

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

England & Wales · Charity number 1177439

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-03-06

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO): A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Activities: Our Mission Statement (see website) expands on the following themes: TELL: ? TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM? TEACH: ? TO TEACH, BAPTISE AND NURTURE BELIEVERS? TEND: ? TO RESPOND TO HUMAN NEED BY LOVING SERVICE? TRANSFORM: ? TO SEEK TO TRANSFORM UNJUST STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY? TREASURE: ? TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION, AND SUSTAIN AND RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH?

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£272,507	£407,274	-	-
2024-08-31	£889,654	£326,018	£46,643	5
2023-08-31	£391,898	£1,689,040	-	-
2022-08-31	£1,922,664	£1,914,908	£780,157	5
2021-08-31	£900,918	£1,066,933	£772,597	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIAN JOHN TURNER		2025-01-29
Alastair Sharp		2018-03-18
CAROLYN FRANCES AUGER		2018-01-07
Carol Margaret Jewell		2018-01-07
Catherine Gaynor Coules		2019-03-03
Dr ALAN BARRY REID		2023-09-25
Hilary Jane Walshe		2025-01-29
JAMES BRUCE STIRMEY		2018-01-07
MARY EMMA HOWARTH		2018-03-18
Michael John Richards		2022-03-02
Peter Plowman		2020-06-23
ROBERT JAMES MORRIS CAFFYN		2018-01-07
Rebecca Sarah Dorothea Graham		2023-06-06
Rev Memona Shahbaz		2019-09-29
Rev Paul Simon Tabraham		2018-01-07

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Accounts

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025



Caladine

Chartered Certified Accountants

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

C Auger
R Caffyn
C Coules
M Howarth
C Jewell
P Plowman
A Reid
M Richards
A Sharp
Rev M Shahbaz (ex-officio)
J Stirney
Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
R Graham
Mrs H Walshe (Appointed 29 January 2025)
Mr A Turner (Appointed 29 January 2025)

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Principal address

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Bankers

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of formation :-

- (a) the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (b) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (c) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any Society being a Charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church.

In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- i) the celebration of public worship
- ii) the teaching of the Christian Faith
- iii) mission and evangelism
- iv) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- v) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
- vi) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne, is a church and charity that came into being in January 2018 as a partnership between four Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Eastbourne. We are a Single-Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership, formed from four constituent churches: Central and Greenfield Methodist Churches, St. Andrews and Upperton United Reformed Churches. We use the model Constitution and Sharing Agreement required by both denominations.

Emmanuel Church exists to celebrate the love of God in worship and fellowship, and ensuring the pastoral care of all its members and adherents. We seek to live out our calling through a ministry of care and compassion to the community we serve; consequently, a great deal of our activity as a church involves various groups and gatherings. For example, our children and families work includes running our Jenny Wren Nursery, Little Wrens Toddlers, Messy Church and various events throughout the year. In addition, we run groups and meetings for older people and those at risk from social isolation. We raise considerable funds for a number of charitable resources locally and nationally, and we are an active partner in Churches Together for Eastbourne.

During 2025 our community work was enhanced by the appointment in September 2025 of a Community Engagement Manager for 25 hours per week, a post for which we have secured five years funding. This investment has enabled us to increase our community footprint, for example through increasing our connections with the local Ukrainian Community, and increasing the use of our premises more for community purposes. Being the Chaplain to the Mayor of Eastbourne has also brought Emmanuel close to various civic events and worship, including our hosting the Mayor's Harvest Service, sharing in Eastbourne's Civic Remembrance Service and Parade, and the Eastbourne Civic Carol Service.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Having moved into the new premises in September 2023, as a church we are far more established in our new surroundings and making good use of them. The Practical Completion Certificate was achieved on the premises, and during 2025 some additional works were completed to improve the building. For example, Cheesmur undertook supplementary drainage works and redecoration, and a local building firm completed the Jenny Wren roof garden covering in order to provide shelter and enhance the outdoor play for the nursery. During 2025 we also achieved our Bronze Eco-Church Award, and are working towards our Silver Award to minimise any environmental impact and to align more closely with Methodist and United Reformed priorities for churches in the coming years.

The coming year will see Emmanuel only becoming more settled into the new premises, and expanding our sense of mission in the community in which we live. Emmanuel will continue to benefit from strong lay leadership across key areas of governance, finance and administration, and will also continue to utilise the gifts of its members and community in worship, mission, and community work. This coming year will also see a change as a new minister will be appointed to lead the church for the years ahead and to have pastoral responsibility for its people. The ongoing purposes of Emmanuel will remain the same – that we hold to our calling to love and God and serve our neighbour in all the ways, to enable us to be an effective Christian presence in Eastbourne.

Financial review

The church recorded a deficit of £134,783 in the year ended 31 August 2025 on all funds as it continued work on the new church building project (2024: surplus of £563,718). At the end of the year the church had overdrawn funds of £106,572 on general fund with the issue being addressed.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve month's worth of ministerial costs (£133,400) plus the likely cost of staff redundancy payments (£8,000) to a total of £141,400. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

This has not been attainable in recent years because of the construction of a new church building which has significantly affected reserves held. The Church hopes to address this situation now that the building has been finished.

Risk assessment

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Church is governed by its constitution for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP) adopted 7 January 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 6 March 2018.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

C Auger	
T Bacon	(Resigned 29 January 2025)
R Caffyn	
C Coules	
P Easton	(Deceased 1 June 2025)
M Howarth	
C Jewell	
P Plowman	
A Reid	
M Richards	
A Sharp	
Rev M Shahbaz (ex-officio)	
J Stirney	
Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)	
R Graham	
J Gray	(Resigned 10 October 2024)
Mrs H Walshe	(Appointed 29 January 2025)
Mr A Turner	(Appointed 29 January 2025)

Ex-officio Trustees are the ministers of the LEP.

There can be a maximum of 16 elected Trustees and 12 co-opted Trustees.

Trustees are elected after being nominated and voted at a Congregational Meeting.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the LEP.

The day to day operation of the church is lead by Rev P Tabraham and Rev M Shahbaz together with support, pastoral and administrative staff subject to the oversight of the Trustees.

Trustee training

Specific support training and guidance is given to the Trustees by the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)

Chairman of Trustees

Date: 11/3/2026

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Church as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE

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Date: 12 March 2026

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	105,980	72,544	-	178,524	816,614
Charitable activities	4	-	68,293	-	68,293	48,026
Other trading activities	5	17,296	-	-	17,296	12,129
Investments	6	8,394	-	-	8,394	9,258
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	3,627
Total income		<u>131,670</u>	<u>140,837</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>272,507</u>	<u>889,654</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	190,875	80,197	-	271,072	286,335
Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project	11	-	136,202	-	136,202	39,683
Total expenditure		<u>190,875</u>	<u>216,399</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>407,274</u>	<u>326,018</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	-	-	(16)	(16)	82
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(59,205)</u>	<u>(75,562)</u>	<u>(16)</u>	<u>(134,783)</u>	<u>563,718</u>
Transfers between funds	25	(89,728)	89,728	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	12	<u>(148,933)</u>	<u>14,166</u>	<u>(16)</u>	<u>(134,783)</u>	<u>563,718</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		42,361	2,802	1,480	46,643	(517,075)
Fund balances at 31 August 2025		<u>(106,572)</u>	<u>16,968</u>	<u>1,464</u>	<u>(88,140)</u>	<u>46,643</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	133,462	683,152	-	816,614
Charitable activities	4	-	48,026	-	48,026
Other trading activities	5	12,129	-	-	12,129
Investments	6	9,258	-	-	9,258
Other income	7	3,627	-	-	3,627
Total income		<u>158,476</u>	<u>731,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>889,654</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	8	211,900	74,435	-	286,335
Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project	11	-	39,683	-	39,683
Total expenditure		<u>211,900</u>	<u>114,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,018</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	-	-	82	82
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(53,424)</u>	<u>617,060</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>563,718</u>
Transfers between funds	25	<u>(539,070)</u>	<u>539,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	12	<u>(592,494)</u>	<u>1,156,130</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>563,718</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		<u>634,855</u>	<u>(1,153,328)</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>(517,075)</u>
Fund balances at 31 August 2024		<u>42,361</u>	<u>2,802</u>	<u>1,480</u>	<u>46,643</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	17		1,468		2,702
Investments	18		1,464		1,480
			<u>2,932</u>		<u>4,182</u>
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	19	22,656		14,331	
Cash at bank and in hand	20	203,641		335,389	
		<u>226,297</u>		<u>349,720</u>	
Current liabilities	22	(317,369)		(307,259)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			<u>(91,072)</u>		<u>42,461</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>(88,140)</u>		<u>46,643</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	24		1,464		1,480
Income funds					
Restricted funds	25		16,968		2,802
Unrestricted funds	26		(106,572)		42,361
			<u>(88,140)</u>		<u>46,643</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11/3/26



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
Chairman of Trustees



A Reid
Treasurer

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne is a charitable Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) trust governed by its Constitution adopted 7 January 2018.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees acknowledge that reserves are currently negative and are taking appropriate steps to rebuild these reserves over the coming year.

Based on the information provided in Note 21 and 26 at the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. It is the policy that these sums are credited to the General fund then disbursed accordingly.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised when a constructive obligation exists, the payment is probable and the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular cost centre to which they relate and include irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, fixtures and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and equipment	20% on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Land and Buildings

A legally binding sharing agreement safeguards both denominations vested financial interests in the site and premises, which have been prepared in accordance with being a single congregational local ecumenical partnership.

