

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1175015

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-10-06

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES AND USAGES FOR THE TIME BEING OF CONGREGATIONALISM AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOUNDATION TRUSTS. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION RELIEVE NEED AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: Crediton Congregational Church provides regular worship services, along with youth and children's groups, offering a variety of community and support activities most days of the week for people of all ages, from birth to 100. The church building also serves as a community hub, with more than 900 people using the space each week.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£252,407	£167,081	-	-
2023-12-31	£140,587	£129,311	-	-
2022-12-31	£121,871	£123,006	-	-
2021-12-31	£133,095	£104,908	-	-
2020-12-31	£140,362	£123,380	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Pastor JAMES GREGORY	Chair	2017-02-08
Dr Caroline Frances Smith		2020-09-01
Fiona Jane Cochran		2025-09-16
Gemma Rachel Barnett		2025-04-01
Hannah Kathryn Preece		2025-11-18
Nicholas Barton		2023-06-20
Phillip Jacob Lloyd		2024-11-19

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Trustees Annual Report for Charities Commission 2024

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In 2024 the Crediton Congregational church continued to run regular Sunday services, a family service for all once a week, and our “reflective” service alternate Sundays. The former is the time when there are children’s and youth groups running alongside the adults service. The latter was mostly attended by our older people and volunteers who staff the activities at the 10.30 service. All-together family services were held on occasion and an experiment started in March with “Breakfast church”, a very informal “seeker friendly” service which has continued to date. Zoom and YouTube screenings were still available. Services were held in the Town square at Christmas and Easter and in local parks as well. An opportunity for healing prayer was offered monthly after Sunday worship.

During 2023-24 a survey was conducted and presented to the Church in Nov 2024. This established the numbers of people attending Sunday services and midweek groups. It appeared that over the survey period the attendance rose from below 140 (adults and children) to consistently above that figure. Taking into account the anticipated reduction in numbers each year, we grew by about 10 people more than we lost. Another significant finding was an overall drop in average age of the congregation reflecting what we could easily observe: an increase in numbers of younger people and families. Growth in interest and attendance is in part due to our increasing presence on social media, begun in 2022.

At the June AGM the count of members was 95 (only adults are members) and this figure grew by 9 by the September Church meeting. New Members courses are run every six weeks and attract both people who are very new to the Church and also those who have attended for a while and not become members.

Church meetings were held in February, April, June (AGM), September and November. They are open meetings but are mostly attended by church members. Those unable to attend in person may do so by Zoom. The aim of these meetings is to keep Leadership and Church in close communication about all major aspects of Church life and are according to the tenets of Congregationalism. They always begin with a half hour prayer meeting and have significant spiritual content.

During 2024, the emphasis was on the implementation of ideas and decisions made by the Leadership team during the two-year period with the Lead Academy. A major change has been away from the five Vision statements eg serving the community, growing in faith, being a church family, to six phrases describing our values. As our website states about the first three and most important ones;

“As a congregation, we believe that God has called us together into community for many reasons, but with particular purpose: we are seeking God, serving people and sharing hope. We might only manage this imperfectly (although with great enthusiasm), but these three actions sit behind everything we do as a church”

Much discussion was held to begin to embed these and three other principles into all our planning and current activities.

A second frequent topic was about the renovations to the main Church building. In April 24 the congregation was informed that our applications for planning permission had almost all been accepted by the Mid Devon District Council. We were now allowed to replace windows, install underfloor heating, change the layout of the main church and carry out alterations to the balcony to increase the capacity and quality of the building.

A Grants team was set up to make application for grants to finance this work estimated at approximately £650K.

Thirdly our Financial position is often reported on by our Treasurer. The projected budget for 2024 indicated a deficit of around £20k but giving increased, and by April, the deficit fell to £10K, by November down to £6K. This is for all church's normal running costs and excludes refurbishment. See Financial documents for further detail.

