



**King's Church**  
FLITWICK

**CHARITY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS**

**12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Registered no. 1177248

King's Church Flitwick  
Kings Road, Flitwick, Bedfordshire

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The Charity Trustees present their report and financial statements for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis in accordance with S.42(3) of the Charities Act 1993. They confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

<b>Name</b>	Timothy B Diaper	IAN ADAMS
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Position</b>	Chairman of Charity Trustees	Charity Trustee
<b>Date</b>	10/1/25	8/1/25

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Registered no:	1177248
Correspondence address:	9 The Croft Flitwick Bedford MK45 1DL

Website: [www.kingschurchflitwick.co.uk](http://www.kingschurchflitwick.co.uk)

**ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Charity Trustees during the year:

Ian Adams  
Tim Diaper  
Neil Scott (since resigned)  
Kevin Sherwood

Secretary: Andrew Nock

Treasurer: Lee Stone

Independent examiner: Martin Grantham  
1 Chestnut Close  
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Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC

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## Structure, governance and management

Staff: Amanda Day, Women's Pastoral Assistant  
Tim Diaper, Pastor  
Neil Scott, Assistant Pastor (resigned after end of reporting period)

King's Church Flitwick (when known as Flitwick Baptist Church) was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. It is governed by its Constitution, adopted by the church on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and as amended, most recently on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and the Church Handbook adopted by the church on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and as amended, most recently on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## Organisation structure

The Charity Trustees are responsible for managing the charity. Unless employed as Pastors, they give their time and skills freely, and derive no financial benefit from their service.

The Charity Trustees are the Elders and Pastors of the church acting *ex officio*. Their appointment is governed by the Church Handbook. Pastor Diaper was engaged by secret ballot of church members on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to serve for an indefinite term, with his employment starting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Assistant Pastor Neil Scott was engaged by secret ballot of church members on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to serve for three years with his employment starting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, and at the same time was recognised as an Elder of the church; he resigned from his appointment and as charity trustee and Elder on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Other Elders are appointed by secret ballot of church members, each to serve for a term of up to three years. At the end of their term they may offer themselves for re-election.

The terms and conditions for the Pastor are defined in a contract, as were those for the Assistant Pastor. During the reporting period they were paid reasonable salaries to enable them to devote themselves to the service of God through the church as their principal activity. For the better performance of their duties, Pastor Diaper together with his family lives in a dwelling owned by the church<sup>1</sup>, and Assistant Pastor Scott lived in a dwelling rented by the church.

The Women's Pastoral Assistant (who is not a charity trustee) was appointed in September 2015 for a three-year term, and re-appointed in July 2018 for an indefinite term. Her employment contract was transferred to the CIO on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. She works part-time, receiving a reasonable salary paid pro-rata to hours worked.

During the year the Charity Trustees met formally on 9 occasions, at other times for prayer, and a further 6 times with the Deacons (see next paragraph), with a record made of all formal meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> "The Manse"

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To ensure that necessary responsibilities are covered, and workloads managed, some specific responsibilities are delegated to Deacons, officers elected by members by secret ballot to serve for fixed terms of up to three years. From among them, one is designated Secretary, to manage the church's administrative affairs, and another Treasurer, to manage the church's financial affairs.

**Trustee Training**

On appointment, charity trustees were provided with copies of the church's Constitution, the Church Handbook, and the most recent annual report and accounts. They were made aware of documents relating to Charity Trustee responsibilities.

**Risk Management**

The Charity Trustees regularly consider the church's current and projected financial position, in order to initiate appropriate action in response to emerging trends. Their intention is to maintain a General Fund balance equivalent to three months normal expenditure.

The church has insurance cover in place.

The church maintains and operates a Safeguarding Policy, with nominated individuals to lead its application.

The Charity Trustees designate a Deacon to oversee Safety and Fire Precautions, with these matters being regularly considered at Trustees' meetings.

**Aims, Objectives and Activities**

The church's purposes are set out in its Constitution:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Flitwick and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, 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 and the advancement of education;

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.

The church adheres to a written Basis of Faith set out in its Constitution and reflecting a conservative evangelical position.

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The church is motivated by the conviction that man's greatest need is to be reconciled to God, through personal faith in his Son the Lord Jesus Christ, and reliance on his redeeming sacrifice. Therefore a substantial part of the church's work is the provision of religious activities for all, to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, to encourage people to commit their lives to him, to offer God praise and worship, to provide instruction and encouragement in the Christian faith for recent and more mature believers, and to provide opportunity for prayer, for mutual support, and for Christian service.