The Emmanuel Church, Upperton Road is owned by the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust. The beneficial ownership of the Manses at Decoy Drive and Kings Avenue are with the Central Sussex United Area of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust.

Emmanuel Church are responsible for the running costs of the United Reformed Manse in Kings Avenue. The manse running costs of the Methodist property in Decoy Drive are the responsibility of the Central Sussex United Area.

1.7 Non-current investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	105,980	72,544	178,524	133,462	683,152	816,614
Donations and gifts						
Church offerings and gifts	88,541	52,085	140,626	98,186	53,252	151,438
Gift aid recoverable	17,439	9,728	27,167	25,276	3,230	28,506
Legacies	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Grants (URC)	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Grant CSUA - sale of Greenfield Road Church (net of costs)	-	-	-	-	505,414	505,414
Jenny Wren gifts	-	10,731	10,731	-	21,256	21,256
	<u>105,980</u>	<u>72,544</u>	<u>178,524</u>	<u>133,462</u>	<u>683,152</u>	<u>816,614</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2024 £
Charitable Activities		
Jenny Wren Nursery School (Fees)	68,293	48,026
	<u>68,293</u>	<u>48,026</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Letting and licensing arrangements	17,296	12,129
	<u>17,296</u>	<u>12,129</u>

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6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	8,394	9,258

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Exhibition income	-	3,627

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Activities	Charitable Activities
	2025	2024
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	61,496	67,471
Depreciation and impairment	1,234	2,234
Little Wrens other costs	5,115	3,608
Jenny Wren other costs	5,018	4,407
Cleaning	7,205	6,115
Manse and ministry costs	8,052	7,600
Building repairs and maintenance	3,548	866
Utility costs	17,710	20,578
Worship costs	861	1,176
Assessments Methodist Church	108,240	98,400
Assessments United Reformed Church	23,920	23,750
Utilities and insurance costs	5,284	9,189
Small equipment and maintenance	3,079	4,717
Exhibition costs	-	7,769
Training	-	414
Loan interest payable	-	9,322
Sundries	78	181
	<u>250,840</u>	<u>267,797</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	14,309	12,227
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)		
Support	2,395	1,576
Governance	3,528	4,735
	<u>271,072</u>	<u>286,335</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	190,875	211,900
Restricted funds	80,197	74,435
	<u>271,072</u>	<u>286,335</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

9 Grants payable

	Charitable Activities 2025 £	Charitable Activities 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	13,993	11,828
Grants to individuals	316	399

10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Administration	2,395	1,576
Governance costs	3,528	4,735
	<u>5,923</u>	<u>6,311</u>

Analysed between:

Charitable Activities	<u>5,923</u>	<u>6,311</u>
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Governance costs comprise:	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination fees	1,380	1,370
Accountancy	2,040	3,250
Administration costs	108	115
	<u>3,528</u>	<u>4,735</u>

11 Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2024 £
New building - construction works	131,060	22,136
New building - professional fees	5,142	17,547
	<u>136,202</u>	<u>39,683</u>

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12 Net movement in funds	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner:		
- for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,380	1,370
- for other financial services	2,040	3,250
Depreciation of owned property, plant and equipment	1,234	2,234
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Church during the year.

The ministers (who are ex-officio Trustees) Rev Paul Tabraham and Rev Memona Shahbaz receive a stipend directly from the Methodist Church / United Reformed Church.

Donations from the Trustees and their related parties amounted to £56,778 (2024: £49,647). This figure includes the separately identifiable donations and excludes amounts given as part of offerings, where the individuals concerned cannot be separately identified.

14 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Little Wrens playgroup supervisor	1	1
Jenny Wren Nursery School staff	4	4
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	5	5
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	60,454	66,396
Other pension costs	1,042	1,075
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	61,496	67,471
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Consultancy fees paid to the Little Wrens playgroup supervisor are included in Little Wrens other costs in Note 8 - Charitable activities.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity would be the Ministry staff, who are paid by the overseeing bodies for the Methodist and United Reformed Churches - see note 13.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

15 Gains and losses on investments

	Endowment funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	(16)	82

16 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

17 Property, plant and equipment

	Fixtures and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 September 2024	11,170
At 31 August 2025	11,170
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 September 2024	8,468
Depreciation charged in the year	1,234
At 31 August 2025	9,702
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2025	1,468
At 31 August 2024	2,702

18 Fixed asset investments

	Trust Permanent Endowment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2024	1,480
Valuation changes	(16)
At 31 August 2025	1,464
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2025	1,464
At 31 August 2024	1,480

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

19 Trade and other receivables

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade receivables	393	930
Gift Aid receivable	11,818	13,401
Prepayments and accrued income	10,445	-
	<u>22,656</u>	<u>14,331</u>

20 Cash at bank

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation Bank	78,195	73,362
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church	117,774	257,778
Trustees Methodist Church Purposes	10	10
Jenny Wren HSBC	7,662	4,239
	<u>203,641</u>	<u>335,389</u>

21 Borrowings

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loan from Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Payable within one year	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

The terms of the loan from the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church are currently unclear, and are subject to negotiation.

Adequate funds are not currently available to repay this balance but it is anticipated that this will be converted into a gift in 2026.

22 Current liabilities

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Loans	21	300,000	300,000
Other taxation and social security		157	973
Other payables		3,392	1,666
Accruals and deferred income		13,820	4,620
		<u>317,369</u>	<u>307,259</u>

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23 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,042	1,075
	<u>1,042</u>	<u>1,075</u>

The Church operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Church in an independently administered fund.

24 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Church. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Church and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	At 1 September 2024	Gains and losses	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£
Permanent endowments			
	1,480	(16)	1,464
	<u>1,480</u>	<u>(16)</u>	<u>1,464</u>
Previous year:			
	At 1 September 2023	Gains and losses	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£
Permanent endowments			
Endowment fund	1,398	82	1,480
	<u>1,398</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>1,480</u>

25 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Jenny Wren	2,530	79,024	(66,514)	-	15,040
New Building	-	51,950	(136,202)	84,252	-
Benevolent and Appeals Fund	272	9,863	(13,683)	5,476	1,928
	<u>2,802</u>	<u>140,837</u>	<u>(216,399)</u>	<u>89,728</u>	<u>16,968</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

25 Restricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Jenny Wren	5,125	69,282	(71,877)	-	2,530
New Building	(1,158,602)	659,216	(39,684)	539,070	-
Benevolent and Appeals Fund	149	2,680	(2,557)	-	272
	<u>(1,153,328)</u>	<u>731,178</u>	<u>(114,118)</u>	<u>539,070</u>	<u>2,802</u>

Notes

1. The Jenny Wren fund is a Nursery School not registered as a charity but owned and ultimately governed by Emmanuel Church (formerly Greenfield Methodist Church). Separate accounting records are maintained by the fund and separate financial statements prepared which are consolidated into this report. The separate restricted funds of Jenny Wren are shown as creditors due to the immaterial figures involved.

2. The New Building fund originally represented monies from the original 4 churches together with further grants and donations received towards the new building project. The overdrawn fund has been covered by a transfer from the General Fund.

3. The Benevolent and Appeals Fund represents gifts given for specific projects and then distributed by the church. The transfer in the year covers deficits on individual fund balances.

26 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>42,361</u>	<u>131,670</u>	<u>(190,875)</u>	<u>(89,728)</u>	<u>(106,572)</u>
Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>634,855</u>	<u>158,476</u>	<u>(211,900)</u>	<u>(539,070)</u>	<u>42,361</u>

Note

The Officers and Trustees are taking steps to clear the overdrawn General Fund balance as detailed in note 21 or by raising other funds through congregational giving.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

27 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 August 2025:				
Property, plant and equipment	1,468	-	-	1,468
Investments	-	-	1,464	1,464
Current assets/(liabilities)	(108,040)	16,968	-	(91,072)
	<u>(106,572)</u>	<u>16,968</u>	<u>1,464</u>	<u>(88,140)</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 August 2024:				
Property, plant and equipment	2,702	-	-	2,702
Investments	-	-	1,480	1,480
Current assets/(liabilities)	39,659	2,802	-	42,461
	<u>42,361</u>	<u>2,802</u>	<u>1,480</u>	<u>46,643</u>

28 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024: None).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1177439

Accounts

Charity registration number 1177439 (England and Wales)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024



Caladine
Chartered Certified Accountants

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

C Auger
R Caffyn
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M Howarth
C Jewell
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EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of formation :-

- (a) the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (b) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (c) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any Society being a Charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church.

In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- i) the celebration of public worship
- ii) the teaching of the Christian Faith
- iii) mission and evangelism
- iv) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- v) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
- vi) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne, is a church and charity that came into being in January 2018 as a partnership between four Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Eastbourne. We are a Single-Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership, formed from four constituent churches: Central and Greenfield Methodist Churches, St. Andrews and Upperton United Reformed Churches. We use the model Constitution and Sharing Agreement required by both denominations.