Frequent discussions on staffing and composition of the Leadership team. The Leader responsible for Community development reached the end of her six-year term. Part of her role has been to run the Food bank for which she had achieved Charity status. This means that it runs independent of the church although it uses church premises. New leaders are sought in conjunction with the church as existing leaders depart. In addition, it was agreed to take on a Children's work Intern within the SWYM scheme. She began her year in September 2024.

Other aspects of Church life continued as before, namely

Weekly/fortnightly meetings of mid-week church groups "Life Groups". The survey suggested that the vast majority of people involved greatly valued these and "would recommend to others"

Our mission team brought the work of (mostly overseas) mission organisations to our attention and we continued our sponsorship which rose from £500pa to £1000 pa to each of the four partners from November 24.

To open the church to our community, specifically,

Mainly Music continues (weekly) with an enthusiastic and ever-changing group of babies, toddlers and their carers.

A weekly drop-in café for the same group, less structured, "delightful chaos" as one parent described it. Very busy mornings with an average attendance of 25 adults plus all their children. The Craft table hosts some exciting activities and some deep conversations.

A drop-in café for adults, mostly retired and elderly folk. Many of these people plus others from the town come to the monthly Community Lunch- between 45 and 50 each time, for a two-course meal and a drink (and good company). Church volunteers organise and run both activities.

A conversation café is run weekly, staffed by church volunteers for the Ukrainian folk living in and around Crediton.

A weekly morning for adults with Learning disabilities continues.

Friday Youth and Friday kids continue to be run for the secondary and primary age groups respectively (weekly in term time).

In April it was calculated that 170-180 people per day come in for events we run and also those hiring our facilities. Many organisations and individuals use our building regularly as a venue and our rental receipts have increased. It is hard work for our administrator and our cleaner to keep on top of the demands of this number.

Our Biennial Fun Day in the park, a free to all event, was held in July and enjoyed by many.

Our Leadership team who are also our trustees work tirelessly to lead and facilitate this work and much more not described here. We are enabled to bring our enthusiasm and love for God to everything we do as we serve each other and our town.

Sue Keogh

CCC secretary.

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiners

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Basis of independent examiners' statement

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27 August 2025

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Collections and offerings	173,002	100,556
Rent	44,808	38,331
Legacy	10,000	-
Grants (Inc £16,274 AV)	19,874	-
Donations at Outreach events	2,043	1,473
Parking	435	377
Interest	2,245	1,323
	252,407	142,060
Expenditure		
Salaries	96,490	87,776
Pastoral and ministry expenses	3,253	2,684
Light, heat and water	11,457	9,727
Administrative expenses	3,264	2,498
Repairs and renewals	9,215	5,258
Insurance	4,727	4,220
Fees and donations	2,251	2,195
Mission partners	7,273	6,151
Youth and children's work	2,981	2,833
Training	2,333	3,323
Refreshments	2,466	1,519
New AV Equipment	16,274	-
Outreach events	2,915	1,702
Sundry expenses	1,663	785
Bank charges	519	113
	167,081	130,784
Excess Income over Expenditure	85,326	11,276

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current Assets		
Current account	19,020	11,701
Deposit account	103,572	76,327
Debtors	44,903	24,611
	167,495	112,639
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 (14,212)	 (7,114)
 Net Assets	153,283	105,525
 Represented By		
General fund (Note 1)	151,034	101,682
Causeway fund	678	1,069
Manse repair fund	1,571	2,774
 Total Funds	153,283	105,525

Note 1	£
General fund as at 31 December 2024	151,034
Spent on replacement windows January 2025	<u>(29,247)</u>
	121,787
Less Earmarked for next stage of refurbishment	<u>(85,000)</u>
Remaining General fund	<u>36,787</u>

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2023 Trustees' Report – Crediton Congregational Church

We met for worship every Sunday, mostly in our building but also in the Town Square and at local parks. We ran mid weeks groups for pre-schoolers, children, young people, adults with learning disabilities, and isolated elderly people. We hosted local music groups, sports activities, counselling services and Crediton Foodbank, amongst others. Footfall over a normal week is towards 1000 people. We visited local schools and maintain good relationships with other organisations in our town. Building on previous outreach to elderly people we began a new partnership with Anna Chaplains and trained one chaplain and a number of Anna Friends.

