



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.01.23** Period start date To **31.12.23** Period end date

Charity name: Sherford Church of England Community Church

Charity registration number: 1175545

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in Sherford and the surrounding areas in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the schedule.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During the year, our weekly Sunday church services have been a central part of our presence in Sherford. Residents have been able to practise their Christian faith and explore the tenets of Christianity alongside others in Sherford Vale School and elsewhere in the local area. Services were usually attended by between 25 to 30 people. Slightly more residents attended our Sunday services on major calendar events, including Mothering Sunday, Easter Sunday, Father's Day, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. The Act of Remembrance was well-received, especially by the many military families in our community. Our Christingle Service was particularly well attended (55 adults and children). On Good Friday we held a 'Muddy Church' in the Sherford Country Park for children as they heard the Easter Story. There were various activities including a camp fire and 'SMORES.' Our church's Mother's and Toddler group proved very successful and ran throughout the year. Around 15 – 20 mothers and carers attended with their children each week. As well enjoying playing with various toys, the children engaged in craft activities as well as having a time of singing. There is a strong relationship between the church and Sherford Vale School such that the ministers were invited to take school assemblies at Remembrance and Christmas and further invitations have been extended to discuss British Values.

		Church members have worked with the community in a range of activities. In November the church set up a Sherford Community Choir and engaged a professional singer for the 'Come and Sing' inaugural meeting. At Christmas there was a service of lessons and carols outside the school with the singing led by the choir. Around 80 residents participated including around 30 in the choir. The Sherford Community Choir meets on alternate weeks throughout the year. A South West Youth Ministries trainee was employed until July 2023 and she encouraged young people from Sherford and beyond in their faith. She worked closely with neuro-diverse children to enable them to participate fully in church life. Church members took a leading role in a number of social enterprises to benefit the community including being part of the 'Sherford Panel' which is similar to a Parish Council, running a food hub, engaging with the Over 50s Club as well as leading the conservation work in Sherford Country Park.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Trustees are fully aware of the CIO's role in providing public benefit across the whole geographical area of Sherford and beyond.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	A further note alongside the points raised above in relation to our goal of growing and strengthening the Sherford community: One of our members set up the Sherford Mutual Aid Group, for the benefit of those members of the community who were struggling to provide food for their families. The group works closely with the church which was involved officially until

		November 2023 in administering a grant provided by Devon County Council to provide food relief across the community. As well as working closely with community leaders at the various Sherford 'fayres,' we also hosted a Rugby World Cup event in the Hub. This was very successful and is being developed to include screening of Wimbledon and the Olympics there for the community in 2024.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Our main achievements during 2023 have been listed above. A number of mothers and carers have joined our Mothers' and Toddler group – it has acted as a somewhere for them to meet so that they were not isolated at home. In another initiative, we have prayed regularly around and for the town. We have now been doing our weekly prayer-walk around Sherford for over four years. During this time the prayer walk has helped a number of local residents have confided some of the issues that they are facing. We have been able to come alongside those who are lonely, grieving or generally finding that life is not going well.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	On 31.12.23 there was £42,089 in the bank account and £5540 in capital assets.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has no investment policy and all the church's liquid assets are held in a current account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£42,089
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	As noted above, the CIO's principal sources of funding are from the members of our church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution (Foundation Model)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution (Foundation Model)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	2 <i>ex-officio</i> by virtue of licence granted by the Lord Bishop of Exeter 1 nominated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter 2 elected by trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Our charity operates under the umbrella of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Exeter. We receive oversight and support through the Diocese including optional training for our Trustees relevant to their respective roles, safeguarding advice through the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and other support as needed (including, where necessary, support with media and PR, and legal assistance through the Diocesan Registrar). Our chief contact within the Diocese is the Archdeacon of Plymouth, the Rev. Jane Bakker, who has been appointed to the office of Visitor, with roles as set out in our Constitution. As part of the Diocese of Exeter we are entitled to representation on the local Plymouth Deanery Synod.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity works alongside other local organisations including Plymouth City Council, South Hams Council, Brixton Parish Council, the Sherford Consortium, the Sherford Community Land Trust, and Sherford Vale Primary School. All of these links are casual rather than formalised.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sherford Church of England Community Church
Other name the charity uses	Sherford Community Church
Registered charity number	1175545
Charity's principal address	Cannon Dell, Great Churchway, Plymouth PL9 8LB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev. Tom Brassil	Mission Community Leader (<i>ex officio</i>)	Resigned as incumbent on 25 th November 2023 but remained in post to end of period.	Lord Bishop of Exeter
2	Dr. Andrew Williams	Licensed Reader (<i>ex officio</i>)		Lord Bishop of Exeter
3	Dr. Clive Irving	Nominated Trustee	Resigned on 24 th May 2023	Lord Bishop of Exeter
4	Beth Newbold	Appointed Trustee	Appointed 15.03.23	
5	Jonny Boustred	Appointed Trustee	Appointed 15.03.23	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Visitor	Rev Jane Bakker	St. Mark's Church, 1 Sanctuary Close, Plymouth, PL2 1EN