Emmanuel Church exists to celebrate the love of God in worship and fellowship, and ensuring the pastoral care of all its members and adherents. We seek to live out our calling through a ministry of care and compassion to the community we serve; consequently, a great deal of our activity as a church involves various groups locally. For example, our children and families work includes running our Jenny Wren Nursery, Little Wrens Toddlers, Messy Church and various events throughout the year. We engage with people who may be vulnerable through reasons of poverty, isolation or homelessness, supporting them in partnership with a number of local charities and organisations. We raise considerable funds for a number of charitable resources locally and nationally, and we are an active partner in Churches Together for Eastbourne.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The building project relating to the Emmanuel Scheme has come to completion. In September 2023 Emmanuel moved into our new premises and the church has been beginning its new life and serving a new community area in Eastbourne. During 2024 Emmanuel spent a considerable period of time simply settling into the new environment, dealing with the construction company and contractors during the 'snagging' phase, and progressing the sale of Greenfield Methodist Church premises – the premises we used during the construction phase. On 2nd February 2024 the Greenfield premises was sold, and the Methodist Chapel Aid loan repaid, with the residual funds allocated to Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne to support the final payments of the construction of the new church premises. In the midst of a very full year, the church hosted the Methodist Modern Art Collection for a month in May 2024 – 'New Vision' – an exhibition which brought in people from across the south east, groups, schools, churches, a wonderful showcase of the new church and premises.

At the time of writing, the financial component of the multi-million pound scheme is nearing an end – a testament to the remarkable planning, fund-raising, grant-applying efforts of the Emmanuel people and extraordinary support from our denominations and external bodies alike. Having combined church congregations, rationalised its buildings, and consolidated its strengths into one, Emmanuel consequently stands at the beginning of a new phase. The next few years will include our continued settling into the new premises, while expanding our sense of mission in the community in which we live. This will come through strengthening existing relationships, developing new ones, and being an effective Christian presence in Eastbourne. We are determined to be a sign of hope and a place of worship and welcome in a very uncertain world – restating and sometimes reshaping our Methodist and Reformed traditions so that we remain relevant in the time and place we're called to love and serve God and our neighbour.

Financial review

The church recorded a surplus of £563,718 in the year ended 31 August 2024 on all funds as it continued work on the new church building project (2023: deficit of £1,297,232). At the end of the year the church had positive funds of £46,643 (2023: overdrawn funds of £517,075) of which £42,361 were unrestricted (2023: £634,855).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve month's worth of ministerial costs (£120,000) plus the likely cost of staff redundancy payments (£8,000) to a total of £128,000. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

This has not been attainable in recent years because of the construction of a new church building which has significantly affected reserves held. The Church hopes to address this situation now that the building has been finished.

Risk assessment

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Church is governed by its constitution for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP) adopted 7 January 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 6 March 2018.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

C Auger	
T Bacon	(Resigned 29 January 2025)
R Caffyn	
P Chamberlain	(Resigned 1 December 2023)
C Coules	
P Easton	
J Gray	(Deceased 10 October 2024)
M Howarth	
C Jewell	
P Plowman	
A Reid	
M Richards	
A Sharp	
Rev M Shahbaz (ex-officio)	
J Stirmey	
Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)	
R Graham	

Ex-officio Trustees are the ministers of the LEP.

There can be a maximum of 16 elected Trustees and 12 co-opted Trustees.

Trustees are elected after being nominated and voted at a Congregational Meeting.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the LEP.

The day to day operation of the church is lead by Rev P Tabraham and Rev M Shahbaz together with support, pastoral and administrative staff subject to the oversight of the Trustees.

Trustee training

Specific support training and guidance is given to the Trustees by the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)

Chairman of Trustees

2 May 2025

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Church as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



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2 May 2025

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	133,462	683,152	-	816,614	343,097
Charitable activities	4	-	48,026	-	48,026	43,899
Other trading activities	5	12,129	-	-	12,129	2,844
Investments	6	9,258	-	-	9,258	2,058
Other income	7	3,627	-	-	3,627	-
Total income		158,476	731,178	-	889,654	391,898
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	211,900	74,435	-	286,335	225,858
Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project	13	-	39,683	-	39,683	1,463,182
Total expenditure		211,900	114,118	-	326,018	1,689,040
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	82	82	(90)
Net income/(expenditure)		(53,424)	617,060	82	563,718	(1,297,232)
Transfers between funds	24	(539,070)	539,070	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(592,494)	1,156,130	82	563,718	(1,297,232)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		634,855	(1,153,328)	1,398	(517,075)	780,157
Fund balances at 31 August 2024		42,361	2,802	1,480	46,643	(517,075)

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	121,396	221,701	-	343,097
Charitable activities	4	-	43,899	-	43,899
Other trading activities	5	2,844	-	-	2,844
Investments	6	1,957	101	-	2,058
Total income		<u>126,197</u>	<u>265,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391,898</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	8	158,913	66,945	-	225,858
Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project	13	-	1,463,182	-	1,463,182
Total expenditure		<u>158,913</u>	<u>1,530,127</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,689,040</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	(90)	(90)
Net income		<u>(32,716)</u>	<u>(1,264,426)</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>(1,297,232)</u>
Transfers between funds	24	(2,006)	2,006	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(34,722)</u>	<u>(1,262,420)</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>(1,297,232)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 September 2022		<u>669,577</u>	<u>109,092</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>780,157</u>
Fund balances at 31 August 2023		<u>634,855</u>	<u>(1,153,328)</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>(517,075)</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	16		2,702		4,936
Investments	17		1,480		1,398
			<u>4,182</u>		<u>6,334</u>
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	18	14,331		21,144	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	335,389		188,369	
		<u>349,720</u>		<u>209,513</u>	
Current liabilities	21	(307,259)		(732,922)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			<u>42,461</u>		<u>(523,409)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>46,643</u>		<u>(517,075)</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	23		1,480		1,398
Income funds					
Restricted funds	24		2,802		(1,153,328)
Unrestricted funds	25		42,361		634,855
			<u>46,643</u>		<u>(517,075)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2 May 2025



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
Chairman of Trustees



A Reid
Treasurer

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	29		390,541		(841,845)
Investing activities					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-		(6,170)	
Investment income received		9,258		2,058	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			9,258		(4,112)
Financing activities					
Repayment of bank loans		(252,779)		552,779	
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities			(252,779)		552,779
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			147,020		(293,178)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			188,369		481,547
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			335,389		188,369

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne is a charitable Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) trust governed by its Constitution adopted 7 January 2018.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

Based on the information provided in Note 27 at the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. It is the policy that these sums are credited to the General fund then disbursed accordingly.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised when a constructive obligation exists, the payment is probable and the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular cost centre to which they relate and include irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, fixtures and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and equipment	20% on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Land and Buildings

A legally binding sharing agreement safeguards both denominations vested financial interests in the site and premises, which have been prepared in accordance with being a single congregational local ecumenical partnership.

The Emmanuel Church, Upperton Road is owned by the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust. The beneficial ownership of the Manses at Decoy Drive and Kings Avenue are with the Central Sussex United Area of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust.

Emmanuel Church are responsible for the running costs of the United Reformed Manse in Kings Avenue. The manse running costs of the Methodist property in Decoy Drive are the responsibility of the Central Sussex United Area.

1.7 Non-current investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Taxation

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity's incoming resources are not subject to Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	133,462	683,152	816,614	121,396	221,701	343,097
Donations and gifts						
Transfers from the four Churches	-	-	-	2,920	-	2,920
Church offerings and gifts	98,186	53,252	151,438	82,814	114,630	197,444
Gift aid recoverable	25,276	3,230	28,506	30,062	2,071	32,133
Legacies	10,000	-	10,000	-	3,000	3,000
Grants (URC)	-	100,000	100,000	5,600	102,000	107,600
Grant CSUA - sale of Greenfield Road Church (net of costs)	-	505,414	505,414	-	-	-
Jenny Wren gifts	-	21,256	21,256	-	-	-
	133,462	683,152	816,614	121,396	221,701	343,097

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2023 £
Charitable Activities		
Jenny Wren Nursery School (Fees)	48,026	43,899

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Letting and licensing arrangements	12,129	2,844

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable	9,258	-	9,258	1,957	101	2,058

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Exhibition income	3,627	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Activities	Charitable Activities
	2024	2023
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	67,471	56,741
Depreciation and impairment	2,234	2,234
Little Wrens other costs	3,608	3,395
Jenny Wren other costs	4,407	4,523
Cleaning	6,115	3,760
Manse and ministry costs	7,600	6,653
Building repairs and maintenance	866	1,989
Utility costs	20,578	10,783
Worship costs	1,176	957
Assessments Methodist Church	98,400	98,389
Assessments United Reformed Church	23,750	16,392
Utilities and insurance costs	9,189	3,183
Small equipment and maintenance	4,717	1,861
Exhibition costs	7,769	-
Training	414	-
Loan interest payable	9,322	2,779
Sundries	181	461
	<u>267,797</u>	<u>214,100</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	12,227	5,982
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)		
Support	1,576	1,227
Governance	4,735	4,549
	<u>286,335</u>	<u>225,858</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	211,900	158,913
Restricted funds	74,435	66,945
	<u>286,335</u>	<u>225,858</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

9 Grants payable

	Charitable Activities 2024 £	Charitable Activities 2023 £
Grants to institutions: Other	11,828	5,681
Grants to individuals	399	301

10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Administration	1,576	1,227
Governance costs	4,735	4,549
	<u>6,311</u>	<u>5,776</u>
<u>Analysed between:</u>		
Charitable Activities	<u>6,311</u>	<u>5,776</u>
	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs comprise:		
Accountancy	3,250	3,250
Independent examination	1,370	1,190
Admininstration costs	115	109
	<u>4,735</u>	<u>4,549</u>

11 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Church during the year.

The ministers (who are ex-officio Trustees) Rev Paul Tabraham and Rev Memona Shahbaz receive a stipend directly from the Methodist Church / United Reformed Church.

