

# SPEN VALLEY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173974

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-07-27

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN CLECKHEATON AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND 2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

**Activities:** The main services are opportunities for people to find out about the Christian Faith and to take part in Christian worship services including Biblical teaching. It provides for the public worship of God, for recreation for young people in a safe environment, a place for parents and toddlers to meet, a place for people of all ages to meet with Christians and learn about the Christian message.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Kirklees

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£90,431	£75,954	-	-
2024-03-31	£84,740	£70,534	-	-
2023-03-31	£63,449	£56,804	-	-
2022-03-31	£66,399	£47,426	-	-
2021-03-31	£64,910	£47,117	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
GRAHAM PAUL THOMSON	Chair	2017-07-17
David Bowley		2024-10-27
Kevin Ball		2020-05-17

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# Accounts

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## **TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Charity Registration: 1173974

## Charity Reference and Administration

**Registered Number:** 1173974

**Registered:** 27 July 2017

**Location:** Kirklees, West Yorkshire

**Address:** 32 Ashbourne Way, Cleckheaton, BD19 5JA  
office@spenvalleychurch.org

### Trustee Board:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Position</b>
Graham Thomson	27-Jul-2017	Chairman and Pastor
Kevin Ball	29-Apr-2020	Elder
David Bowley	27-Oct-2024	Elder
Mark Frost	28-Mar-2021	Acting Trustee

**Note of Record:** As an external Acting Trustee, Mark Frost was re-elected to this role during this reporting period at an extraordinary members' meetings held on 29-Sep-2024, and finally ceased being an Acting Trustee six months later on 30-Mar-2025.

**Bankers:** The Co-operative Bank plc, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M4 4BE

### Note:

#### public benefit

In compiling this report and in exercising their powers and duties, the Trustees have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission and, in particular, on charities for the advancement of religion.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Purposes of Spen Valley Church

The church Constitution Section 3 has the following:

*“The purposes of the Church are:*

- *the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Cleckheaton and the surrounding neighbourhood; and*
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### Governance and Management

The Trustees meet at least four times a year as stated in section 19 of the church Constitution. Extra meetings can be arranged for urgent matters if the chairman or two trustees call a meeting. Ten days’ notice must be given to all trustees unless the trustees all agree on an earlier date. An agenda is sent out for each meeting and proper minutes are taken as per section 19.4 of the Constitution.

Meetings can be held by suitable electronic means as per the guidelines set out in 19.5 of the Constitution.

## Activities and Achievements

### **Trustees Report, 01 April 2024 – 31 March 2025:**

After adding quite a few people to our church membership last year, this past year has been more of a consolidation year, with just one new member joining (bringing our membership up to 18). Nevertheless, it has been a good year of growing together, and of continuing to strengthen our community links and relationships.

Regular Church life has continued during this year – Sunday morning public worship services, Sunday evening Discipleship group for members, and monthly teaching and fellowship nights for men, and a similar monthly 'Titus 2' group for women. We again held our Carol Service in December 2024, as well as lots of our members getting involved in various community events and groups.

After just over a year of training and meeting with the current Elders, we were pleased to be able to appoint Dave as a new Elder (and hence also Charity Trustee) in October 2024. This strengthening of the church leadership will help with the ongoing pastoral care of both the members and also any regular attenders, as well as help share out the leadership responsibilities of the church, so this is very welcome.

This year Graham (our employed pastor) and his family attended the Medhurst Ministries family retreat in North Yorkshire, for training, fellowship, and recuperation – this is a very welcome benefit of our membership of Medhurst Ministries. Graham and his wife also attended the FIEC Leadership conference in Blackpool in November 2024.

As last year, much of the church was again able to attend the Medhurst Ministry weekender in June, where friendship, fellowship, and teaching for churches working in deprived areas were all strengthened.

After a few years of exploring partnership options with other churches, we were thrilled this year to begin a partnership with another Medhurst Ministries church, Banstead Community Church. We have started meeting with them (virtually) one evening a month, and we are enjoying the opportunity to get to know them, and mutually support the other church's ministries.

We ran an 'Away weekend' in September 2024 at a nearby church, and the pastor of Banstead Community Church was our guest speaker this time, which further helped to strengthen our new partnership.