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gregory Kendall Bakker	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	12/5/24	



CHARITY NO. 1175545

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO

31 DECEMBER 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income		14,575	0	14,575	27,311
Activities that generate funds		0	0	0	0
Grants		250	0	250	0
Investment income		0		0	0
		<u>14,825</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,825</u>	<u>27,311</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activity:					
Other incoming resources		1,648	0	1,648	2,660
Total incoming resources		<u>16,473</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,473</u>	<u>29,971</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds		0	0	0	0
Church activities		18,453	0	18,453	18,178
Charitable activities		2,300	811	3,111	5,609
Governance costs		0	0	0	0
Total resources expended		<u>20,753</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>21,564</u>	<u>23,787</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfer		(4,280)	(811)	(5,091)	6,184
Gross transfers between funds	6 & 7	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net movement in funds		(4,280)	(811)	(5,091)	6,184
Total funds b/f 1 January 2023		54,678	1,011	55,689	49,505
Total funds c/f 31 December 2023		<u>50,398</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>50,598</u>	<u>55,689</u>

The notes on pages 3 to 4 form part of these financial statements



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	2	5,540	0	5,540	8,646
		5,540	0	5,540	8,646
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	2,969	0	2,969	3,492
Bank and cash balances		41,889	200	42,089	44,087
		44,858	200	45,058	47,579
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors payable within one year	4	0	0	0	536
		44,858	200	45,058	47,043
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		50,398	200	50,598	55,689
Creditors payable after one year	5	0	0	0	0
		50,398	200	50,598	55,689
TOTAL NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)					
THE FUNDS OF THE CHURCH					
Unrestricted income funds: General				50,398	54,678
Designated	6			0	0
Total				50,398	54,678
Restricted income funds:	7			200	1,011
				50,598	55,689

Approved by the Trustees' Meeting held on 12th May 2024 (date).

and signed on its behalf by Rev G Bakker (Chairman)  (signature).

The notes on pages 3 to 4 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and investments measured at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting standard for smaller entities (effective January 2015), and the requirements of accounting and reporting by charities: statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard for smaller entities (effective January 2015) (SORP 2015).

The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted, and the principal accounting policies set out below are applied consistently.

1b Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the church in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of a grant.

1c Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates calculated to write off assets over their estimated useful lives:

Fixtures & fittings	15% reducing balance
IT equipment	20% straight line

1d Incoming Resources

All voluntary giving is included in the financial statements for the period in which it is received.

Donations under gift aid plus the associated tax recovery are recognised as income when the donation is received.

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified. All other income is generally recognised when it is receivable.

1e Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period to which they are incurred and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. They are allocated to the particular activity to which they relate.

Governance costs represent direct expenditure on the governance of the church, including the production and independent scrutiny of these financial statements.

As most of the management and activity of the church is carried out by volunteers, this intangible cost is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the life of the church is incalculable.

1f Taxation

The church is an exempted charity within the meaning of the taxes acts.