Day to day activities are administered by a small paid staff team who report a leadership team of six and the Senior Pastor. Final responsibility and decision-making power is held by the Church Meeting which met five times in 2023.

James Gregory on behalf of the Trustees, 31st October, 2024.

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Income		
Collections and offerings	100,556	89,873
Rent	38,331	31,605
Parking	377	230
Interest	1,323	163
	140,587	121,871
Expenditure		
Salaries	87,776	77,844
Pastoral and ministry expenses	2,684	2,234
Light, heat and water	9,727	9,830
Administrative expenses	2,498	2,475
Repairs and renewals	5,258	10,659
Insurance	4,220	3,990
Fees and donations	8,346	7,347
Youth and children's work	2,833	1,757
Training	3,323	3,057
Refreshments	1,519	1,062
Lee Abbey	-	692
Outreach (Net expenditure)	229	1,525
Sundry expenses	785	409
Bank charges	113	125
	129,311	123,006
Excess/Deficit Income over Expenditure	11,276	(1,135)

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	<u>112,639</u>	<u>116,527</u>
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 (7,114)	 (4,065)
 Net Assets	 <u>105,525</u>	 <u>112,462</u>
 Represented By		
General fund	101,682	102,746
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	2022 £	2021 £
Income		
Collections and offerings	89,873	100,648
Government Grants	-	4,766
Rent	31,605	21,991
Parking	230	460
Community support award and grant	-	4,800
Outreach	-	102
Legacy	-	320
Interest	163	8
	121,871	133,095
Expenditure		
Salaries	77,844	76,716
Pastoral and ministry expenses	2,234	1,352
Light, heat and water	9,830	7,019
Administrative expenses	2,475	1,898
Repairs and renewals	10,659	4,108
Insurance	3,990	3,361
Fees and donations	7,347	5,726
Youth and children's work	1,757	1,549
Training	3,057	992
Refreshments	1,062	358
Lee Abbey	692	-
Outreach (Net expenditure)	1,525	-
Sundry expenses	409	1,829
Bank charges	125	-
	123,006	104,908
Deficit/Excess Income over Expenditure	(1,135)	28,187

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current Assets		
Current account	14,483	14,539
Deposit account	80,004	69,841
Debtors	22,040	41,463
	116,527	125,843
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 (4,065)	 (5,070)
 Net Assets	112,462	120,773
 Represented By		
General fund	102,746	103,881
Causeway fund	1,219	1,452
Manse repair fund	8,497	12,771
Puppet fund	-	2,669
 Total Funds	112,462	120,773

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Report for Charities Commission for year ending 2022. Crediton Congregational Church Nr 1175015

Since the end of the COVID pandemic restrictions the church has run normally with services and other activities. The live streaming of Sunday meetings and Church (business) meetings has continued to enable those to participate who are unwell, on holiday or housebound. This year money has been spent on a replacement sound desk and camera system to ensure the quality of the relaying of our services. Our sermons are also posted on YouTube. Hard copies of sermons and weekly newsletters are available.

Our Christmas service in the town square was attended well by church and community and was followed up by another service in the square at Easter. We held our Funday in the park again in the Summer, an event for families with food and activities at no cost to our guests. We aim to bless our community and offer a welcome to all our church events. Going out of the church building is seen as very important by church members.

Indoors, a weekly Coffee drop-in for adults continued to grow. After Covid, the Pre-schoolers and their Carers Group grew in number (and noise) and the Adults needed their own space. This group has been popular with the town and several of the older people have begun to come to church on Sundays. They enjoy the companionship of others and are supported by volunteers who bring refreshments, games, and quizzes. A short Easter service was held after a lunch for this group and a similar service was also held for the Causeway (learning disabled) weekly group. Community Lunches served monthly are popular. We had a sense that after Covid, people were more open to a new start and were receptive to greater spiritual input.

Other regular events started this year were "Warm Spaces", and a weekly Conversation café for Ukrainian refugees, their hosts, and supporters. Both were hosted by church volunteers.