After having appointed our very first ministry apprentice last January, we released him back into full-time secular employment in June 2024 – a little earlier than expected, but we were

grateful for the growth we saw and the learning we obtained from having this role within the church for 6 months.

Twice this year we were able to run a Holiday Bible Club during school holidays. Each time we used facilities at the school where we hire the hall for our Sundays, and where our pastor is a school governor. This has continued to strengthen our links with the school community, and is a great opportunity for church members to pitch in and enjoy some time leading the kids in games, songs, and crafts, which others run a café for the parents and guardians. Good community links are being forged, with a number of families now coming to us every time we run a holiday club.

One of our members this year started a Medhurst training course in September 2024, a part-time practical theology course aimed at helping equip ordinary people for wider church ministry. We're excited about this opportunity, and hope that others in the future will take advantage of this opportunity.

## Financial Review

Spen Valley Church began the year with cash in the bank of £65,609

During the year, total receipts amounted to a further £90,431

During the year, total expenditure amounted to £75,954

The year closed with a balance of £80,086

Spen Valley Church has two paid employees, and relies on internal and external giving throughout the year. We are pleased to be able to report that our income exceeded our expenditure for this reporting period, thanks to both the good level of giving from members and also some generous external givers. The trustees continue to explore additional avenues of external giving to enable the church to function for the coming years.

## Declaration

The Trustees of Spen Valley Church declare that they have approved the above Trustees' Annual Report, and the following has signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Kevin Ball  
Trustee (Elder)

12 January 2026

## Statement of Financial Activities

### Spen Valley Church Accounts for the Year Ended 31-Mar-2025

2023/2024 Total		2024/2025 Unrestricted	2024/2025 Restricted	2024/2025 Total
	<b>INCOME</b>			
£141	Collections	£240	£0	£240
£26,430	Individuals gifts (Gift Aid)	£25,976	£300	£26,276
£2,760	Individuals gifts (no Gift Aid)	£3,501	£1,370	£4,871
£48,524	External Organisations gifts	£4,053	£46,038	£50,091
£600	Helping Hands Fund	£0	£1,486	£1,486
£5,550	HMRC Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	£6,667	£125	£6,792
£611	Reimbursements	£529	£0	£529
£124	Bank Interest	£145	£0	£145
<b>£84,740</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£41,111</b>	<b>£49,320</b>	<b>£90,431</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
£56,645	Employee Remuneration	£18,476	£41,583	£60,059
£2,637	Admin & IT (inc printing)	£174	£0	£174
£5,370	Building hire	£6,555	£0	£6,555
£46	Catering / Cleaning	£29	£0	£29
£194	Church Away Day	£793	£0	£793
£621	Conferences, special events	£731	£0	£731
£313	Copyright Licence	£326	£0	£326
£912	FIEC Conference	£568	£0	£568
£774	Holiday Bible Club	£379	£0	£379
£232	Insurance	£268	£0	£268
£200	Misc	£734	£0	£734
£600	Mission Giving	£3,000	£0	£3,000
£670	Pastoral Expenses	£803	£0	£803
£112	Payroll software	£134	£0	£134
£196	Safeguarding	£100	£0	£100
£376	Training Expenses	£0	£1,300	£1,300
£636	Visiting Ministry Expenses	£0	£0	£0
<b>£70,534</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£33,071</b>	<b>£42,883</b>	<b>£75,954</b>
<b>£14,206</b>	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure before transfers</b>	<b>£8,040</b>	<b>£6,436</b>	<b>£14,477</b>
£0	Transfer between funds	£0	£0	£0
<b>£14,206</b>	<b>Net excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£8,040</b>	<b>£6,436</b>	<b>£14,477</b>
	<b>Funds</b>			
£51,403	Brought Forward	£48,934	£16,675	£65,609
£14,206	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£8,040	£6,436	£14,477
£65,609	Carried Forward	£56,974	£23,112	£80,086
	<b>Assets 31-Mar-2025</b>			
£65,609	Current Account Bank	£56,974	£23,112	£80,086

*Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Charity number 1173974*

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31-Mar-2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash in Bank	80,086	65,609
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	80,086	65,609
<b>Income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	41,111	40,986
Restricted funds	49,320	43,754
Total income	90,431	84,740

Approved by the Trustees on 12-Jan-2026 and signed on their behalf by  
Graham Thomson (Chair) and Kevin Ball (Secretary)



## Independent Examiner's Report

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPEN VALLEY CHURCH (CHARITY NUMBER 1173974)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Organisation") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

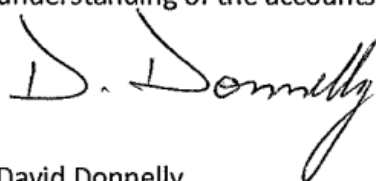
I report in respect of my examination of the Organisation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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.