The church believes that an integral part of the committed Christian life is a care for the surrounding community. The Lord Jesus in his earthly ministry showed loving concern for all types of people and their needs – including children, the bereaved, the sick in body or mind, the poor, and those outside mainstream society, and the church believes that a similar concern is mandated for his followers today. Therefore, alongside its primarily religious activities the church carries out a number designed to support the wider community in some way, in particular through the relief of poverty and promotion of mental health.

### **Activities**

In accordance with its purpose set out in the Constitution the church as a charity has customarily aimed to provide public benefit through services of Christian worship and teaching, meetings and small groups for prayer and Bible teaching, evangelistic events, pastoral care of individuals, and activities for young people and the elderly.

### **The membership**

While most church activities are open to all (with the main limiting factor being the organisation of certain activities for the benefit of specific interest groups), Christians who become associated with the church are encouraged to enter formal membership, committing themselves to identification with the church through attendance and service, and prayer and financial support, in accordance with their gifts and capability. Applications for membership are considered by the elders, and then if appropriate commended to the church.

The Pastors, Elders and Deacons must be church members, as must others who take up positions of trust and responsibility in the life of the church.

The elders review the membership list regularly to ensure that it is current. At March 2024 the church had 104 members, compared with 110 a year previously, and 14 associate (non-voting) members.

The church finances its existence and activities largely through free-will giving. In 2022-2023 the church had seen income from free-will giving fall to a nominal level below that of 2015-2016; however, this downward trend was reversed in the reporting year, with giving by the year's end having returned to the same level as eight years previously. The church continues to encourage people to give, appropriately according to their means,

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by carefully publicising details of the church's financial operations, and providing more modern means of giving (eg by card-reader) to replace the traditional reliance on cash.

### **External affiliation**

The church is affiliated to the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches)<sup>2</sup>, in which it can have fellowship with like-minded churches, and through which it can help to exercise a Gospel influence in wider society.

Pastor Diaper served a 3-year term on FIEC's trust board, from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

During the reporting year the church joined with other Bible-centred churches in Bedfordshire Buckinghamshire Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire to form the Four Counties Gospel Partnership, in which they collaborate to train and support leaders, strengthen and plant churches, and advance the Gospel in the region. Pastor Diaper is chairman of the trustees.

### **The church premises**

The church owns the freehold of the church premises and the Manse, located on adjoining plots on Kings Road Flitwick Bedford. The premises, which date originally from 1907, have been expanded over the years, with a major re-development and expansion having taken place in the 1990s and further development more recently in 2021-2022, providing an attractive, large and airy space along with comprehensive facilities for its activities. The church's policy is to maintain the structural and functional integrity of the buildings, using annual proposals for works and spending made by a premises management team within the membership. Improvements are made as necessary and within budgetary constraints, with priority being given to those needed to safeguard the health and safety of users of the premises.

There were two further developments planned, but not complete when the reporting period ended:

- the conversion of a double garage into meeting rooms:
- reconfiguration of the church premises' frontage onto Kings Road, separating vehicular and pedestrian access (and funded by the developer of the adjacent site at 9 Kings Road).

Both projects are expected to be completed in 2024-2025.

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<sup>2</sup> A charity operating in England Wales and Scotland to support independent churches in promoting the Christian faith.



## ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

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### Introduction

Looking back over another year, the church must give thanks to God for his faithfulness and abundant goodness. Every year in a church's life is a story of that faithfulness and goodness on display on the collective journey through triumphs and tragedies, encouragements and challenges. In and through it all, the church has seen the hand of God, and experienced his never-failing presence, confirming the reality of Philippians 1:6 – the church's 'verse for the year' back in 2021 now displayed on the auditorium wall:

*'Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.'*

In his mercy, God has begun a good work in the church and its individual members. He will continue that work of building his kingdom, and he'll strengthen the church community enabling it to play its part in that work until the day the Lord Jesus returns. Sometimes a season in a church's life feels full of setbacks, while at other times there is a sense of making great strides forward. More often than not it feels somewhere in the middle! And yet the hidden reality is that God is building his kingdom, continuing that great work already begun. Throughout the year reminders of those truths have given the encouragement to keep on serving God's mission here in Flitwick and the surrounding area.

