



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.01.24** Period start date To **31.12.24** 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 were a central part of our presence in Sherford. We held two gatherings each Sunday in the Sherford Community Hub, the first was more reflective and the second was more family orientated with crafts and activities. In this way, residents of Sherford of all ages were encouraged to practise their Christian faith and meet together to explore the tenets of Christianity. In addition to the two services, there were two small groups of around 10 people who met alternate weeks for Bible Study and a wider discussion of Christian matters. A third, more pastorally focused group met every Tuesday for prayer and members visited and encouraged those in Sherford who were going through difficult times. In October over 30 church members and children enjoyed a 'Church Day Out' at Buckfast Abbey to grow together in fellowship and reflect 'where we have come from' and future strategy. Services in the Community Hub were usually attended by between 15 to 25 adults and around five children. Slightly more residents attended our Sunday services on major calendar events, including Mothering Sunday, Easter Sunday, Father's Day, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. On Good Friday we held a 'Muddy Church' in the Sherford Country Park for children. Despite the heavy rain and mud, there were various activities including a camp fire as they heard the Easter Story. The Act of

		Remembrance was well-received, especially by the many military families in the community. The wreath was laid by a Sherford resident who is serving member of the Royal Marines. At Christmas there was a service of lessons and carols around the Christmas Tree outside the school to coincide with the Sherford Christmas Fayre. Around 100 residents participated in the singing including around 25 in the Sherford Community Choir. Our Christingle Service was well attended and the money raised was donated to the Children's Society. Our church's Mothers and Toddler group met in the Community Hub every week during the school year and was very successful. Around 20 or more mothers and carers attended regularly with their children. Mothers commented that there was a 'really welcoming and friendly atmosphere.' While the parents and carers had the opportunity to chat over cups of coffee and cake the children enjoyed playing with various toys including sand and water as well as climbing apparatus and slides. Each week, the children engaged in craft activities. Sessions ended with a time of singing and parachute games. There is a strong relationship between the church and Sherford Vale School. Members of the church visited the school each week to hear children read and help in lessons. Church members were also invited to take school assemblies and join in with school events. For Mothers' Day, the church arranged a successful 'Have a Coffee on Us' event at the local House of Brews where mothers of children at the school could enjoy a free cup of coffee with friends. The Head Teacher of the school joined church members distributing vouchers for a free coffee to mothers and carers before school commenced. Church members worked very closely with the community in a range of activities and took a leading role in several enterprises to benefit the residents. These included being part of the 'Sherford Panel' which will become the Sherford Parish Council. Members also led and ran a food hub, led the 'Over 50s Coffee Club' as well as co-ordinated and led the conservation work in Sherford Country Park. The leader of this group also inaugurated a Sherford Garden Day in June in which local gardens were open to residents. The Sherford Community Choir, set up by the church, still
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		flourishes and gave several performances during the summer. Following the resignation of the previous incumbent in November 2023, a husband and wife team were appointed in a job share in December 2024 as Pioneer Ministers to lead Sherford Community Church: they are expected to take up their duties after Easter 2025. The new incumbents will be residents of Sherford – the Diocese of Exeter has purchased a house in Sycamore Way as the new vicarage.
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. This has been especially well received by refugee families in the area. Members also led the 'Over 50s Coffee Club' which is attended by around 25 people each week; as well as having a different speaker some weeks, trips were arranged to visit the local area. The conservation work in Sherford Country Park which involves hedge laying, wetland creation etc. is co-ordinated and led by a church member.

Other		
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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 2024 have been listed above. A number of mothers and carers from Sherford have joined our Mothers and Toddler group – it has acted as somewhere for them to meet so that they are not isolated at home. 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 31.12.24 there was £47,315 in the bank accounts and £3,733 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	£51,048
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 the 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	1 <i>ex-officio</i> by virtue of licence granted by the Lord Bishop of Exeter 1 appointment 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 Bishop of Plymouth, the Rev. James Grier, 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 Greg Bakker	Interim Mission Community Leader (<i>ex officio</i>)	1 st February 2024	Lord Bishop of Exeter
2	Dr. Andrew Williams	Licensed Reader (<i>ex officio</i>)		Lord Bishop of Exeter
3	Beth Newbold	Appointed Trustee	Resigned 31.03.24	
4	Jonny Boustred	Appointed Trustee	Resigned 31.03.24	
5	Judith Roughton	Appointed Trustee	From 31.01.24	
6	Ros Wells	Appointed Trustee	From 18.06.24	
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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

[illegible]

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	Bishop James Grier	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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