David Donnelly  
19 Cleveland Avenue  
Lupset Park  
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5 November 2025

**SPEN VALLEY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173974

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# Accounts

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## Activities and Achievements

### **Trustees Report, 01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024:**

After a year or two of readjusting after Covid disruptions, this year saw Spen Valley Church firmly re-established in the community. We have continued to hold public worship services on Sunday mornings, which provide a welcome time of informal fellowship, friendship, refreshments, worship of God, and a time to reconnect. We have seen a number of new people start to regularly attend our services this year, which has been a real encouragement. A big highlight of our year is the carol service that we hold each December, which again saw new people and guests attending.

In total, this year we added 8 new members to our number – people who have committed to each other for encouragement, discipleship, and accountability. The number is a mix of local people new to the Christian faith, as well as other Christians who have moved into the area for a few different reasons but whom have chosen to make their spiritual home with Spen Valley Church. Three of the new people were baptised (we have to borrow the use of a local church with a baptistery to do this), and this is a great thrill to us. We are very encouraged!

From Sep 2023 we changed the time of our Sunday afternoon Discipleship meeting, and started a new varied programme of Bible overview, times of sharing and praying for each other, and specific training sessions on contemporary issues – all to help people grow in their faith and understanding of Christianity, as well as built community links between us.

We have seen a number of new individual support relationships grow between members, as we help and support one another during the week. This expression of love and support in day-to-day life is a great encouragement to the church, and even includes some regular attenders who meet regularly with various of our number as they explore their relationship with Christianity.

After a number of years of quite intense work to plant the church and then navigate us through Covid, we were pleased to be able to grant Graham (our employed pastor) a three-week sabbatical in July 2023, extra time for him to reflect and care for his own soul. Our regular meetings continued during this time, covered by others.

In September 2023 we started a year of eldership training with one of our members who had shown significant growth and potential to be a new leader. This programme explored the challenges of church leadership and the personal characteristics that define strong leaders, and was a help to both current elders as well as the potential candidate.

Our elders were further supported this year by a number of conferences: we sent 4 delegates to the FIEC Leaders conference in November; Graham (our employed pastor) attended a spiritual leadership conference in Romania for a week, and then Graham and his wife assisted with the weekend FIEC Hub conference in January, where potential ministry candidates are helped and trained. And much of the church was again able to attend the Medhurst Ministry weekender in June, where friendship, fellowship, and teaching for churches working in deprived areas were all strengthened.

We ran an 'Away weekend' in Oct 2023 at a nearby church, with a guest speaker from another Medhurst Ministries church, and many opportunities for fellowship, growth, and fun.

January saw us appoint our first ministry apprentice, an opportunity for us to see rapid growth in an individual who had shown potential for possible future ministry service. It's exciting that the church has enough resources to enable us to explore these sorts of opportunities, the better to grow future workers – we hope to do more of this sort of training in the future, as the need for ministry workers in our context remains pressing.

Three times during this year we were able to run a Holiday Bible Club during school holidays. Each time we used facilities at the school where we hire the hall for our Sundays, and where our pastor is a school governor. This has continued to strengthen our links with the school community, and has attracted a number of new children this year, with opportunities for us to get to know their families also. All who attend are very grateful for the provision of these activities.