In continuing to serve the church throughout the year the elders and staff team have had the joy of partnering together. The staff team consisted of three throughout the year, meeting weekly to reflect on the Sunday services, plan ahead for the coming week, and discuss and pray for the various pastoral needs within the fellowship. The team was prepared for change as Neil Scott's three-year contract was due to end in June 2024; that change occurred sooner than expected when he stepped down from pastoral ministry in April 2024 (after the reporting period but before this report being written). The elders met at least monthly throughout the year and have been a blessing to one another in the task of shepherding this flock.

It is now almost three years since the church premises were redeveloped and the church's name changed to 'King's Church' – those changes feel well and truly bedded in, and the reconfigured auditorium serves the groups and ministries so well. Within the wider community, King's Church is taking on an increasingly prominent identity and its name is more easily recognised. A God-given spirit of unity made those changes possible back in 2021, with the benefits now being enjoyed.

The regular weekly routine of life as a body of Christ is exciting and diverse, and lived in dependence upon the Holy Spirit to fulfil the calling to be the church of his desire here in Flitwick.



The various ministries in the church's life have continued to serve the church's overall vision of being 'a Spirit-filled community making disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.'

What follows is a summary of the church's ministry over the past year based around the four values that define the type of community the church desires to be.



## A loving community

*"As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)*

Over the past year:

- A steady stream of newcomers has continued at the main gatherings on Sunday mornings – the majority of newcomers being Christians who have recently moved to the area. Many comment on the warmth of the welcome they receive at King's and the genuine family feel. Perhaps the greatest encouragement in this growth has been the increasing diversity within the congregation. As with any growth, there are also challenges – the greatest being how to encourage newcomers to move from the fringe of the church to the centre, where they might be fully and meaningfully part of the body. To encourage newcomers to enjoy life in the church family more fully, and to find a place to fit and to serve the Lord's mission, two 'Next Steps' sessions have been held.
- The elders and staff team have continued to express God's love and care, particularly to those in the church family who experience specific needs and struggles. Thanks are owed to the many others who join in expressing pastoral care, through home visits, hospital visits, 'phone calls, lifts, meals and other means of helping.
- The Pastoral Care Team in its previous formal capacity had lain largely dormant over the past year – at least in part to allow for some challenges to be addressed in terms of providing care in a way that is structured, confidential and sensitive to people's needs. A deacon has been instrumental in helping to develop a future structure for pastoral care, to be put into practice in the next year.
- The elder and staff teams spend much time together in prayer for the church family – not only for the physical needs and struggles being faced, but for spiritual health and growth. In all these things, they seek to encourage by pointing to the Lord Jesus Christ, the great High Priest who sympathises with people in their weakness.
- On the first Sunday each month, the church family worships together in an all-age service followed by a fellowship lunch. These lunches continue to be well-supported with around 50 staying, enjoying an opportunity to deepen fellowship around a meal and the Lord's Supper.
- The monthly 'Praise & Prayer' evenings have remained less well supported this past year, an area to develop as a church in the coming years. Meeting together in dependence upon God in prayer is itself an act of love for one another, and must surely be a Spirit-filled church's fundamental characteristic. There have continued to be other regular opportunities to pray together: not only in home groups, but also in the weekly 'early bird' prayer meeting and monthly special prayer meeting for local schools and those who learn, work, and volunteer in them.
- Home Groups, Men's Breakfasts and Ladies' Breakfasts have continued to provide important means of loving fellowship.

One of the privileges of being part of a loving church family is to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to mourn with those who mourn. During the past year the church has:

- Rejoiced with two couples in the birth of sons, with both babies being publicly dedicated to the Lord in August.
- Rejoiced with another couple upon their marriage in August 2023.
- Baptised two young people upon profession of faith in September 2023, and four in March 2024.

It is always an encouragement when people want to display their love for God's people by formally joining the church in membership, and during the past year, the church has had the joy of welcoming six new members.

Four members resigned, and following amendments to the Church Handbook eight members who had moved away from the area were transferred to associate membership.

At the year's close the church had 104 members and 14 associate members.

### A learning community

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42)*

Sunday gatherings remain central to life as a community, worshipping God together and hearing him speak through his word. Gratitude is due to those who have continued to use their gifts in serving the church during those gatherings: service leaders, worship leaders, musicians, AV team, hospitality teams, and many others.