Accordingly it is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains received to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes. No provision for taxation has been made in these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings £	IT Equipment £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Brought forward 1 January 2023	2,367	6,279	8,646	6,196
Additions in year	0	0	0	5,129
Depreciation for year	(355)	(2,751)	(3,106)	(2,678)
Carried forward 31 December 2023	2,012	3,528	5,540	8,646

3 DEBTORS

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Gift aid tax recoverable	2,830	0	2,830	2,555
Other debtors and prepayments	139	0	139	937
	2,969	0	2,969	3,492

4 CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors payable within one year:

Sundry creditors and accruals	0	0	0	536
	0	0	0	536

5 DEFERRED LIABILITIES

Creditors payable after more than one year:

	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

6 DESIGNATED FUNDS

N/A

7 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Sherford Mutual Aid group is an organisation of individuals within the town of Sherford who seek to provide provided food to residents in financial difficulty.

The trustees of Sherford Community Church have agreed that the church bank account can be used to hold the funds and to pay invoices (up to the group's balance) pertaining to the group's activity.

8 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND THEIR SPOUSES

In 2023 the following trustees (and spouses) received payments from the church:

Rev T Brassil:	£3,652	Clergy expenses and church running expenses
Mrs. M Brassil:	£2,300	Church Administrator
Dr. C Irving:	£7	Reimbursement of expenses
Mrs. S Irving:	£144	Reimbursement of expenses
Dr A Williams	£556	Reimbursement of expenses

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 4 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A G Williams".

Dr. A G Williams

Dated 2nd May 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the unaudited financial statements of Sherford Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities

The charity is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and considers that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the charities act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the general directions given by the charity commissioners under Section 145 (5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all 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 s.130 of the 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed by the independent examiner:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy David Williams".

Mr Timothy David Williams

Dated 2nd May 2024

Name and address of the independent examiner:

Mr Timothy David Williams, Pretty Benches Barn, Sampford Peverell, Tiverton, EX16 7BU

**APPENDIX 1 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
VOLUNTARY INCOME				
Bank donations by D/D's & S/O's	11,510	0	11,510	21,763
Cash and donations	235	0	235	123
Income tax refunds under gift aid	2,830	0	2,830	5,426
	14,575	0	14,575	27,311
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Interest	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITY				
Toddler group	1,648			1,339
Events tickets	0			847
Reimbursement for resources	0			168
Mission Giving donations	0	0		305
Tea & coffee contributions	0			0
Baptism Fees	0			0
	1,648	0		2,660
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants (Exeter Diocesan)	250	0	250	0
	250	0	250	0

APPENDIX 2 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS				
Cost of fund raising	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
COSTS OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES				
Church costs:				
Gift for use of Sherford Vale school hall	100	0	100	250
Services: Sherford Community Hub hire	180	0	180	120
Printing, postage and stationery	164	0	164	243
Tea/coffee expenses	0	0	0	89
CCLI licence	181	0	181	162
Insurance	672	0	672	609
Gifts	177	0	177	452
Toddler group	1,109	0	1,109	1,632
Ministry Trainee	1,586	0	1,586	2,833
Youth Worker	4,447	0	4,447	3,295
Youth Group	583	0	583	15
Administrator	2,300	0	2,300	2,520
Events	879	0	879	933
Other administration costs	925	0	925	393
Other service costs	644	0	644	182
	13,947	0	13,947	13,728
Teaching costs:				
Resources	0	0	0	620
	0	0	0	620
Clergy:				
Clergy expenses	800	0	800	579
Vicars discretionary costs	0	0	0	0
Clergy telephone	110	0	110	266
Clergy ministry training	490	0	490	307
	1,400	0	1,400	1,152
Sherford Mutual Aid Group:				
Expenditure	0	811	811	2,853
	0	811	811	2,853
Fixtures & Fittings and IT equipment				
Depreciation of fixtures & fittings and IT equipment	3,106	0	3,106	2,678
	3,106	0	3,106	2,678
TOTAL COSTS OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES	18,453	811	19,264	21,031
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Mission giving	2,300	0	2,300	2,756
	2,300	0	2,300	2,756
GOVERNANCE COSTS				
Independent examiner	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0