## Financial Review

Spen Valley Church began the year with cash in the bank of £51,403

During the year, total receipts amounted to a further £84,740

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## Declaration

The Trustees of Spen Valley Church declare that they have approved the above Trustees' Annual Report, and the following has signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Kevin Ball  
Trustee (Elder)

13 January 2024

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Spenn Valley Church Accounts for the Year Ended 31-Mar-2024

2022/2023 Total		2023/2024 Unrestricted	2023/2024 Restricted	2023/2024 Total
	<b>INCOME</b>			
£340	Collections	£141	£0	£141
£21,155	Individuals gifts (Gift Aid)	£25,930	£500	£26,430
£2,501	Individuals gifts (no Gift Aid)	£2,400	£360	£2,760
£34,101	External Organisations gifts	£6,553	£41,971	£48,524
£640	Helping Hands Fund	£0	£600	£600
£4,612	HMRC Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	£5,227	£323	£5,550
£100	Reimbursements	£611	£0	£611
£0	Bank Interest	£124	£0	£124
<b>£63,449</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£40,986</b>	<b>£43,754</b>	<b>£84,740</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
£47,475	Employee Remuneration	£18,580	£38,065	£56,645
£261	Admin & IT (inc printing)	£2,637	£0	£2,637
£4,290	Building hire	£5,370	£0	£5,370
£156	Catering / Cleaning	£46	£0	£46
£565	Church Away Day	£194	£0	£194
£730	Conferences, special events	£343	£278	£621
£293	Copyright Licence	£313	£0	£313
	FIEC Conference	£912	£0	£912
	Holiday Bible Club	£774	£0	£774
£222	Insurance	£232	£0	£232
£617	Misc	£200	£0	£200
£1,600	Mission Giving	£600	£0	£600
£144	Pastoral Expenses	£670	£0	£670
£101	Payroll software	£112	£0	£112
£129	Safeguarding	£196	£0	£196
	Training Expenses	£376	£0	£376
£221	Visiting Ministry Expenses	£636	£0	£636
<b>£56,804</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£32,191</b>	<b>£38,343</b>	<b>£70,534</b>
<b>£6,645</b>	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure before transfers</b>	<b>£8,795</b>	<b>£5,411</b>	<b>£14,206</b>
£0	Transfer between funds	£0	£0	£0
<b>£6,645</b>	<b>Net excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£8,795</b>	<b>£5,411</b>	<b>£14,206</b>
	<b>Funds</b>			
£44,758	Brought Forward	£40,139	£11,264	£51,403
£6,645	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£8,795	£5,411	£14,206
£51,403	Carried Forward	£48,934	£16,675	£65,609
	<b>Assets 31-Mar-2024</b>			
£51,403	Current Account CAF Bank	£48,934	£16,675	£65,609

Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Charity number 1173974

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31-Mar-2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash in Bank	65,609	40,139
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	65,609	40,139
<b>Income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	40,986	43,807
Restricted funds	43,754	19,642
Total income	84,740	63,449

Approved by the Trustees on 13-Jan-2025 and signed on their behalf by  
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## Independent Examiner's Report

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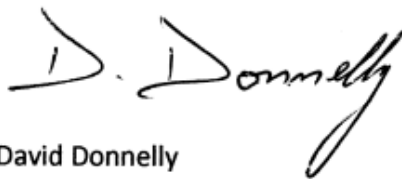
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26 November 2024

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### Trusteeship of Spen Valley Church

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## Activities and Achievements

### **Trustees Report 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023:**

2022 started with the massive encouragement of us baptising our first local convert – the baptism had been delayed because of Covid restrictions, so it was good to finally be able to celebrate that together as a church, and with visitors from other churches joining with us also.

During 2022/2023 the leadership of the Church encouraged all the members to think about how they could re-engage in the local community, now that Covid restrictions are consigned to history. We're encouraged to see the ways that most all of the church members have been seeking out opportunities to serve in the community, including the library, the school (where we meet in the hall each Sunday morning), one of the charity shops in town, and just generally being more engaged in fellowship and discipleship together during the weeks.

During the spring/early summer of 2022 our Pastor took a few weeks of sabbatical rest, the first pastor's sabbatical since the church was formed in 2017, so it was a well-deserved opportunity for Graham to step back from the day-to-day running of the church for rest and recuperation.

Throughout 2022 relationships have been growing with the regulars of one of the pubs in town, as a group from the church regularly go out together there. We are hoping this proves strategic in building more links with the community.

The whole local church membership attended the Medhurst Ministries weekender in Jun 2022, a weekend filled with great ministry, fellowship, and connections. The church is blessed by our Medhurst connections, the links we are forging with other churches working in similar deprived communities up and down the land is challenging us and helping us serve the wider church.