In the course of the last year, the Sunday morning preaching plan featured series in:

- Life in the Spirit
- Galatians – 'Why the Gospel matters'
- Matthew's Gospel – 'Believe the Impossible' (miracles)
- Genesis 37-50 – 'Meant for good' (the story of Joseph)
- Matthew's Gospel – 'The Promise of the Ages' (Advent)
- Acts – A tale of ten cities

King's Kids continues, teaching children (school years R-6) the same passage being preached in the main service. This reflects the church's conviction that young disciples are grown by the proclamation of God's word in the same way as adults, and this programme is designed so that whole families can talk together about how God has been speaking to them Sunday by Sunday. The monthly all-age services contribute to this pattern and express the oneness of the church family sitting under God's word.

The Sunday evening meetings provide the opportunity to delve into biblical teaching on a range of themes that might not otherwise be covered in consecutive expository preaching. The following series have been followed during the year:

- 'This we believe' – working through the church's Basis of Faith
- Psalm 23 – a deep look at each verse
- 'Twelve things God can't do'

- 'On the shoulders of giants' – lessons from church history
- The Lord's Prayer – a deep look at each line

The ladies care for each other, pray for each other and encourage each other. Studying the Bible with other ladies and discussing how it applies to daily lives is a privilege and a blessing. Any lady that has an hour free on a Wednesday morning is warmly invited to come.

Home Groups have continued through the year, continuing to follow the Sunday morning preaching, giving opportunity to share encouragements and apply the preached word to life. These groups also provide the space for relationships to deepen in praying together and showing care for one another. It would be good to see more members of the church family meaningfully engaged with a home group, and the elders consequently want to encourage people to take up the opportunity of joining a group and experiencing the joy of sharing life together.

### A serving community

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)*

The church is indebted to the huge number of volunteers who serve faithfully and sacrificially— some in very obvious ways, and many much less obvious. When everyone pulls together with a common vision and purpose, giving of themselves and using their skills and gifts, it is often the case that God pours out his blessing, something experienced this past year.

There are nevertheless and inevitably identifiable gaps in many ministry teams. While those who are currently serving on those teams do so faithfully and energetically, they must not be allowed to become burnt out. Over the course of the year, it became evident that many of the children's and youth groups were struggling for volunteers, and several leaders expressed a wish to stand down. The elders were led by God to the conviction of a need to invest in a staff role to take on the leadership of the children's and youth ministries, to provide a coherent vision for this area of ministry and to recruit, train and support volunteers and leaders. After members agreed to create the role, the recruitment process concluded with the elders recommending Reece Gordon's appointment as Children's and Youth Ministries Leader (CYML). This proposal was affirmed by members in May 2024, and he will take up the role in July 2024.

There have been changes in the leadership of the Elev8<sup>3</sup>, Elev8 Mini<sup>4</sup>, and Need Project ministries, and the church is grateful to those leaving and to their successors.

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<sup>3</sup> Thursday evening activity for children in school years 3-6

<sup>4</sup> Thursday evening activity for children in school years R-2

## A witnessing community

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

There have been several significant opportunities to share something of the good news of Jesus with the local community this past year:

- On Easter Sunday a pancake breakfast, Easter egg hunt and celebration service welcomed dozens of non-church people in, including some who now regularly attend on Sundays.
- A Family Fun Day in June 2023, which was extremely well attended and provided an opportunity to invite children to Holiday Special and Hit It For Six.
- The Ladies' Craft evening in December was very well supported and many church ladies brought along non-Christian friends and colleagues.
- The family nativity in December saw several families with young children from King's Tots<sup>5</sup> attend and hear a message about Christ's purpose in coming into the world.
- Carols in the Town Square and Carols by Candlelight were both extremely popular with the community, and a clear Gospel message was heard at each event.

In addition to those one-off events, the usual routine of church life has provided regular opportunities to build connections with the community, and share the Christian message. The range of children's and youth groups means that every young person in Flitwick can hear about Jesus. The Café<sup>6</sup> and King's Seniors<sup>7</sup> have gone from strength to strength this past year, building meaningful relationships with people in the town.

The Need Project<sup>8</sup> has continued to provide essential support to the neediest in local society, as a means of demonstrating the love of Jesus in a practical way.

