

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.

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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 2023, 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.



Stapletons
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16 October 2024

CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
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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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
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Current Assets		
Current account	11,701	14,483
Deposit account	76,327	80,004
Debtors	24,611	22,040
	<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
Causeway fund	1,069	1,219
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