The summer period is often a time when church congregations temporarily shrink because of people taking family holidays. This year we partnered with another local church, Hope Church Middleton, who are even smaller than us. We attended each other's services during the summer months, which helped make the public worship services viable, and also fostered opportunities for one-to-one friendships to develop between members of the two congregations. This has been very helpful for both churches, something we will certainly look to continue in future years.

We ran an 'Away weekend' in Oct 2022 at a nearby church, with a guest speaker, and many opportunities for fellowship, growth, and fun. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

Dec 2022 saw three new regular attenders arrive on the scene, a massive encouragement to the church, and a real answer to prayer for new workers. As the year closes all three are actively pursuing membership applications, so whilst technically this year the church membership reduced, we are hopeful that the trend is starting to reverse, and we will see a growth of the congregation and membership numerically as well as spiritually.

Dec 2022 saw us holding another public carol service, and we were encouraged to see some people attending one of our services for the very first time. We're always encouraged to see new people, and are seeking to encourage them to greater engagement with us as a church.

It was possible for us to run our third ever Holiday Bible Club during the February 2023 half term, and we were thrilled to have 15-20 kids, and 7-8 Mums/Grandmas who stayed around to chat in the café. We're hopeful that we can return to running these two or three times a year next year, as they are always enjoyed, and provide a superb way for us to serve the school community we are linked to.

February was also the month where we heard that a Christian organisation in the USA were prepared to significantly fund our wage bill each month, probably for a few years. We were thrilled to hear that Christians from prosperous churches abroad are so keen to invest in small church ministries here in the UK. This generous commitment is an answer to prayer for the viability of our church, which is still heavily dependent on external giving to balance our accounts.

The year finished as it began for us, with another baptism, not a local convert this time but one of our new attenders who realised he needed to be baptised, and so was happy for us to baptise him. These occasions are such a joy to see Christians keen to be disciples of Jesus, and go on to serve their church family and the wider community. So whilst 2022/2023 wasn't a year of numerical growth for the church, it has been a year of significant encouragement for us.

## Financial Review

Spen Valley Church began the year with cash in the bank of £44,757.92

During the year, total receipts amounted to a further £63,448.90

During the year, total expenditure amounted to a further £56,804.04

The year closed with a balance of £51,402.78

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## Declaration

The Trustees of Spen Valley Church declare that they have approved the above Trustees' Annual Report, and the following has signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Kevin Ball  
Trustee (Elder)

15 January 2024

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Spen Valley Church

### Accounts for the Year Ended 31.03.2023

2021/2022		2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	<b>INCOME</b>			
£67.50	Collections	£339.65	£0.00	£339.65
£18,450.00	Bank Transfer Gift Aid	£20,375.00	£780.00	£21,155.00
£38,030.72	Other gifts	£18,379.93	£18,221.82	£36,601.75
£0.00	Helping Hands Fund	£0.00	£640.00	£640.00
£0.00	Other income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£3,971.88	HMRC Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	£4,612.50	£0.00	£4,612.50
£5,878.84	HMRC Furlough Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	Church Away Day Income	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
<b>£66,398.94</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£43,807.08</b>	<b>£19,641.82</b>	<b>£63,448.90</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
£41,535.73	Pastors Remuneration	£39,097.30	£8,377.56	£47,474.86
£24.80	Pastoral Expenses	£143.87	£0.00	£143.87
£150.00	Visiting Preachers	£221.20	£0.00	£221.20
£600.00	Mission Giving	£1,600.00	£0.00	£1,600.00
£251.09	Catering & Cleaning	£155.76	£0.00	£155.76
£280.00	Copyright Licence	£293.00	£0.00	£293.00
£220.32	Insurance	£222.56	£0.00	£222.56
£100.80	Payroll software	£100.80	£0.00	£100.80
£129.00	Safeguarding	£129.00	£0.00	£129.00
£3,020.00	Building hire	£4,290.00	£0.00	£4,290.00
£503.55	Admin & IT	£261.26	£0.00	£261.26
£130.76	Conferences, special events	£729.90	£0.00	£729.90
£94.70	Church Away Day	£565.00	£0.00	£565.00
£385.00	Other	£616.83	£0.00	£616.83
<b>£47,425.75</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£48,426.48</b>	<b>£8,377.56</b>	<b>£56,804.04</b>
<b>£18,973.19</b>	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure before transfers</b>	<b>-£4,619.40</b>	<b>£11,264.26</b>	<b>£6,644.86</b>
£0.00	Transfer between funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>£18,973.19</b>	<b>Net excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>-£4,619.40</b>	<b>£11,264.26</b>	<b>£6,644.86</b>
	<b>Funds</b>			
£25,784.73	Brought Forward	£44,757.92	£0.00	£44,757.92
£18,973.19	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-£4,619.40	£11,264.26	£6,644.86
£44,757.92	Carried Forward	£40,138.52	£11,264.26	£51,402.78
	<b>Assets 31.03.2</b>			
£44,757.92	Current Account CAF Bank	£40,138.52	£11,264.26	£51,402.78