The church has sought to strengthen ties with local schools with opportunities to take school assemblies, and was delighted to welcome the whole of Kingsmoor Lower School into the church for a Christingle service in the run-up to Christmas. There were also some smaller class visits for RE lessons looking at why and how the church worships, and the meaning of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Links with the town of Flitwick itself have continued to grow stronger with a deepening relationship with both the Mayor and the new vicar at the parish church. Consequently, Tim Diaper was involved in the Civic Service in September and was also invited to give a brief Gospel message at the town's Remembrance Service in November, attended by more than 1,000 people.

The church's support, both prayerful and financial, for the following external mission partners has continued:

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<sup>5</sup> Parent and toddler group meeting weekly on Friday mornings

<sup>6</sup> Held on church premises on Tuesday mornings

<sup>7</sup> Monthly activity for older people

<sup>8</sup> The Need Project Central Bedfordshire, an independent Christian charity seeking to relieve poverty in the area. It uses the King's Church premises as the base for its Flitwick operations, and the church supports it financially and with volunteer personnel

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- Pete and Libby Halestrap (AIM<sup>9</sup>, Kenya) –the family has had to return to the UK because of Pete's health and the church has continued to support them through this transition period.
- Cliff and Alison Reynolds (ABWE<sup>10</sup>, Swindon UK)
- The Need Project (across Central Bedfordshire)
- FIEC
- Matt and Rahel Malone who have begun serving at a church in Milan, with a view to establishing a Torchbearers<sup>11</sup> Centre in Italy in the longer term.
- Vrsac Baptist Church, Serbia

Former mission partners Brian and Jackie Chilvers returned to the UK following their term in Chad.

## Looking ahead

All this demonstrates the Lord's faithfulness and goodness to the church this past year, and in his kindness the ministry of King's Church has continued and flourished. He really is building his kingdom.

Nevertheless, as always there are some challenges and priorities on which to focus over the coming twelve months:

- Bringing Reece Gordon onto the staff team as CYML, to bring clarity of vision to the children's and youth ministry.
- Relaunching the Pastoral Care Team to serve the many and varied pastoral needs within the church family more effectively.
- Continuing to embed a deeply missional instinct into life as a church family – something that has begun over the past two years with 'A Passion For Life' and the preaching series in Acts, but which needs continuing work in order to serve God's mission here effectively.
- Fostering a deep sense of prayerfulness that displays dependence upon the Lord for everything, and the belief that he alone can prosper people's otherwise feeble efforts to serve him and his mission.

## Thanks

In closing, the ministry team wishes to say thank you to the church family for their love, care and prayerful support over the past year. Particular thanks are due to the other elders for their fellowship and partnership in the Gospel, and to their own families, especially their spouses.

Amanda Day  
Tim Diaper

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<sup>9</sup> Africa Inland Mission

<sup>10</sup> American Baptists for World Evangelization, a USA-based Christian mission organisation

<sup>11</sup> Torchbearers International, an evangelical Christian organisation promoting and providing training for Christian ministry

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## Independent examiner's report

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3rd January 2025

Trustees of Kings Church Flitwick  
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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kings Church Flitwick

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Kings Church Flitwick (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed:



Martin Grantham

3rd January 2025

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**Annual Accounts for the 12 Month Period from Apr-23 to Mar-24**

Note 1 - In some instances, names of individuals have been withheld, where anonymity is necessary for reasons of confidentiality or security.

