Loss on realisation of investments			0		0	0
Total funds in hand at 1st September 2020			123,791	11,680	135,471	153,542
<b>TOTAL FUNDS IN HAND AT 31 August 2021</b>			<u>55,300</u>	<u>11,015</u>	<u>66,315</u>	135,471

**Sherwell United Church**

**Balance Sheet at 31 August 2021**

				2021	2020
<b>Summary of Funds at 31 August 2021</b>					
	Note	General	Restricted	Total £	Total £
General fund		<b>55,300</b>		<b>55,300</b>	123,791
Restricted Funds	15		<b>10,809</b>	<b>10,809</b>	10,809
Collections not paid over			<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	788
Internal Organisations	16		<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	83
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>		<b>55,300</b>	<b>11,015</b>	<b>66,315</b>	<b>135,471</b>

**Summary of how funds held**

Balances at Bank and in Hand

Deposit accounts	<b>9,609</b>	<b>10,932</b>	<b>20,541</b>	129,482
Current accounts	<b>45,683</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>45,766</b>	5,981
Cash in hand	<b>8</b>		<b>8</b>	8
	<b>55,300</b>	<b>11,015</b>		<b>66,315</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>	<b>55,300</b>	<b>11,015</b>		<b>66,315</b>
				135,471
				0

Mrs J Mortimore, Treasurer

Approved by the Church Council on

Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2021

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**Accounting Policies**

**Income** Income is included in these accounts when received.

**Expenditure** Expenditure is recognised when paid.

**Reserves** The Church aims to keep reserves amounting to one years running costs.

2 Offertory	2021			2020		
	General £	Restricted £	Total £	General £	Restricted £	Total £
Collections	8,966		8,966	8,971		8,971
Standing orders	6,025		6,025	6,350		6,350
Gift day	0		0	590		590
	<b>14,991</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,991</b>	<b>15,911</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,911</b>
<b>3 Donations</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	1,000		1,000	0	0	0
General	0		0	417	0	417
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>4 Rents</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Room hire	6,933		6,933	39,865		39,865
Car park	6,920		6,920	7,645		7,645
North Road	18,771		18,771	30,968		30,968
	<b>32,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,624</b>	<b>78,478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78,478</b>
<b>5 Investment income</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Trust income	4,632		4,632	4,641		4,641
Deposit account	139		139	916		916
	<b>4,771</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,557</b>

Sherwell United Church

Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2021

6 Fund raising	2021			2020		
	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sale of Books	0		0	143		143
Magazines	0		0	0		0
Coffee	0		0		343	343
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>486</b>

7 Other receipts	2021			2020		
	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Events	0		0	0		0
Insurance Claim	28,000		28,000	0	0	0
Sundry	0		0	21		21
Student Meals	0		0	158		158
Traidcraft	0		0	353		353
Printing	0		0	150		150
	<b>28,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>682</b>

8 Collections for External Organisations

Action for Children		0		59	59
Childrens Hospice		0		0	0
Children's Hospice Cornwall		0		665	665
Disaster Emergency		0		0	0
Food Bank		0		0	0
Indonesia		0		0	0
Salvation Army		0		0	0
Rainbow		0		64	64
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>788</b>

9 Administration

	2021			2020		
	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	1,468		1,468	800		800
Clerical Assistance			0	5,419		5,419
Layworker Contribution			0			0
Travel Expenses	105		105	1,166		1,166
Professional Fees	2,800		2,800	600		600
Cost of Church Services	121		121	143		143
Stationery & Printing	769		769	1,263		1,263
Telephone	549		549	621		621
Postage	466		466	313		313
Newsletter	30		30	88		88
Music	368		368	639		639
Miscellaneous	852		852	163		163
Bank Charges	158		158	60		60
Admin Charge			0	501		501
	<b>7,686</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,686</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,776</b>

**Sherwell United Church**

**Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2021**

	2021	2020
<b>10 Employees</b>		
The church had an average of 2 part time employees during the year (2020 2). Equivalent to one half full time employee (2020 1/2), although this was affected by the lockdowns. Total emoluments were:-		
Salaries	1,468	4,293
Included in North Road Costs	0	0
Employer's National Insurance	0	0
Employer's Pension Contributions	0	0
	<u>1,468</u>	<u>4,293</u>

The church has a defined contribution pension scheme. No contributions were made in the year