Donations from the Trustees and their related parties amounted to £49,647 (2023: £112,313). This figure includes the separately identifiable donations and excludes amounts given as part of offerings, where the individuals concerned cannot be separately identified.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Little Wrens playgroup supervisor	1	1
Jenny Wren Nursery School staff	4	4
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	66,396	56,126
Other pension costs	1,075	615
	<u>67,471</u>	<u>56,741</u>

Consultancy fees paid to the Little Wrens playgroup supervisor are included in Little Wrens other costs in Note 8 - Charitable activities.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity would be the Ministry staff, who are paid by the overseeing bodies for the Methodist and United Reformed Churches - see note 11.

13 Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project

	Restricted	Restricted
	funds	funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
New building - construction works	22,136	1,357,577
New building - professional fees	17,547	105,605
	<u>39,683</u>	<u>1,463,182</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

14 Gains and losses on investments

	Endowment funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	82	(90)

15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

16 Property, plant and equipment

	Fixtures and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 September 2023	11,170
At 31 August 2024	11,170
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 September 2023	6,234
Depreciation charged in the year	2,234
At 31 August 2024	8,468
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2024	2,702
At 31 August 2023	4,936

17 Fixed asset investments

	Trust Permanent Endowment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2023	1,398
Valuation changes	82
At 31 August 2024	1,480
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2024	1,480
At 31 August 2023	1,398

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

18 Trade and other receivables	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade receivables	930	332
Other receivables	13,401	20,812
	<u>14,331</u>	<u>21,144</u>

Other receivables include Gift Aid receivable of £13,401 (2023: £17,358).

19 Cash at bank	2024	2023
	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation Bank	73,362	152,682
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church	257,778	27,093
Trustees Methodist Church Purposes	10	10
Jenny Wren HSBC	4,239	8,584
	<u>335,389</u>	<u>188,369</u>

20 Borrowings	2024	2023
	£	£
Loan from Methodist Chapel Aid	-	252,779
Loan from Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church	300,000	300,000
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>552,779</u>
Payable within one year	<u>300,000</u>	<u>552,779</u>

The terms of the loan from the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church are currently unclear, and are subject to negotiation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

21 Current liabilities

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Loans	20	300,000	552,779
Other taxation and social security		973	729
Other payables		1,666	174,974
Accruals and deferred income		4,620	4,440
		<u>307,259</u>	<u>732,922</u>

22 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024 £	2023 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,075	615
	<u>1,075</u>	<u>615</u>

The Church operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Church in an independently administered fund.

23 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Church. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Church and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	At 1 September 2023 £	Gains and losses £	At 31 August 2024 £
Permanent endowments			
Endowment fund	1,398	82	1,480
	<u>1,398</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>1,480</u>
Previous year:			
	At 1 September 2022 £	Gains and losses £	At 31 August 2023 £
Permanent endowments			
Endowment fund	1,488	(90)	1,398
	<u>1,488</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>1,398</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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24 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2024 £
Jenny Wren	5,125	69,282	(71,877)	-	2,530
New Building	(1,158,602)	659,216	(39,684)	539,070	-
Benevolent and Appeals Fund	149	2,680	(2,557)	-	272
	<u>(1,153,328)</u>	<u>731,178</u>	<u>(114,118)</u>	<u>539,070</u>	<u>2,802</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
Jenny Wren	17,817	48,572	(61,264)	-	5,125
New Building	91,275	213,304	(1,463,181)	-	(1,158,602)
Benevolent and Appeals Fund	-	3,825	(5,682)	2,006	149
	<u>109,092</u>	<u>265,701</u>	<u>(1,530,127)</u>	<u>2,006</u>	<u>(1,153,328)</u>

Notes

1. The Jenny Wren fund is a Nursery School not registered as a charity but owned and ultimately governed by Emmanuel Church (formerly Greenfield Methodist Church). Separate accounting records are maintained by the fund and separate financial statements prepared which are consolidated into this report. The separate restricted funds of Jenny Wren are shown as creditors due to the immaterial figures involved.

2. The New Building fund originally represented monies from the original 4 churches together with further grants and donations received towards the new building project. The overdrawn fund was covered by a transfer from the General Fund during the year.

3. The Benevolent and Appeals Fund represents gifts given for specific projects and then distributed by the church.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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25 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	634,855	158,476	(211,900)	(539,070)	42,361
	<u>634,855</u>	<u>158,476</u>	<u>(211,900)</u>	<u>(539,070)</u>	<u>42,361</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	669,577	126,197	(158,913)	(2,006)	634,855
	<u>669,577</u>	<u>126,197</u>	<u>(158,913)</u>	<u>(2,006)</u>	<u>634,855</u>

26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 August 2024:				
Property, plant and equipment	2,702	-	-	2,702
Investments	-	-	1,480	1,480
Current assets/(liabilities)	39,659	2,802	-	42,461
	<u>42,361</u>	<u>2,802</u>	<u>1,480</u>	<u>46,643</u>
	<u>42,361</u>	<u>2,802</u>	<u>1,480</u>	<u>46,643</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 August 2023:				
Property, plant and equipment	4,936	-	-	4,936
Investments	-	-	1,398	1,398
Current assets/(liabilities)	629,919	(1,153,328)	-	(523,409)
	<u>634,855</u>	<u>(1,153,328)</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>(517,075)</u>
	<u>634,855</u>	<u>(1,153,328)</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>(517,075)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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27 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

At 31 August 2024 the Church believed there was still the sum of £93,000 approximately to be paid to the Contractors being the retention monies due, plus further monies as yet to be agreed in the regions of £24,000.

These costs are not as yet accrued within the financial statements due to their uncertainty and further grant funding will be sought to cover these costs. It is also likely that the loan from the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church will be converted to a grant.

28 Related party transactions

A substantial number of the Trustees were officers of the four Churches referenced in the review of activities and connected to the incoming transfer of funds in recent years.

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023: None).

29 Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	563,718	(1,297,232)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(9,258)	(2,058)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(82)	90
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	2,234	2,234
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in trade and other receivables	6,813	294,707
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(172,884)	160,414
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>390,541</u>	<u>(841,845)</u>

30 Analysis of changes in net funds/(debt)	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	188,369	147,020	335,389
Loans falling due within one year	(552,779)	252,779	(300,000)
	<u>(364,410)</u>	<u>399,799</u>	<u>35,389</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of formation :-

- (a) the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (b) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (c) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any Society being a Charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church.

In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- i) the celebration of public worship
- ii) the teaching of the Christian Faith
- iii) mission and evangelism
- iv) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- v) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
- vi) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne, is a church and charity that came into being in January 2018 as a partnership between four Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Eastbourne. We are a Single-Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership, formed from four constituent churches: Central and Greenfield Methodist Churches, St. Andrews and Upperton United Reformed Churches. We use the model Constitution and Sharing Agreement required by both denominations.

Emmanuel Church exists to celebrate worship, fellowship, and ensure the pastoral care of all of its members and adherents, and seeks to live out its calling as a church by a ministry of care and compassion to the community it serves. Consequently, a great deal of our activity as a church involves various groups locally. For example, our children and families work includes running our Jenny Wren Nursery, Little Wrens Toddlers and various events throughout the year. We engage with people who may be vulnerable through reasons of poverty, isolation or homelessness, supporting them through our activities with the Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter, Eastbourne Foodbank, and Street Pastors among others. We raise considerable funds for a number of charitable resources locally and nationally, and we are an active partner in Churches Together for Eastbourne.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The most significant change of 2023 is the move of Emmanuel Church from its temporary home using Greenfield Road Methodist Church premises, to the new purpose-built building on Upperton Road. The certificate of Practical Completion was completed on Friday 1st September 2023. Consequently, a huge effort has been undertaken to move all the church worship, fellowship and community activities from one place to another, without interruption or excessive disruption to all those who are connected to the church. The culmination of the move into Upperton Road has been a significant achievement which has taken many years to come to fruition. Having sold Central Methodist Church's premises in 2018 and St. Andrews United Reformed Church in 2019, our last building to sell is Greenfield Methodist Church and at the time of writing, completion of this sale has just gone through, with The Methodist Chapel Aid bridging loan being repaid from these completion proceeds.

While acknowledging the progress made in the preceding twelve months and the conclusion of the building scheme, Emmanuel Church as a church and charity is continuing to bear the consequences of the challenges of the project. These include the length of time the new build has taken; the significant increases in the overall cost of the project due to pressures of inflation, shortages of materials and post-Brexit and pandemic economic factors. The fact that many of these difficulties could not be foreseen or anticipated in earlier stages of the planning is irrelevant in that Emmanuel Church has nonetheless had to adjust financial preparations throughout and show great perseverance to complete the scheme in the face of great adversity.

In our venture, the continued support of the wider Methodist and United Reformed Churches has been invaluable. The underwriting of the scheme by Methodist funds from the Central Sussex United Area and the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church has enabled us to complete the scheme. In addition, we have continued to fundraise locally and continued to make many applications to external sources. As Chair of the Trustees, I can testify to the remarkable support we have received from our church family, our wider community, grant-making bodies both local and national, and the wider Church.

In our early months of being in the new premises, we are already changing and developing as a church, welcoming new members and seeing the building used by church groups and members of community groups alike. We've hosted groups from local schools and local care homes, held open days and various events. The potential for Emmanuel Church to serve our local town is significant, particularly as the only Inclusive Church in the Eastbourne area. In addition, we are embarking on significant planning for the hosting of an exhibition – 'New Vision' – of the Methodist Modern Art Collection in May and June 2024.