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31-Mar-2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash in Bank	40,139	44,758
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	40,139	44,758
<b>Income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	43,807	57,801
Restricted funds	19,642	8,598
Total income	63,449	66,399

Approved by the Trustees on 15-Jan-2024 and signed on their behalf by  
Graham Thomson (Chair) and Kevin Ball (Secretary)

## Independent Examiner's Report

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPEN VALLEY CHURCH (CHARITY NUMBER 1173974)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Organisation") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

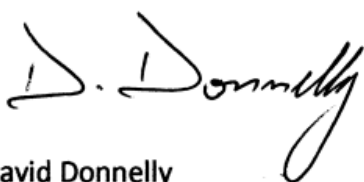
I report in respect of my examination of the Organisation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



David Donnelly  
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3 October 2023

**SPEN VALLEY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173974

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022

Charity Registration: 1173974

## Charity Reference and Administration

**Registered Number:** 1173974

**Registered:** 27 July 2017

**Location:** Kirklees, West Yorkshire

**Contact:** Kevin Ball, 57 The Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 8EG;  
office@spenvalleychurch.org

### Trustee Board:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Position</b>
Graham Thomson	27-Jul-2017	Chairman and Pastor
Kevin Ball	29-Apr-2020	Elder
Mark Frost	28-Mar-2021	Acting Trustee

**Note of Record:** As an external Acting Trustee, Mark Frost was re-elected to this role twice, at extraordinary members' meetings held on 28-Mar-2021 and on 26-Sep-2021

**Bankers:** CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

### Note:

**public benefit** In compiling this report and in exercising their powers and duties, the Trustees have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission and, in particular, on charities for the advancement of religion.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Purposes of Spen Valley Church

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## Activities and Achievements

### Trustees Report 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022:

2021/2022 was a year that started with continued Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, and finished at the end of a winter that also saw some Omicron-variant challenges. So in many ways it was an unusual year, albeit we managed to run more of our normal church ministries than the previous year.

The church membership started out at 10 as of 01-Apr-2021, and we finished the year at 12 on 31-Mar-2022. Whilst our membership grew overall, we were sad to lose one of our recent new members this year. One of our new members is a blind woman who has been a Christian for many years, and who lives in Cleckheaton. She had been attending a different church in another town until recently when it closed, and after hearing about Spen Valley Church has now joined us. It is a marvellous opportunity for us to serve her with friendship, fellowship, and practical support.

The church continued to benefit from the extended government furlough scheme whilst our church workers were prevented from community-based ministry due to the continuing lockdowns.

We were very pleased to be able to hold an in-person Carol service in December 2021, albeit with attendance somewhat curtailed because of Omicron fears in the community. We were supported by friends from churches in Leeds, some of whom helped us out by playing instruments, ensuring the event was enjoyed by all who attended.

We were also thrilled that during the school half-term holiday of Feb 2022, we were able to run a 3-day holiday Bible club for kids from the community and the school where we meet each week. This strengthened our relationship with the school, and overall there were encouraging numbers attending – daily numbers ranged from 15-20+, which was a fantastic turnout. We ran a free café for parents and guardians during the club hours, which also resulted in great conversations and relationships being built. We plan to repeat this event in coming years.