CHARITY NO. 1175545

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO

31 DECEMBER 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income		11,118	0	11,118	14,575
Activities that generate funds		0	0	0	0
Grants		238	0	238	250
Investment income		844	0	844	0
		<u>12,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,200</u>	<u>14,825</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activity:					
Other incoming resources		2,799	0	2,799	1,648
Total incoming resources		<u>14,999</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,999</u>	<u>16,473</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds		0	0	0	0
Church activities		12,458	0	12,458	18,453
Charitable activities		2,091	0	2,091	3,111
Governance costs		0	0	0	0
Total resources expended		<u>14,549</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,549</u>	<u>21,564</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfer		<u>450</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>(5,091)</u>
Gross transfers between funds	6 & 7	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>450</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>(5,091)</u>
Total funds b/f 1 January 2024		<u>50,398</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>50,598</u>	<u>55,689</u>
Total funds c/f 31 December 2024		<u>50,848</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>51,048</u>	<u>50,598</u>

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



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	2	3,733	0	3,733	5,540
		3,733	0	3,733	5,540
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	1,576	0	1,576	2,969
Bank and cash balances		45,739	0	45,739	42,089
		47,315	0	47,315	45,058
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors payable within one year	4	0	0	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		47,315	0	47,315	45,058
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		51,048	0	51,048	50,598
Creditors payable after one year	5	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		51,048	0	51,048	50,598
THE FUNDS OF THE CHURCH					
Unrestricted income funds: General				50,848	50,398
Designated	6			0	0
Total				50,848	50,398
Restricted income funds:	7			200	200
				51,048	50,598

Approved by the Trustees' Meeting held on 24 March 2025 (date).

and signed on its behalf by Rev G Bakker (Chairman) GK Bakker (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 2024

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 excepted 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 2024

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings £	IT Equipment £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Brought forward 1 January 2024	2,012	3,528	5,540	8,646
Additions in year	0	939	939	0
Depreciation for year	(302)	(2,444)	(2,746)	(3,106)
Carried forward 31 December 2024	1,710	2,023	3,733	5,540

3 DEBTORS

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Gift aid tax recoverable	0	0	0	2,830
Accrued income	844	0	844	0
Other debtors and prepayments	732	0	732	139
	1,576	0	1,576	2,969

4 CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors payable within one year:

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

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.

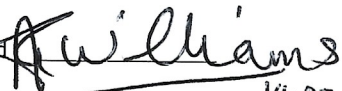
8 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND THEIR SPOUSES

In 2024 the following trustees received payments from the church:

Dr AG Williams	£396.56	Reimbursement of expenses
Mrs R Wells	£150.25	Reimbursement of expenses

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 4 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Signed 
Dr AG Williams (Treasurer) Dated 14.03.25
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the unaudited financial statements of Sherford Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, 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: 

Dated 14/3/25.

Name and address of the independent examiner:

MR TIMOTHY WILLIAMS
PRETTY BENCHES BARN
SAMPFORD PEVERELL
TIVERTON
EX16 7BU.

**APPENDIX 1 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted			
	Funds	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	General	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
VOLUNTARY INCOME				
Bank donations by D/D's & S/O's	8,425	0	8,425	11,510
Cash and donations	1,028	0	1,028	235
Income tax refunds under gift aid	1,665	0	1,665	2,830
	11,118	0	11,118	14,575
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Interest	844	0	844	0
	844	0	844	0
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITY				
Toddler group	1,992	0	1,992	1,648
Events tickets	730	0	730	0
Reimbursement for resources	0	0	0	0
Mission Giving donations	77	0	77	0
Tea & coffee contributions	0	0	0	0
Baptism Fees	0	0	0	0
	2,799	0	2,799	1,648
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants (Exeter Diocesan)	238	0	238	250
	238	0	238	250

**APPENDIX 2 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
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	0	0	0	100
Services: Sherford Community Hub hire	40	0	40	180
Printing, postage and stationery	51	0	51	164
Tea/coffee equipment	142	0	142	0
CCLI Licence	162	0	162	181
Insurance	563	0	563	672
Gifts	327	0	327	177
Toddler group	1,871	0	1,871	1,109
Ministry Trainee	0	0	0	1,586
Youth Worker	0	0	0	4,447
Youth Group	0	0	0	583
Toddler Group Leader	1,100	0	1,100	0
Administrator	500	0	500	2,300
Events	1,254	0	1,254	879
Bookkeeping	883	0	883	0
Other administration costs	1,243	0	1,243	925
Other service costs	150	0	150	644
	8,286	0	8,286	13,947
Teaching costs:				
Resources	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Clergy:				
Clergy expenses	0	0	0	800
Clergy recruitment costs	1,171	0	1,171	0
Clergy mobile and telephone costs	255	0	255	110
Clergy ministry training	0	0	0	490
	1,426	0	1,426	1,400
Sherford Mutual Aid Group:				
Expenditure	0	0	0	811
	0	0	0	811
Fixtures & Fittings and IT equipment				
Depreciation of fixtures & fittings and IT equipment	2,746	0	2,746	3,106
	2,746	0	2,746	3,106
TOTAL COSTS OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES	12,458	0	12,458	19,264
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Mission giving	2,091	0	2,091	2,300
	2,091	0	2,091	2,300
GOVERNANCE COSTS				
Independent examiner	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0