As a church we are looking forward to all the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead. Our calling is to embody the love of God in all that we do, and by God's grace we will do our best to fulfil that calling.

Financial review

The church recorded a deficit of £1,297,232 in the year ended 31 August 2023 as it continued work on the new church building project (2022: surplus of £7,560). At the end of the year the church had overdrawn funds of £517,075 (2022: positive funds of £780,157) of which £634,855 were unrestricted (2022: £669,577).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve month's worth of ministerial costs (£120,000) plus the likely cost of staff redundancy payments (£8,000) to a total of £128,000. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The Church is currently in the process of construction of a new church building which significantly affects reserves held.

Risk assessment

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Church is governed by its constitution for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP) adopted 7 January 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 6 March 2018.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

C Auger
T Bacon
R Caffyn
P Chamberlain
C Coules
P Easton
J Gray
M Howarth
C Jewell
P Plowman
A Reid
M Richards
A Sharp
Rev M Shahbaz (ex-officio)
M Staplehurst (Resigned 31 December 2022)
J Stirney
Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
Ms R Graham (Appointed 6 June 2023)

Ex-officio Trustees are the ministers of the LEP.

There can be a maximum of 16 elected Trustees and 12 co-opted Trustees.

Trustees are elected after being nominated and voted at a Congregational Meeting.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the LEP.

The day to day operation of the church is lead by Rev P Tabraham and Rev M Shahbaz together with support, pastoral and administrative staff subject to the oversight of the Trustees.

Trustee training

Specific support training and guidance is given to the Trustees by the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
Chairman of Trustees

28 March 2024

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE

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Chantry House
22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne
East Sussex
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Dated: 16 April 2024

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	3	121,396	221,701	-	343,097	99,807	1,770,406	-	1,870,213
Charitable activities	4	-	43,899	-	43,899	-	44,888	-	44,888
Other trading activities	5	2,844	-	-	2,844	4,821	-	-	4,821
Investments	6	1,957	101	-	2,058	529	-	-	529
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-	2,213	-	2,213
Total income		126,197	265,701	-	391,898	105,157	1,817,507	-	1,922,664
Expenditure on:									
Charitable activities	8	158,913	66,945	-	225,858	142,831	48,971	-	191,802
Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project	13	-	1,463,182	-	1,463,182	-	1,723,106	-	1,723,106
Total resources expended		158,913	1,530,127	-	1,689,040	142,831	1,772,077	-	1,914,908
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	(90)	(90)	-	-	(196)	(196)

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(32,716)	(1,264,426)	(90)	(1,297,232)	(37,674)	45,430	(196)	7,560
Gross transfers between funds	24	2,006	-	-	(584)	584	-	-
Net movement in funds	(34,722)	(1,262,420)	(90)	(1,297,232)	(38,258)	46,014	(196)	7,560
Fund balances at 1 September 2022	669,577	109,092	1,488	780,157	707,835	63,078	1,684	772,597
Fund balances at 31 August 2023	634,855	(1,153,328)	1,398	(517,075)	669,577	109,092	1,488	780,157

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	16		4,936		1,000
Investments	17		1,398		1,488
			<u>6,334</u>		<u>2,488</u>
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	18	21,144		315,851	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	188,369		481,547	
		<u>209,513</u>		<u>797,398</u>	
Current liabilities	21	(732,922)		(19,729)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			<u>(523,409)</u>		<u>777,669</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>(517,075)</u>		<u>780,157</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	23		1,398		1,488
Income funds					
Restricted funds	24	(1,153,328)		109,092	
Unrestricted funds			634,855		669,577
			<u>(517,075)</u>		<u>780,157</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28 March 2024

Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
Chairman of Trustees

A Reid
Treasurer

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

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

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne is a charitable Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) trust governed by its Constitution adopted 7 January 2018.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

Based on the information provided in Note 27-28 at the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. It is the policy that these sums are credited to the General fund then disbursed accordingly.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised when a constructive obligation exists, the payment is probable and the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular cost centre to which they relate and include irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, fixtures and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and equipment	20% on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Properties

Emmanuel Church are responsible for fundraising and construction of the new Church building at Upperton Road, Eastbourne, although beneficial ownership will rest with The United Reformed Church (Southern Synod). The beneficial ownership of the Greenfield Road Methodist Church site is held by Central Sussex United Area.

Emmanuel Church are responsible for the running of the United Reformed Manse in Kings Avenue. The manse running costs of the Methodist Property in Decoy Drive are the responsibility of the Central Sussex United Area. Beneficial ownership of both properties is either with The United Reformed Church Southern Synod Trust or Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP), administered via the Methodist Central Sussex United Area.

1.7 Non-current investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Taxation

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity's incoming resources are not subject to Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	121,396	221,701	343,097	99,807	1,770,406	1,870,213
Donations and gifts						
Transfers from the four Churches	2,920	-	2,920	-	-	-
Church offerings and gifts	82,814	114,630	197,444	64,250	117,581	181,831
Gift aid recoverable	30,062	2,071	32,133	35,557	-	35,557
Legacies	-	3,000	3,000	-	10,796	10,796
Grants	5,600	102,000	107,600	-	1,637,549	1,637,549
Benevolent fund gifts	-	-	-	-	2,665	2,665
Jenny Wren gifts	-	-	-	-	1,815	1,815
	121,396	221,701	343,097	99,807	1,770,406	1,870,213

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £
Charitable Activities		
Little Wrens play group	-	-
Jenny Wren Nursery School (Fees)	43,899	44,888

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Letting and licensing arrangements	2,844	4,821

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable	1,957	101	2,058	529	-	529

7 Other income

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £
Sundry product sales and event income	-	2,213

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Activities	Charitable Activities
	2023	2022
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	56,741	41,016
Depreciation and impairment	2,234	1,000
Little Wrens other costs	3,395	2,766
Jenny Wren other costs	4,523	4,289
Cleaning	3,760	4,395
Manse and ministry costs	6,653	4,331
Building repairs and maintenance	1,989	1,579
Utility costs	10,783	6,827
Worship costs	957	1,101
Assessments Methodist Church	98,389	89,447
Assessments United Reformed Church	16,392	18,274
Utilities and insurance costs	3,183	2,694
Small equipment and maintenance	1,861	974
Loan interest payable	2,779	-
Sundries	461	405
	<u>214,100</u>	<u>179,098</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	5,982	3,545
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)		
Support	1,227	1,288
Governance	4,549	7,871
	<u>225,858</u>	<u>191,802</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	158,913	142,831
Restricted funds	66,945	48,971
	<u>225,858</u>	<u>191,802</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

9 Grants payable

	Charitable Activities 2023 £	Charitable Activities 2022 £
Grants to institutions: Other	5,681	3,165
Grants to individuals	301	380
	<u>5,982</u>	<u>3,545</u>

10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Administration	1,227	1,288
Governance costs	4,549	7,871
	<u>5,776</u>	<u>9,159</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable Activities	<u>5,776</u>	<u>9,159</u>

11 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Church during the year.

The ministers (who are ex-officio Trustees) Rev Paul Tabraham and Rev Memona Shahbaz receive a stipend directly from the Methodist Church / United Reformed Church.

Donations from the Trustees and their related parties amounted to £112,313 (2022: £39,288). This figure includes the separately identifiable donations and excludes amounts given as part of offerings, where the individuals concerned cannot be separately identified.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Little Wrens playgroup supervisor	1	1
Jenny Wren Nursery School staff	4	4
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

12 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	56,126	40,494
Other pension costs	615	522
	<u>56,741</u>	<u>41,016</u>

Consultancy fees paid to the Little Wrens playgroup supervisor are included in Little Wrens other costs in Note 8 - Charitable activities.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The key management personnel of the charity would be the Ministry staff, who are paid by the overseeing bodies for the Methodist and United Reformed Churches - see note 11.

13 Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £
New building - construction works	1,357,577	1,620,224
New building - professional fees	105,605	102,882
	<u>1,463,182</u>	<u>1,723,106</u>

14 Gains and losses on investments

	Endowment funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2022 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	(90)	(196)

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

16 Property, plant and equipment

	Fixtures and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 September 2022	5,000
Additions	6,170
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At 31 August 2023	11,170
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Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 September 2022	4,000
Depreciation charged in the year	2,234
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At 31 August 2023	6,234
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Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2023	4,936
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At 31 August 2022	1,000
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17 Fixed asset investments

	Trust Permanent Endowment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2022	1,488
Valuation changes	(90)
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At 31 August 2023	1,398
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Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2023	1,398
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At 31 August 2022	1,488
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EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

18 Trade and other receivables	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade receivables	332	277
Other receivables	20,812	315,574
	<u>21,144</u>	<u>315,851</u>
19 Cash at bank	2023	2022
	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation Bank	152,682	385,309
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church	27,093	74,286
Trustees Methodist Church Purposes	10	10
Jenny Wren HSBC	8,584	21,942
	<u>188,369</u>	<u>481,547</u>
20 Borrowings	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan from Methodist Chapel Aid	252,779	-
Loan from Southern Province of the United Reformed Church	300,000	-
	<u>552,779</u>	<u>-</u>
Payable within one year	<u>552,779</u>	<u>-</u>

The loan from Methodist Chapel Aid is secured on the Greenfield Road property, an asset of the Trustees for Methodist Chapel Purposes (TMCP). Interest is being charged on the outstanding balance.

The terms of the loan from the Southern Province of the United Reformed Church are currently unclear, and are subject to negotiation.