<b>11 Donations</b>	<b>General</b>			<b>Restricted</b>		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Methodist Charities</b>						
Benevolence	230		230		33	33
Cornerstone Church			0			0
Action for Children			0	350		350
						0
	<u>230</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>383</u>

**12 Donations**

**Other Charities**

Christian Aid	500		500			0
Food Bank	500		500			0
Children's Hospice			0			0
Indonesia			0			0
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**13 Other Payments**

Traidcraft			0	311		311
Expenses North Road	33,139		33,139	12,945		12,945
Events			0			0
Catering	61		61	361		361
Courses			0			0
Remembrance Book			0			0
Prior Year Adjustment	220		220			0
Outreach Expenses			0			0
	<u>33,420</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,420</u>	<u>13,617</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,617</u>

**14 Collections passed onto External Organisations**

Action for Children			0			0
Childrens Hospice		665	665			0
Christian Aid			0			0
Disaster Emergency			0			0
Food Bank			0			0
Indonesia			0			0
Salvation Army			0			0
Rainbow Project			0			0
	<u>0</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Sherwell United Church

Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2021

15 Restricted Funds

Coldman Trust

	Layworker	Student Outreach	Total Coldman Trust
Balance b/	4,832	0	4,832
Income	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0
	<u>4,832</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,832</u>
Expenses	0	0	
	<u>4,832</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,832</u>

	Sunday School	Music Fund	Organ Fund	Benevolen Fund	Total Other		Total Restricted Funds
Balance b/	2,506	1,095	1,143	1,233	5,977		
Income	0	0	0	0	0		
Donations	0	0	0	0	0		
Interest	0	0	0	0	0		
	<u>2,506</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>1,233</u>	<u>5,977</u>	Coldman Trust	4,832
Expenses					0	Other	5,977
Transfer					0		
	<u>2,506</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>1,233</u>	<u>5,977</u>		<u>10,809</u>

16 Internal Organisations

	Opening Balance	Received	Paid	Transfer to Church	Closing Balance
Card Stall	46	0	0	0	46
Flower Ministry	37	0	0	0	37
	<u>83</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83</u>

17 Capital Commitments

Capital commitments £nil (2020 £nil)

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**OTHER ASSETS**

**General Fund Trusts**

	<b>TMCP Sundry Bequest</b>	<b>URC General Trust</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1</b>			
Balance b/fwd	59,844	26,039	85,883
Income received	0	0	0
Additional deposit	0	0	0
Change in value	10,220	4,289	14,509
	<u>70,064</u>	<u>30,328</u>	<u>100,392</u>
Withdrawn	0	0	0
Income paid over to Church	0	0	0
	<u>70,064</u>	<u>30,328</u>	<u>100,392</u>

The Church can use the capital and income of these trusts. The church received £2,385 income from these trusts last year.

**Restricted Fund Trusts**

<b>Trusts</b>	<b>Restricted Trusts</b>			<b>Total Restricted Trusts</b>
	<b>Sale of Property</b>	<b>Sale of Manse 1</b>	<b>Sale of Manse 2</b>	
<b>2</b>				
Balance b/fwd	108,561	3,614	90,992	203,167
Income received	366	0	0	366
Change in value(unrealised)		5	14,989	14,994
	<u>108,927</u>	<u>3,619</u>	<u>105,981</u>	<u>218,527</u>
Transfer to Restricted funds Funds	0	0	0	0
Expenses	217	0	0	217
Income paid over to Church	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>108,710</u>	<u>3,619</u>	<u>105,981</u>	<u>218,310</u>

The Methodist Church has decided that the sale of Property Trust can in addition to major property purchase or repair now be used for personnel costs.

The Sale of Manse Trusts arise from the sale of a URC Manse. The capital can be used for major property repairs or replacement of buildings. The income can be used for general church purposes

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	<b>2021</b>	2020
<b>3</b> Furniture, Organ & Other Equipment (at insured value)	<b>287,992</b>	284,997

**4** Property

The property occupied by the church is vested in United Reform Church Trustees

The freehold property 150 North Road East is held for investment purposes.  
its insured value is:-

	<b>709,968</b>	689,289
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The insured value of landlords fittings is	<b>28,943</b>	28,246
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**SHERWELL UNITED CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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# Elders Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Present

Heather Brumpton, Michael Cooke, Rev'd Colin Phipps, Peter Sweeting, June Gaskin, Lorna Sewell, Pam Cooper, Brian Gerry, Janet Dobinson

## Apologies

Jean Mortimore, Anne Kalas, Paul Sowden, Barbara Chown

## Opening Devotions

Colin read from a book by Trevor Denis, which comments on the selection of Mathias, the disciple who took Judas place, in Acts 1vv 15-26. Colin said that we are like Mathias, with an untold story.

## Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record.

## Matters arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered by the agenda.

## Finance

Heather mentioned that she has still been trying to get through to Cobra about the debt owed by It's a Wrap. However she can not get into the portal which should show what is happening with the recovery of the debt.

The accounts were back from George Stringer and each member had a copy. June went through the accounts in detail and questions were answered as they came up.

## Property

Paul had sent a written report.

The renewal of the flat roof above the flower room will be done as soon as the weather permits. Hopefully the work to renew the balustrade will commence soon. There is a lot of dampness around a window in the Wilson room. Paul is gathering quotes for investigation and repairs.

The property is due for a quinquennial inspection this year and one is booked for Monday 24<sup>th</sup>. Questions were asked about the car park railings. Heather said that like the flat roof, it was possibly the weather that was holding this project up, but half the cost had been paid already.

The projectors in the church have been changed around. Paul has been to see the house at NRE and as yet has not had the costings for the proposed work.

## Minister's matters

Colin spoke about the reluctance of people to come forward and take up offices within the church, and he will speak about this at the AGM. We will need to have somebody to take over as treasurer. Colin was pleased

to announce that rather than retiring completely from the job of office manager, Heather has decided to just cut down her hours, and has agreed to stay on, for the time being as church secretary. Colin would like to invite both Ann Stevens and Liz Pellow onto the Eldership.

Cornerstone 'wall project' has had a new quote and the local builder has said that the wall doesn't need footings; he has quoted £26k instead of the £70k from previous quotes. Also Cornerstone have been left a bequest of £25k, so our pledge will not be call upon.

There was a blessing here at Sherwell last Saturday which went well.

#### Secretary's matters

Heather reported that the change to the constitution allowing Sherwell to have 'at least 8' trustees instead of 19 has been approved by Churches together in Devon. It has now gone to both URC Synod and Methodist district office in Exeter to be approved at their next Synod meetings.

Mayflower 400. After meeting with Tom Cox from the council we are now allowed to use the 'Mayflower' Logo on all our events and Heather will keep Tom up to date with all that we are doing here so that he can put it on the Mayflower calender.

#### Pastoral care

Concerns were discussed about members, families and friends who have needs. We should keep all these people in our prayers. Colin prayed for all our church members.

#### Circuit

Janet reported that a new superintendent had been appointed. Revd Andy Chislett-MacDonald, he will also be taking over pastoral care of Pomphlett and Elburton Methodist Churches. Revd Colin Roberts from Roborough has been advised by his doctor to take a complete break and has now retired. Janet has been appointed as Pastor at Roborough and enjoying that role. Keith Chin is lay Pastor at Millbrook, the lay pastor at Pennycross has left, but they have funding to appoint someone else. Anne Middleton has been appointed at the Performing Arts Mission Enabler and would like to get around to all churches in the circuit to talk about her role within the Circuit.

There will be a Circuit Passion Play at Ridgeway during Holy Week.

#### Synod

Heather spoke about a synod Elders day for the Plymouth churches, but had no information. Peter however did know the date. It will be Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at Derriford.

#### Correspondence

Thanks from Barbara Miles family for our support at her thanksgiving service.

A letter from Methodist District about a new Housing Hub.

An email from Sylvia Bunney's son to say that she had passed away.

A letter from the Salvation Army as a response to my email. Saying that they do not have a night shelter, however they do sell meal vouchers for £1 each that can be given away. Colin said that the Oggy Oggy pasty shop also do vouchers and we discussed this and said we should have some from there to give to homeless people who frequent our doorway.

A.O.B

Colin said that he had been invited by Luke Pollard the MP for this area, to a breakfast with other church leaders. Colin said he had accepted.

Heather spoke about getting a better postcard of the Mayflower window and asked for permission to go ahead with this. It was agreed.

Also Heather asked if we could purchase a new commercial microwave at a cost of £700 for the kitchen as the domestic ones were not really up to the job. This was agreed.

Lorna asked if we could bring the time of the next meeting forward to 7pm. This was agreed.

Next Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 9.20pm with sharing the grace.