## Financial Review

Spen Valley Church began the year with cash in the bank of £25,784.73

During the financial year, total receipts amounted to a further £66,398.94

During the financial year, total expenditure amounted to a further £47,425.75

The year closed with a balance of £44,757.92

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## Declaration

The Trustees of Spen Valley Church declare that they have approved the above Trustees' Annual Report, and the following has signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Kevin Ball  
Trustee (Elder)

07 January 2023

## Statement of Financial Activities

### Spen Valley Church

#### Accounts for the Year Ended 31.03.2022

2020/2021		2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	<b>INCOME</b>			
£0.00	Collections	£67.50	£0.00	£67.50
£15,870.00	Bank Transfer Gift Aid	£18,450.00	£0.00	£18,450.00
£41,142.67	Other gifts	£29,433.16	£8,597.56	£38,030.72
£0.00	Other income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£4,191.25	HMRC Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	£3,971.88	£0.00	£3,971.88
£3,706.46	HMRC Furlough Payments	£5,878.84	£0.00	£5,878.84
<b>£64,910.38</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£57,801.38</b>	<b>£8,597.56</b>	<b>£66,398.94</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
£43,948.10	Pastors Remuneration	£32,938.17	£8,597.56	£41,535.73
£0.00	Pastoral Expenses	£24.80	£0.00	£24.80
£0.00	Visiting Preachers	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
£600.00	Mission Giving	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
£262.52	Catering & Cleaning	£251.09	£0.00	£251.09
£269.00	Copyright Licence	£280.00	£0.00	£280.00
£210.34	Insurance	£220.32	£0.00	£220.32
£100.80	Payroll software	£100.80	£0.00	£100.80
£129.00	Safeguarding	£129.00	£0.00	£129.00
£1,150.00	Building hire	£3,020.00	£0.00	£3,020.00
£427.24	Admin & IT	£503.55	£0.00	£503.55
£0.00	Conferences, special events	£130.76	£0.00	£130.76
£20.00	Other	£479.70	£0.00	£479.70
<b>£47,117.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£38,828.19</b>	<b>£8,597.56</b>	<b>£47,425.75</b>
<b>£17,793.38</b>	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure before transfers</b>	<b>£18,973.19</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£18,973.19</b>
£0.00	Transfer between funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>£17,793.38</b>	<b>Net excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£18,973.19</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£18,973.19</b>
	<b>Funds</b>			
£7,991.35	Brought Forward	£25,784.73	£0.00	£25,784.73
£17,793.38	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£18,973.19	£0.00	£18,973.19
£25,784.73	Carried Forward	£44,757.92	£0.00	£44,757.92
	<b>Assets 31.03.22</b>			
£25,784.73	Current Account CAF Bank	£44,757.92	£0.00	£44,757.92

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31-Mar-2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash in Bank	44,758	25,784
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	44,758	25,784
<b>Income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	57,801	50,341
Restricted funds	8,598	14,569
Total income	66,399	64,910

Approved by the Trustees on 09-Jan-2023 and signed on their behalf by  
Graham Thomson (Chair) and Kevin Ball (Secretary)

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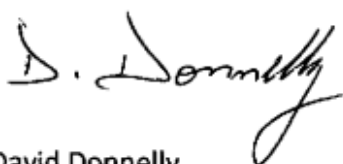
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21 October 2022

**SPEN VALLEY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173974

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021

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Mark Frost	28-Mar-2021	Acting Trustee

**Note of Record:** Kevin Ball joined the Eldership (and hence also became a Charity Trustee) on 29-Apr-2020.  
Luke Jenner resigned his Trustee position on 18-Aug-2020.  
Daniel Grimwade resigned his Trustee position on 09-Mar-2021.  
Mark Frost resigned from Church Membership (and hence also from Eldership/Trusteeship) on 31-Dec-2020 to take up a role of Trainee Pastor at Dewsbury Evangelical Church, and was subsequently appointed as an external Acting Trustee (which has a fixed 6-month term) on 28-Mar-2021.

**Bankers:** CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

### Note:

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## Activities and Achievements

### **Trustees Report 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021:**

2020/2021 is a year that saw the Covid-19 pandemic affect the life of Spen Valley Church, as it did all of us across the UK and wider world. The church membership was 13 as of 01-Apr-2020, and 10 as the year closed on 31-Mar-2021.