Further loans were received after 31 August 2023 - see note 23.

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21 Current liabilities

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Loans	20	552,779	-
Other taxation and social security		729	745
Other payables		174,974	11,424
Accruals and deferred income		4,440	7,560
		<u>732,922</u>	<u>19,729</u>

22 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The Church operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Church in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £615 (2022 - £522).

23 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Church. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Church and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	At 1 September 2022 £	Gains and losses £	At 31 August 2023 £
Permanent endowments	1,488	(90)	1,398
	<u>1,488</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>1,398</u>
Previous year:	At 1 September 2021 £	Gains and losses £	At 31 August 2022 £
Permanent endowments	1,684	(196)	1,488
	<u>1,684</u>	<u>(196)</u>	<u>1,488</u>

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24 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Jenny Wren	17,817	48,572	(61,264)	-	5,125
New Building	91,275	213,304	(1,463,181)	-	(1,158,602)
Benevolent and Appeals Fund	-	3,825	(5,682)	2,006	149
	<u>109,092</u>	<u>265,701</u>	<u>(1,530,127)</u>	<u>2,006</u>	<u>(1,153,328)</u>
Previous year:	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Jenny Wren	16,420	46,702	(45,305)	-	17,817
New Building	46,241	1,768,140	(1,723,106)	-	91,275
Benevolent and Appeals Fund	417	2,665	(3,666)	584	-
	<u>63,078</u>	<u>1,817,507</u>	<u>(1,772,077)</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>109,092</u>

Notes

1. The Jenny Wren fund is a Nursery School not registered as a charity but owned and ultimately governed by Emmanuel Church (formerly Greenfield Methodist Church). Separate accounting records are maintained by the fund and separate financial statements prepared which are consolidated into this report. The separate restricted funds of Jenny Wren are shown as creditors due to the immaterial figures involved.

2. The New Building fund originally represented monies from the original 4 churches together with further grants and donations received towards the new building project. The now overdrawn fund will be covered by transfers from the General Fund out of monies generated by the circumstances set out in Notes 27-28.

3. The Benevolent and Appeals Fund represents gifts given for specific projects and then distributed by the church.

4. A transfer was made from general funds into the Appeals fund to cover the deficit this year.

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25 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	669,577	126,197	(158,913)	(2,006)	634,855
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	707,835	105,157	(142,831)	(584)	669,577
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

26 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances are represented by:

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Property, plant and equipment	4,936	-	-	4,936	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Investments	-	-	1,398	1,398	-	-	1,488	1,488	1,488
Current assets/(liabilities)	629,919	(1,153,328)	-	(523,409)	668,577	109,092	-	-	777,669
	<u>634,855</u>	<u>(1,153,328)</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>(517,075)</u>	<u>669,577</u>	<u>109,092</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>780,157</u>

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27 Events after the reporting date

Further loans have been received after the reporting date, as follows:

The United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust Ltd	£100,000
Methodist Chapel Aid	£78,500

Contracts have been exchanged for the sale of the Greenfield Road Church site on behalf of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. The net proceeds of approximately £175,000 (after the repayment of £328,500 (including interest) to Methodist Chapel Aid) were received in Spring 2024.

28 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The Church is committed to the fundraising and oversight of the construction of the new place of Worship on the site of the old Upperton United Reformed Church. The contract and ownership of the building is in the name of the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust Ltd.

The latest valuation certificate from the contractors detail sums of £127,856 and £26,409 released to be paid by the Church. In addition, there is a retention not yet released of £93,188 due.

The Church have a counter claim for damages against the contractor for late completion of the contract in the sum of £350,000 which is not yet fully agreed.

29 Related party transactions

A substantial number of the Trustees were officers of the four Churches referenced in the review of activities and connected to the incoming transfer of fund in the last two years.

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

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Caladine
Chartered Certified Accountants

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

C Auger
T Bacon
R Caffyn
P Chamberlain
C Coules
P Easton
J Gray
M Howarth
C Jewell
P Plowman
A Reid
M Richards (Appointed 2 March 2022)
A Sharp
Rev M Shahbaz (ex-officio)
J Stirney
Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)

Charity number

1177439

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of formation :-

- (a) the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (b) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (c) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any Society being a Charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church.

In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- i) the celebration of public worship
- ii) the teaching of the Christian Faith
- iii) mission and evangelism
- iv) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- v) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
- vi) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne, is a church and charity that came into being in January 2018 as a partnership between four Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Eastbourne. We are a Single-Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership, formed from four constituent churches: Central and Greenfield Methodist Churches, St. Andrews and Upperton United Reformed Churches. We have adopted the model Constitution and Sharing Agreement required by both denominations.

Emmanuel Church exists to celebrate worship, fellowship, and ensure the pastoral care of all of its members and adherents, and seeks to live out its calling as a church by a ministry of care and compassion to the community it serves. Consequently, a great deal of our activity as a church involves various groups locally. For example, our children and families work includes running our Jenny Wren Nursery, Little Wrens Toddlers, Footprints Junior Church and various events throughout the year. We engage with people who may be vulnerable through reasons of poverty, isolation or homelessness, supporting them through our activities with the Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter, Eastbourne Foodbank, and Street Pastors among others. We raise considerable funds for a number of charitable resources locally and nationally, and we are an active partner in Churches Together for Eastbourne.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The last twelve months have seen significant progress in the new build scheme which has been a dominant feature of church strategy, planning, finance and fundraising for some years. At the time of writing, the expectation is that Emmanuel Church will move into the new premises in the Summer of 2023. Having sold Central Methodist Church's premises in 2018 and St. Andrews United Reformed Church in 2019, our last building to sell – Greenfield Methodist Church – is currently on the open market and we hope to achieve sale in 2023.

There is no doubt that, while acknowledging the progress made in the preceding twelve months and the proximity to the conclusion of the building scheme, Emmanuel Church has had to endure some significant setbacks in this time. Work on the building site has been affected by a variety of external factors in recent years including pandemic, consequences of Brexit both affecting the availability and cost of materials and labour. In addition, inflationary pressures in the construction sector – which had been high single figures since the start of our scheme, have only been exacerbated by wider trends affecting the UK economy. The Trustees have been forced to respond accordingly, for example by sanctioning purchase of materials ahead of schedule to offset inflationary pressures. Value engineering on the new building has also continued throughout, with the professional team tasked with making further economies and savings through adjustments to design and material as are possible. The affordability of the scheme has been an ongoing pressure for the Trustees to bear, and the support of the wider Methodist and United Reformed Churches has been invaluable. The underwriting of the scheme by Methodist funds from the Central Sussex United Area and the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church has enabled us to be confident in completing the scheme. In addition, we have continued to fundraise locally and continued to make many applications to external sources. As Chair of the Trustees, I can testify to the remarkable support we have received from our church family, our wider community, grant-making bodies both local and national, and the wider Church.

As the scheme draws to a close, Emmanuel will continue to use Greenfield Methodist Church premises until sale is completed, enabling us to transition church life to the new premises on Upperton Road. A bridging loan has been approved in principle by Methodist Chapel Aid, and Emmanuel will apply formally to draw this down when required in early 2023. All Methodist legal and ecclesiastical processes are being followed in this; obviously it is intended that the bridging loan will be repaid promptly, on completion of sale of the Greenfield Road site.

The next twelve months will see the long-awaited completion of the new premises and Emmanuel beginning life in a new home. We are expecting some church worship, life and activities to simply continue and transfer, we are also expecting and planning for new possibilities that will inevitably come. To mark the new beginning, 2023 will see a whole range of acts of worship, celebrations, open days, concerts and events – of which one of the highlights will be the hosting of the renowned Methodist Modern Art Collection in the summer, an opportunity to open to community, schools, creative arts groups and faith groups.

By God's grace and the courage, persistence, and vision of the Trustees and members of Emmanuel, we are embarking on a new phase of church life which will be characterized by our living out our calling: to share the good news of Jesus Christ by sharing the love of God in the community to which we belong, and which we humbly serve.

Financial review

The church recorded a surplus of £7,560 in the year ended 31 August 2022 as it continued work on the new church building project (2021: deficit of £165,938). At the end of the year the church had funds of £780,157 (2021: £772,597) of which £669,577 were unrestricted (2021: £707,835).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve month's worth of ministerial costs (£120,000) plus the likely cost of staff redundancy payments (£8,000) to a total of £128,000. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The Church is currently in the process of construction of a new church building which significantly affects reserves held.

Risk assessment

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Structure, governance and management

The Church is governed by its constitution for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP) adopted 7 January 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 6 March 2018.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

C Auger
T Bacon
R Caffyn
P Chamberlain
C Coules
P Easton
S Freeman (Deceased 17 June 2022)
J Gray
M Howarth
C Jewell
P Plowman
A Reid
M Richards (Appointed 2 March 2022)
A Sharp
Rev M Shahbaz (ex-officio)
M Staplehurst (Resigned 31 December 2022)
J Stirney
Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)

Ex-officio Trustees are the ministers of the LEP.

There can be a maximum of 16 elected Trustees and 12 co-opted Trustees.

Trustees are elected after being nominated and voted at a Congregational Meeting.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the LEP.

The day to day operation of the church is lead by Rev P Tabraham and Rev M Shahbaz together with support, pastoral and administrative staff subject to the oversight of the Trustees.