During the year several new appointments were made. Our wonderful Administrator of 6 years retired and was replaced by someone with 6 years on the Leadership Team. Our Youth worker became our Associate pastor, with a more strategic oversight of Youth work and Children's ministry, an increase in his preaching and support for Life Groups. In October he also undertook a survey of all using the building which has been useful in planning. A new Kids' club started, and the Youth Club continued to grow. A long-serving officer was succeeded by a new Secretary. Our Treasurer has opted to continue in this post.

In the light of there being so many volunteers and users of the church, Action on Safeguarding is a high priority. A member of the leadership team, who is on the board of trustees, and who has significant professional experience of this work, was appointed as Lead officer working alongside our appointed DSO. New procedures and paperwork were put in place and communicated via training sessions to all relevant people in March. A Code of Conduct was issued to all for their assent.

Health and Safety Policies and procedures were updated and communicated.

The Church membership was consulted about a proposal for the Leadership team to take part in “Lead Academy” a two-year development programme for church leaders held in Andover. The aim is for Churches interested in growth, to get together to share experience and best practice and, with the help of experienced coaches and mentors, to articulate the best way forward for their own church. It was agreed to fund this, as time away from the everyday issues to think and plan was viewed as essential. After their first weekend away the church meeting had the opportunity to discuss the Sigmoid Curve and look at the opportunities and barriers to growth that we face.

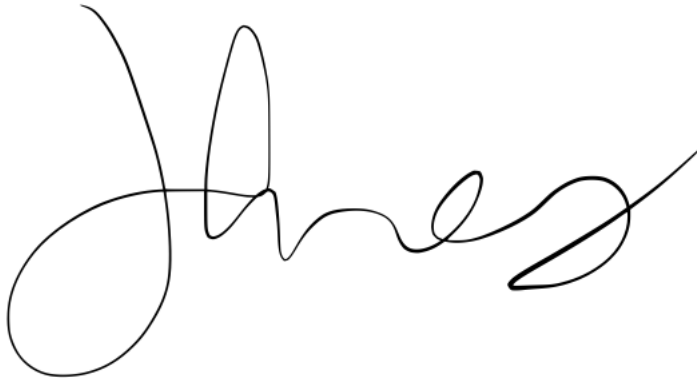
This year we had a survey done of our Buildings by our Insurance Company. We had already identified that the main church windows and the Chimneys on the Manse need major attention and no other items identified in the survey gave any cause for concern. Outside the remit of our insurance, we installed acoustic “clouds” in the Karis Hall, our main function room, making it far more usable.

Church Meetings were held in February, April, June (including AGM for 2021) September, and November.

Number of church members: 93

Number of adherents: 50 (?)

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Gregory', written in a cursive style.

James Gregory , Chair of Trustees.

CCC SURVEY

During October, we surveyed the church community. To help us focus the questions a little, we identified three groups – regular Sunday attenders, Sunday guests and mid-week attenders.

SUNDAY ATTENDERS

- 68 responses
- 75% of people have been part of CCC for more than 5 years, 5% less than a year
- Most people come here from other churches, but 20% were not church attenders before us
- People are involved in the life of the church:
 - 60% are members
 - 70% are in a lifegroup and/or have joined a team
 - 90% give regularly
- 40% of people haven't invited anyone to anything in the last year. But that means 60% of people have, with 10% inviting 5 or more people
- We're two-thirds female, two-thirds married, and 80% are over 50 years old

MID-WEEK GROUPS

- 48 responses (across 5 mid-week groups – MM, Fishtank, Causeway, Coffee and Ukraine)
- A third have been coming here less than a year, and a third for over five years
- 70% don't go to church, here or anywhere else
- 85% of people would 'definitely' invite others to CCC events (and all but one of the rest said 'probably')
- 50% are interested in getting more involved (although not all have the time)
- Mid-week people are mostly female (85%), with a more even spread of age and status (although 50+ and married are still the two largest groups)

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US?

There's some really good news here. The numbers suggest a healthy community, with a lot of people staying and growing into the church family, with enough newer people to imply growth. And whilst most people come from other churches, a good number either found faith here, or found faith and then found us appealing enough to try.