	£ Sterling		£ Sterling	
<b>1. General Fund</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>	
	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£50,113.95</b>	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£45,045.92</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Freewill Giving	99,160.99		97,138.09	
Gift Aid claimed	20,562.17		23,724.29	
Community Cafe	3,333.39		2,631.98	
Parking donations	960.00		2,460.00	
For Charitable Causes	3,308.51		1,646.09	
Other income	10,094.32		2,866.32	
Legacies	-	<u>137,419.38</u>	-	<u>130,466.77</u>
		<b>£187,533.33</b>		<b>£175,512.69</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Ministers' salaries	75,848.81		71,519.77	
Pension contributions	7,296.36		7,149.48	
Minister's expenses	2,705.47		2,766.94	
Employer's National Insurance	1,523.73		1,288.72	
Staff Training & Ministry	603.40		3,437.73	
Care & Diaconate Fund	497.93		137.01	
Visiting speakers	118.00		488.00	
Church & Manse property maintenance	2,810.24		4,334.66	
Heating & lighting	10,746.70		7,288.63	
Cleaning	592.10		495.00	
Manse Council Tax & Water Rates	2,724.98		3,230.12	
Audio Visual	-		-	
Leaflets, Books & Publications	289.00		524.54	
Subscriptions / Licenses	2,453.04		2,279.07	
Insurance (Church & Manse)	1,964.05		1,762.62	
Telephone & Broadband	1,034.33		902.56	
Photocopying	528.27		483.52	
Consumables	258.86		695.60	
Legal fees	835.20		-	
Publicity	788.23		346.87	
Training	654.00		-	
CCPAS (The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service)	163.48		245.80	
Sundry expenditure	144.80		427.54	
Private Donations to individuals <b>note 1</b>	5,053.01		4,850.00	
Charitable donations (see below for breakdown)	6,998.51		6,542.09	
Outreach	976.51		800.57	
Captiv8 youth work	1,075.82		663.07	
King's Kids	-		-	
Holiday Special & Breakout	1,691.90		1,117.65	
Elev8 youth work	24.00		249.99	
Serbia Mission	-		1,041.70	
Other Ministry	407.82	<u>130,808.55</u>	329.49	<u>125,398.74</u>
		<b>£56,724.78</b>		<b>£50,113.95</b>

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<b>2. Gospel Fund</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>	
	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£19,107.63</b>	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£25,423.56</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Refurbishment	5,356.59		6,315.93	
Other	-	5,356.59	-	6,315.93
		<b>£13,751.04</b>		<b>£19,107.63</b>
<b>3. Need (KCF) Fund</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>	
	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£1,460.18</b>	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£823.93</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	1,055.00		2,114.10	
		1,055.00		2,114.10
		£2,515.18		£2,938.03
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Travel expenses, food purchases & donations	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,477.85	1,477.85
		<b>£515.18</b>		<b>£1,460.18</b>
<b>4. Ladies Ministry</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>	
	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£0.00</b>	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Collections	88.98	88.98	-	-
		£88.98		£0.00
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Food purchases	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
		<b>£88.98</b>		<b>£0.00</b>
<b>5. Elev8 Fund</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>	
	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£0.00</b>	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Collections	504.82	504.82	-	-
		£504.82		£0.00
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Activities	-	-	-	-
Resources	-	-	-	-
		<b>£504.82</b>		<b>£0.00</b>
<b>6. Community Support Fund</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>	
	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£0.00</b>	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£93.92</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	245.35		-	-
		245.35		-
		£245.35		£93.92
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Food purchases	245.34	245.34	93.92	93.92
		<b>£0.00</b>		<b>£0.00</b>
<b>7. Building Improvement Fund</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>	
	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£0.00</b>	Bal b/fwd ->	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	-	-	1,088.00	1,088.00
		£0.00		£1,088.00
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Refurbishment	-	-	1,088.00	1,088.00
		<b>£0.00</b>		<b>£0.00</b>



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**Breakdown of charitable donations made during the year**

	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
FIEC - Annual Donation	3,200.00	3,096.00
Mykolaiv church, Ukraine	877.32	-
Serbia Baptist Church, Vrsac	883.86	856.09
Need Project	1,000.00	1,000.00
Samaritan's Purse International Disaster Relief	929.20	-
The Barnabus Fund (Afganistan)		50.00
The Barnabus Fund (Ukraine)		250.00
Open Doors		810.00
Ukrainian refugees		230.00
Four Counties Gospel Partnership	108.13	250.00
	<b>£6,998.51</b>	<b>£6,542.09</b>

**Insured value of assets**

Church premises	2,044,547	1,825,488
Contents	107,011	95,545
Manse	318,556	284,425
	<b>£2,470,114</b>	<b>£2,205,458</b>

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
General Fund	£56,724.78	£50,113.95
Gospel Fund	£13,751.04	£19,107.63
Need Fund	£515.18	£1,460.18
Ladies Ministry	£88.98	£0.00
Elev8 Fund	£504.82	£0.00
Community Support Fund	£0.00	£0.00
Building Improvement Fund	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£71,584.80</b>	<b>£70,681.76</b>
Current a/c	£4,194.12	£9,542.91
High Int. a/c	£67,390.68	£61,138.85
Current Assets	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£71,584.80</b>	<b>£70,681.76</b>