Trustee training

Specific support training and guidance is given to the Trustees by the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
Chairman of Trustees

26 April 2023

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne (the 'Church') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Church in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Church's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Church's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Church through discussions with Trustees, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Church, including the Charities Act 2011 and employment legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Church's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

Audit response to risks identified

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

The corresponding figures are unaudited.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.



John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE

16 May 2023

**Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

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John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Church by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Endowment funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Endowment funds 2021	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	3	99,807	1,770,406	-	1,870,213	323,165	531,301	-	854,466
Charitable activities	4	-	44,888	-	44,888	-	43,196	-	43,196
Other trading activities	5	4,821	-	-	4,821	1,901	-	-	1,901
Investments	6	529	-	-	529	1,029	277	-	1,306
Other income	7	-	2,213	-	2,213	-	49	-	49
Total income		105,157	1,817,507	-	1,922,664	326,095	574,823	-	900,918
Expenditure on:									
Charitable activities	8	142,831	48,971	-	191,802	127,573	44,382	-	171,955
Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project	13	-	1,723,106	-	1,723,106	-	894,978	-	894,978
Total resources expended		142,831	1,772,077	-	1,914,908	127,573	939,360	-	1,066,933
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	(196)	(196)	-	-	77	77

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(37,674)	45,430	(196)	7,560	198,522	(364,537)	77	(165,938)
Gross transfers between funds	22	584	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(38,258)	46,014	(196)	7,560	198,522	(364,537)	77	(165,938)
Fund balances at 1 September 2021	707,835	63,078	1,684	772,597	509,313	427,615	1,607	938,535
Fund balances at 31 August 2022	669,577	109,092	1,488	780,157	707,835	63,078	1,684	772,597

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	16		1,000		2,000
Investments	17		1,488		1,684
			<u>2,488</u>		<u>3,684</u>
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	18	315,851		9,046	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	481,547		772,852	
		<u>797,398</u>		<u>781,898</u>	
Current liabilities	20	(19,729)		(12,985)	
Net current assets			<u>777,669</u>		<u>768,913</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>780,157</u>		<u>772,597</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general			1,488		1,684
Income funds					
Restricted funds	22	109,092		63,078	
Unrestricted funds		669,577		707,835	
			<u>780,157</u>		<u>772,597</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26 April 2023



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
Chairman of Trustees



A Reid
Treasurer

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	27		(291,834)		(162,424)
Investing activities					
Investment income received		529		1,306	
Net cash generated from investing activities					
			529		1,306
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents					
			(291,305)		(161,118)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year					
			772,852		933,970
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year					
			481,547		772,852

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne is a charitable Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) trust governed by its Constitution adopted 7 January 2018.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. It is the policy that these sums are credited to the General fund then disbursed accordingly.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised when a constructive obligation exists, the payment is probable and the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular cost centre to which they relate and include irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, fixtures and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and equipment	20% on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Properties

Emmanuel Church is responsible for fundraising and construction of the new Church building at Upperton Road, Eastbourne, although beneficial ownership will rest with The United Reformed Church (Southern Synod). The beneficial ownership of the Greenfield Road Methodist Church site is held by Central Sussex United Area.

Emmanuel Church are responsible for the running of the United Reformed Manse in Kings Avenue. The manse running costs of the Methodist Property in Decoy Drive are the responsibility of the Central Sussex United Area. Beneficial ownership of both properties is either with The United Reformed Church Southern Synod Trust or Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP), administered via the Methodist Central Sussex United Area.

1.7 Non-current investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Taxation

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity's incoming resources are not subject to Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	99,807	1,770,406	1,870,213	323,165	531,301	854,466						
Donations and gifts												
Grants re sale of property	-	-	-	-	-	208,693						
Church offerings and gifts	64,250	117,581	181,831	150,373	38,893	189,266						
Gift aid recoverable	35,557	-	35,557	31,715	-	31,715						
Legacies	-	10,796	10,796	138,077	12,500	150,577						
Grants	-	1,637,549	1,637,549	3,000	264,000	267,000						
Benevolent fund gifts	-	2,665	2,665	-	2,165	2,165						
Jenny Wren gifts	-	1,815	1,815	-	5,050	5,050						
	99,807	1,770,406	1,870,213	323,165	531,301	854,466						

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

4 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Jenny Wren Nursery School (Fees)	44,888	43,196

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Letting and licensing arrangements	4,821	1,901

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable	529	1,029	277	1,306

7 Other income

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2021 £
Sundry product sales and event income	2,213	49

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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8 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs for Jenny Wren	41,016	37,790
Depreciation and impairment	1,000	1,000
Little Wrens other costs	2,766	2,091
Jenny Wren other costs	4,289	3,136
Cleaning	4,395	3,795
Manse and ministry costs	4,331	7,436
Building repairs and maintenance	1,579	2,002
Utility costs	6,827	2,938
Worship costs	1,101	84
Assessments Methodist Church	89,447	74,539
Assessments United Reformed Church	18,274	20,390
Utilities and insurance costs	2,694	2,487
Small equipment and maintenance	974	315
Youth work	-	1,017
Sundries	405	562
	<u>179,098</u>	<u>159,582</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	3,545	5,319
Share of support costs (see note 10)	1,288	2,461
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	7,871	4,593
	<u>191,802</u>	<u>171,955</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	142,831	127,573
Restricted funds	48,971	44,382
	<u>191,802</u>	<u>171,955</u>

9 Grants payable

	2022 £	2021 £
Other	3,165	4,173
Grants to individuals	380	1,146
	<u>3,545</u>	<u>5,319</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Administration	1,288	-	1,288	2,461	-	2,461
Audit fees	-	3,840	3,840	-	-	-
Accountancy	-	3,840	3,840	-	3,020	3,020
Independent examination	-	-	-	-	1,420	1,420
Finance costs and bank charges	-	191	191	-	153	153
	<u>1,288</u>	<u>7,871</u>	<u>9,159</u>	<u>2,461</u>	<u>4,593</u>	<u>7,054</u>
<u>Analysed between</u>						
Charitable activities	<u>1,288</u>	<u>7,871</u>	<u>9,159</u>	<u>2,461</u>	<u>4,593</u>	<u>7,054</u>

11 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Church during the year.

The ministers (who are ex-officio Trustees) Rev Paul Tabraham and Rev Memona Shahbaz receive a stipend directly from the Methodist Church / United Reformed Church.

Donations from the Trustees and their related parties amounted to £39,288 (2021: £67,718). This figure includes the separately identifiable donations and excludes amounts given as part of offerings, where the individuals concerned cannot be separately identified.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Little Wrens playgroup supervisor	1	1
Jenny Wren Nursery School staff	4	4
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

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12 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	40,494	34,894
Social security costs	-	1,848
Other pension costs	522	1,048
	<u>41,016</u>	<u>37,790</u>

Consultancy fees paid to the Little Wrens playgroup supervisor are included in Little Wrens other costs in Note 8 - Charitable activities.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

13 Other costs for the Emmanuel Church new building project

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2021 £
New building - construction works	1,620,224	793,664
New building - professional fees	102,882	101,314
	<u>1,723,106</u>	<u>894,978</u>

14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds general 2022 £	Endowment funds general 2021 £
Revaluation of investments	(196)	77

15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

16 Property, plant and equipment

	Fixtures and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 September 2021	5,000
At 31 August 2022	5,000
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 September 2021	3,000
Depreciation charged in the year	1,000
At 31 August 2022	4,000
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2022	1,000
At 31 August 2021	2,000

17 Fixed asset investments

	Trust Permanent Endowment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2021	1,684
Valuation changes	(196)
At 31 August 2022	1,488
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2022	1,488
At 31 August 2021	1,684

18 Trade and other receivables

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade receivables	277	6
Other receivables	315,574	9,040
	315,851	9,046

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

19 Cash at bank

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation Bank	385,309	194,127
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church	74,286	558,286
Trustees Methodist Church Purposes	10	10
Jenny Wren HSBC	21,942	20,429
	<u>481,547</u>	<u>772,852</u>

20 Current liabilities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	745	632
Other payables	11,424	8,513
Accruals and deferred income	7,560	3,840
	<u>19,729</u>	<u>12,985</u>

21 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The Church operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Church in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £522 (2021 - £1,048).

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22 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Balance at 31 August 2022			
	Balance at 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2021		Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Jenny Wren	9,102	48,245	(40,927)	16,420	46,702	(45,305)	-	17,817
New Building	418,453	522,876	(895,088)	46,241	1,768,140	(1,723,106)	-	91,275
Benevolent and Appeals Fund	60	3,702	(3,345)	417	2,665	(3,666)	584	-
	427,615	574,823	(939,360)	63,078	1,817,507	(1,772,077)	584	109,092

Notes

1. The Jenny Wren fund is a Nursery School not registered as a charity but owned and ultimately governed by Emmanuel Church (formerly Greenfield Methodist Church). Separate accounting records are maintained by the fund and separate financial statements prepared which are consolidated into this report. The separate restricted funds of Jenny Wren are shown as creditors due to the immaterial figures involved.
2. The New Building fund originally represented monies from the original 4 churches together with further grants and donations received towards the new building project.
3. The Benevolent and Appeals Fund represents gifts given for specific projects and then distributed by the church.
4. A transfer was made from general funds into the Appeals fund to cover the deficit this year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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23 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances are represented by:

	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Property, plant and equipment	1,000	-	-	1,000	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Investments	-	-	1,488	1,488	-	-	1,684	1,684	1,684
Current assets/(liabilities)	668,577	109,092	-	777,669	705,835	63,078	-	-	768,913
	<u>669,577</u>	<u>109,092</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>780,157</u>	<u>707,835</u>	<u>63,078</u>	<u>1,684</u>	<u>1,684</u>	<u>772,597</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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24 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The Church is committed to the fundraising and oversight of the construction of the new place of Worship on the site of the old Upperton United Reformed Church. The contract and ownership of the building is in the name of the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust Ltd.