We've got a good level of involvement in church life (although it's likely that people who are involved are also more likely to fill in surveys, so we should take this with a pinch of salt).

We're also generally good at inviting people, but not brilliant. Some of us are, some of us clearly finding it more difficult, and that's something to explore further.

We also have very positive community engagement in several different formats. The majority of people who join us mid-week have no 'Sunday church' connection, and it's encouraging that they

choose to join us anyway. Even more encouraging is that almost all of them would invite other 'non-church' people to CCC events.

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1175015

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In the first few months of 2021 Crediton Congregational Church ran online the usual regular worship services, prayer meetings, youth and children's groups, because of Covid 19 lockdowns. Most of our social and outreach events held at the church had to be cancelled as did the activities run by our tenants on church premises. However, from the Spring 2021 the church building began to reopen and Sunday gatherings began to get busier, socially distanced and with all the other precautions. The opening up happened gradually, because of government regulations and natural caution on the part of some members, so it was not until July that corporate singing was permitted (behind masks), and in August a service of Remembrance and Reflection on the experiences of Covid 19 took place. Services continued online until the end of 2021 to allow those especially vulnerable to continue to take part. The use of Zoom for meeting remotely continued to be useful for Sunday services and other meetings even post COVID. Hard copies of our talks are still posted to those of our congregation who cannot access in person or online.

Throughout the periods of lockdown, Community Lunches were donated by local restaurateurs and physically delivered by church volunteers to the normal attendees to remind them that they were not forgotten. The work of the Foodbank continued with groceries being delivered to homes by volunteers to reduce the risk of infection. Post Covid the work "went back to normal".

Weekly Social drop-ins for the community began as soon as possible, but some not until September 2021, for our learning-disabled groups, and for preschool children and their carers. Structured parent and child music and movement sessions were able to resume. A new social group for 50 plus people was started and continued for the rest of the year.

During 2021 Crediton Foodbank was established as an independent Charity. The church continued to provide it with premises, financial support and many of its volunteers. The demands on the Foodbank rose considerably during this period.

In Spring 2021, the funding for the Community Development role finished after the three contracted years.

Our buildings have provided space for Crediton Foodbank, Journey Counselling service, Citizen's Advice Bureau, the Rowell Centre, JM Acrobatics, Crediton Youth Orchestra, Alcoholics Anonymous and other organisations and individuals.

Apart from Covid 19, a major distraction this year was the appearance of dry rot in one area of our newly refurbished buildings. It took much time, effort and money to resolve and caused considerable disruption.

Covid 19 provided us with the impetus to go out into the town and we have held services in the Town Square which have been joyful occasions enjoyed by both church and community. It is our intention to carry on with open air events.

The redesigned, refurbished car park now called "the Courtyard" was completed this year and has provided a safer, far more appealing entrance to our church. It has been used very successfully for outdoor events and meetings.

The church has 101 members and 50 adherents. No new members courses have been held this year because of Covid, but will be resumed.

James Gregory Chair of Trustees"

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Charity Registration Number: 1175015

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 and 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiners

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under s145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.


Basis of independent examiners' statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

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

- a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with s41 of the Act; and
 - ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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28 September 2022

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Collections and offerings	100,648	113,830
Government Grants	4,766	9,727
Rent	21,991	15,926
Parking	460	420
Community support award and grant	4,800	9,200
Outreach	102	519
Legacy	320	398
Interest	8	69
	133,095	150,089
Expenditure		
Salaries	76,716	76,144
Pastoral and ministry expenses	1,352	1,467
Community work expenses	-	285
Light, heat and water	7,019	6,373
Administrative expenses	1,898	2,295
Repairs and renewals	4,108	33,404
Insurance	3,361	2,841
Fees and donations	5,726	4,974
Youth and children's work	1,549	1,848
Training	992	2,400
Refreshments	358	303
Sundry expenses	1,829	773
	104,908	133,107
Excess Income over Expenditure	28,187	16,982