For much of 2020 the church could not meet physically due to either national lockdowns, or local tiered restrictions, which seemed to hit Kirklees (our council area) particularly hard compared to some other places in the UK. Nevertheless, due to rigorous risk assessments, and a cooperative school leadership, we were able to hold in-person Sunday morning public worship services (with the appropriate mitigations) on every Sunday the regulations permitted during the various restricted periods, starting from 19-Jul-2020. For this we are very grateful, and it was an obvious blessing and a contributor to positive mental health for those who attended, as most weeks most members attended these services.

The church has been a beneficiary of the government's furlough scheme this year, as much of the usual community and outreach work of our staff (the Pastor and the Outreach Worker) has been impossible to do during the lockdowns and restrictions

Graham Thomson, the Pastor, was furloughed one day per week for much of the winter.

Dawn Thomson, the part-time Outreach worker, was furloughed 100% of the time for much of the winter, and her employment was reduced to 2 days per week from Feb 2021.

As the restrictions were lifted, the flexibility of the extended furlough scheme also allowed them to do a phased transition to community work once more.

We were very excited to welcome two new members during the lockdowns (although one has since departed). When new people become Christians and join the church family we see the real power of the Gospel making a difference to the community.

During the lockdown periods the church Elders arranged for church-wide gatherings multiple times during each week via Zoom, and encouraged individual church members to meet up one-to-one also using Zoom. In this way we were able to sustain the church family and community, and help create a safe space to offer and receive support for our members during a very challenging period.

## Financial Review

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## Declaration

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Kevin Ball  
Trustee (Elder)

26 January 2021

## Statement of Financial Activities

### Spen Valley Church

#### Accounts for the Year Ended 31.03.2021

2019/2020 Total		2020/2021 Unrestricted	2020/2021 Restricted	2020/2021 Total
	<b>INCOME</b>			
£859.06	Collections	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£16,765.00	Bank Transfer Gift Aid	£15,810.00	£60.00	£15,870.00
£34,128.00	Other gifts	£26,633.28	£ 14,509.39	£41,142.67
£830.00	Other income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£2,982.65	HMRC Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	£4,191.25	£0.00	£4,191.25
£0.00	HMRC Furlough Payments	£3,706.46	£0.00	£3,706.46
<b>£55,564.71</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£50,340.99</b>	<b>£14,569.39</b>	<b>£64,910.38</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
£63,536.41	Pastors Remuneration	£29,378.71	£14,569.39	£43,948.10
£416.53	Pastoral Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£300.00	Visiting Preachers	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£1,027.99	Mission Giving	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
£112.22	Catering & Cleaning	£262.52	£0.00	£262.52
£257.07	Copyright Licence	£269.00	£0.00	£269.00
£220.27	Insurance	£210.34	£0.00	£210.34
£0.00	Payroll software	£100.80	£0.00	£100.80
£156.75	Safeguarding	£129.00	£0.00	£129.00
£3,500.00	Building hire	£1,150.00	£0.00	£1,150.00
£204.15	Admin & IT	£427.24	£0.00	£427.24
£893.89	Conferences, special events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£526.26	Other	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
<b>£71,151.54</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£32,547.61</b>	<b>£14,569.39</b>	<b>£47,117.00</b>
<b>-£15,586.83</b>	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure before transfers</b>	<b>£17,793.38</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£17,793.38</b>
£0.00	Transfer between funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>-£15,586.83</b>	<b>Net excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£17,793.38</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£17,793.38</b>
	<b>Funds</b>			
£23,578.18	Brought Forward	£7,991.35	£0.00	£7,991.35
-£15,586.83	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£17,793.38	£0.00	£17,793.38
£7,991.35	Carried Forward	£25,784.73	£0.00	£25,784.73
	<b>Assets 31.03.21</b>			
£7,991.35	Current Account CAF Bank	£25,784.73	£0.00	£25,784.73

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31-Mar-2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash in Bank	25,784	7,991
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	25,784	7,991
<b>Income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	50,341	55,564
Restricted funds	14,569	
Total income	64,910	55,564

Approved by the Trustees on 22-Nov-2021 and signed on their behalf by  
Graham Thomson (Chair) and Kevin Ball (Secretary)

## Independent Examiner's Report

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPEN VALLEY CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Organisation") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

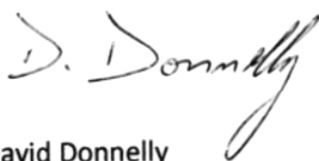
I report in respect of my examination of the Organisation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



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22 November 2021