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Current Assets		
Current account	14,539	13,594
Deposit account	69,841	89,833
Debtors	41,463	26,536
	<u>125,843</u>	<u>129,963</u>
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 (5,070)	 (33,655)
 Net Assets	 <u>120,773</u>	 <u>96,308</u>
 Represented By		
General fund	103,881	75,694
Causeway fund	1,452	1,207
Manse repair fund	12,771	16,738
Puppet fund	2,669	2,669
 Total Funds	 <u>120,773</u>	 <u>96,308</u>

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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1175015 CREDITON CONGRGATIONAL CHURCH TRUSTEES REPORT 2020

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In 2020 Crediton Congregational Church has run regular worship services, prayer meetings, youth and children's groups – though, due to the pandemic, many of these were run remotely, online, and socially distanced. We quickly learned how to provide worship services over the internet and posted printed material for those not able to join online. We have also run numerous community events including regular café, meetings for adults with learning disabilities, music and movement for pre-schoolers – again, some of these were able to run remotely in the first lockdown. Our buildings have provided space for Crediton Foodbank, Journey Counselling service, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Slimming world, the Rowell Centre and others. Renovations of the courtyard have been completed, providing much safer and more welcoming entrance, meeting space, and parking provision.

The church has 113 members and 50 adherents.

James Gregory Chair of Trustees

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Collections & Offerings		113830		93453
Wedding & Funeral Fees		-		-
Rent		15926		21756
Parking		420		840
Community Support Award & Grant		9200		11300
Outreach (Net Income)		519		56
Lee Abbey (Net Income)		-		112
Legacy		398		458
Interest		69		136
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		140362		128111
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Salaries	66417		74001	
Pastoral & Ministry Expenses	1467		1220	
Community Work Expenses	285		163	
Light, Heat & Water	6373		6706	
Administrative Expenses	2295		2493	
Repairs & Renewals	33404		10256	
Insurance	2841		2683	
Fees & Donations	4974		3742	
Youth & Childrens Work	1848		2346	
Training	2400		7043	
Refreshments	303		938	
Sundry Expenses	773		1535	
Car Park Overspend	-		14693	
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Excess / Deficit of Income over Expenditure		16982		292
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CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020**

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current Account		13594		15105
Deposit Account		89833		82764
Debtors		26536		13634
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		129963		111503
Less: Creditors		33655		29158
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		96308		82345
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<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>				
General Fund				
Brought Forward	58712			
Excess Income for the Year	<u>16982</u>			
		75694		58712
Causeway Fund		1207		964
Manse Repair Fund				
Brought Forward	20000			
Spent in Year	<u>3262</u>	16738		20000
Puppet Fund		2669		2669
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		96308		82345
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CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Charity Registration Number: 1175015

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income		
Collections and offerings	113,830	93,453
Government Grants	9,727	-
Rent	15,926	21,756
Parking	420	840
Community support award and grant	9,200	11,300
Outreach	519	56
Lee Abbey	-	112
Legacy	398	458
Interest	69	136
	150,089	128,111
Expenditure		
Salaries	76,144	74,001
Pastoral and ministry expenses	1,467	1,220
Community work expenses	285	163
Light, heat and water	6,373	6,706
Administrative expenses	2,295	2,493
Repairs and renewals	33,404	10,256
Insurance	2,841	2,683
Fees and donations	4,974	3,742
Youth and children's work	1,848	2,346
Training	2,400	7,043
Refreshments	303	938
Sundry expenses	773	1,535
Car park overspend	-	14,693
	133,107	127,819
Excess Income over Expenditure	16,982	292

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Current Assets		
Current account	13,594	15,105
Deposit account	89,833	82,764
Debtors	26,536	13,634
	<u>129,963</u>	<u>111,503</u>
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 (33,655)	 (29,158)
 Net Assets	 <u>96,308</u>	 <u>82,345</u>
 Represented By		
General fund	75,694	58,712
Causeway fund	1,207	964
Manse repair fund	16,738	20,000
Puppet fund	2,669	2,669
 Total Funds	 <u>96,308</u>	 <u>82,345</u>