To date some £3,340,586 has been expended towards the cost of this project with a further anticipated sum of £1,299,577 due to enable completion of the project

The Church are expecting further financial support from the Central Sussex United Area and the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust Ltd as well as raising funds from other sources.

25 Events after the reporting date

In 2020 the Southern Province of the United Reformed Church agreed to provide £300,000 bridging finance towards the cost of building the new church. The agreement of the bridging finance was to permit the signing of building contracts and to be used, if necessary, should the Church be unable to raise sufficient funds themselves to meet construction costs as the new building progressed. In September 2022 it was agreed by the Southern Province of the United Reformed Church that these funds would be paid to Emmanuel Church, and funds were paid over in September and October 2022 to the total of £300,000. Once the building work has been completed and the final cost is known, a decision will be made by the Southern Province of the United Reformed Church as to whether the bridging finance will be converted to either a grant or a long-term loan.

26 Related party transactions

A substantial number of the Trustees were officers of the four Churches referenced in the review of activities and connected to the incoming transfer of fund in the last two years.

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

27 Cash generated from operations	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	7,560	(165,938)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(529)	(1,306)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	196	(77)
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	1,000	1,000
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(306,805)	1,586
Increase in trade and other payables	6,744	2,311
Cash absorbed by operations	(291,834)	(162,424)
28 Analysis of changes in net funds		
The Church had no debt during the year.		

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

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Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021



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EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of formation :-

- (a) the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (b) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (c) any Charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any Society being a Charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church.

In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- i) the celebration of public worship
- ii) the teaching of the Christian Faith
- iii) mission and evangelism
- iv) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- v) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
- vi) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Achievements, performance and future plans

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne, is a church and charity that came into being in January 2018 as a partnership between four Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Eastbourne. We are a Single-Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership, formed from four constituent churches: Central and Greenfield Methodist Churches, St. Andrews's and Upperton United Reformed Churches. We have adopted the model Constitution and Sharing Agreement adopted by both denominations.

Emmanuel Church exists to celebrate worship, fellowship, and ensure the pastoral care of all of its members and adherents, and seeks to live out its calling as a church by a ministry of care and compassion to the community it serves. Consequently, a great deal of our activity as a church involves various groups locally. For example, our children and families work includes running our Jenny Wren Nursery, Little Wrens Toddlers, Footprints Junior Church and various events throughout the year. We engage with people who may be vulnerable through reasons of poverty, isolation or homelessness, supporting them through our activities with the Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter, Eastbourne Foodbank, and Street Pastors among others. We raise considerable funds for a number of charitable resources locally and nationally, and we are an active partner in Churches Together for Eastbourne.

The coronavirus pandemic during 2020 and 2021 has caused unique challenges to life and society, and Emmanuel is not immune from the multi-faceted impact. As a community we have been forced to become more technologically adept and creative in maintaining worship, prayer, fellowship and church business in ways often not involving physically gathering. We use video-conferencing technology to worship, meet for prayer, and to enable Trustees and Leaders to meet.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Our pastoral system enables any who are vulnerable to be supported with practicalities such as shopping or prescription-collecting, as well as phone calls and letters to reduce loneliness and isolation. It is our intention to maintain the life and witness of the church through these difficult times by the means necessary to ensure that the purposes we hold dear are followed.

While day to day church activity continues, our plans to erect a new building for the benefit of the church and community are progressing to the point when we can now expect to be in our new premises in 2022. The Emmanuel Scheme has been in existence for a number of years, and is to ensure we have a premises on Upperton Road fit for our devotional and philanthropic activities. The funding of the new build comes from the sale of the three premises (two already sold), congregational fundraising, and grants from both within our denomination and external grant-making organisations. A bridging loan has been approved in principle to enable Emmanuel to continue to meet in our Greenfield Road premises, in order that we can transition smoothly to our new premises in 2022.

Just as significant adaptations to church life have been required as a consequence of the pandemic restrictions, the building scheme has also been affected in terms of the timings of works, availability and cost of materials, and various other shortages. Emmanuel's Trustees have frequently had to explore creative ways to maintain momentum and reduce the impact of these consequences with the professional team. We hope that 2022 will see a social and economic environment more conducive to the completion of the scheme. There are certainly challenges to be overcome but there is also a sense of excitement and encouragement in the church that we are well underway in our venture of unity and new ways of expressing faith. By God's grace a long-held vision is beginning to come to fruition.

Financial review

The church recorded a deficit of £165,938 in the year ended 31 August 2021 as it continued work on the new church building project (2020: deficit of £333,121). At the end of the year the church had funds of £772,597 (2020: £938,535) of which £707,835 (2020: £509,313) were unrestricted.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve month's worth of ministerial costs (£120,000) plus the likely cost of staff redundancy payments (£8,000) to a total of £128,000. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The Church is currently in the process of construction of a new church building which significantly affects reserves held.

Risk assessment

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Structure, governance and management

The Church is governed by its constitution for a Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (SCLEP) adopted 7 January 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 6 March 2018.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

C Auger
T Bacon
R Caffyn
P Chamberlain
C Coules
P Easton
S Freeman
J Gray
M Howarth
C Jewell
P Plowman
A Reid
A Sharp
Rev M Shahbaz (ex-officio)
M Staplehurst
J Stirmey
Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
R Davis

(Resigned 24 September 2020)

Ex-officio Trustees are the ministers of the LEP.

There can be a maximum of 16 elected Trustees and 12 co-opted Trustees.

Trustees are elected after being nominated and voted at a Congregational Meeting.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the LEP.

The day to day operation of the church is lead by Rev P Tabraham and Rev M Shahbaz together with support, pastoral and administrative staff subject to the oversight of the Trustees.

Trustee training

Specific support training and guidance is given to the Trustees by the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)

Treasurer CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Dated: 22/02/2022

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne (the Church) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



John Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE

Caladine Limited
Chantry House
22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 1BF

Dated: 23 February 2022

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Endowment funds 2021	Total 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Endowment funds 2020	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	3	323,165	531,301	-	854,466	118,356	261,161	-	379,517
Charitable activities	4	-	43,196	-	43,196	433	35,852	-	36,285
Other trading activities	5	1,901	-	-	1,901	2,800	-	-	2,800
Investments	6	1,029	277	-	1,306	7,159	-	-	7,159
Other income	7	-	49	-	49	1,793	167	-	1,960
Total income		326,095	574,823	-	900,918	130,541	297,180	-	427,721
Expenditure on:									
Charitable activities	8	127,573	44,382	-	171,955	137,224	41,312	-	178,536
Other costs	12	-	894,978	-	894,978	-	582,307	-	582,307
Total resources expended		127,573	939,360	-	1,066,933	137,224	623,619	-	760,843
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	77	77	-	-	1	1
Net movement in funds		198,522	(364,537)	77	(165,938)	(6,683)	(326,439)	1	(333,121)
Fund balances at 1 September 2020		509,313	427,615	1,607	938,535	515,996	754,054	1,606	1,271,656
Fund balances at 31 August 2021		707,835	63,078	1,684	772,597	509,313	427,615	1,607	938,535

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION


AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	15		2,000		3,000
Investments	16		1,684		1,607
			<u>3,684</u>		<u>4,607</u>
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	17	9,046		10,632	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	772,852		933,970	
		<u>781,898</u>		<u>944,602</u>	
Current liabilities	19	(12,985)		(10,674)	
Net current assets			768,913		933,928
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>772,597</u>		<u>938,535</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	21		1,684		1,607
Income funds					
Restricted funds	22		63,078		427,615
Unrestricted funds			707,835		509,313
			<u>772,597</u>		<u>938,535</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22/02/2022



Rev P Tabraham (ex-officio)
Chairman of Trustees



A Reid
Treasurer

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne is a charitable Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) trust governed by its Constitution adopted 7 January 2018.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

Since March 2020 church activities have changed significantly in response to the coronavirus outbreak. However the church has still been able to engage with church members through online services and meetings. At the date of this report, there exists some uncertainty regarding the potential impact of the Coronavirus and the economic consequences which may result from government policies to contain the spread. The duration and geographical extent of any possible lockdown or future governmental policies are unknown. Whilst we are still unable to predict what the economic consequences may be and the impact on the Churches future, we have continued to use the going concern basis as appropriate in the preparation of these accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Church.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. It is the policy that these sums are credited to the General fund then disbursed accordingly.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised when a constructive obligation exists, the payment is probable and the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular cost centre to which they relate and include irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, fixtures and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and equipment	20% on a straight line basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Only fixtures and equipment costing more than £1,000 are capitalised. The rest being charged as a revenue expense.

Properties

Emmanuel Church is responsible for fundraising and construction of the new Church building at Upperton Road, Eastbourne, although beneficial ownership will rest with The United Reformed Church (Southern Synod). The beneficial ownership of the Greenfield Road Methodist Church site is held by Central Sussex United Area.

Emmanuel Church are responsible for the running of the United Reformed Manse in Kings Avenue. The manse running costs of the Methodist Property in Decoy Drive are the responsibility of the Central Sussex United Area. Beneficial ownership of both properties is either with The United Reformed Church Southern Synod Trust or Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP), administered via the Methodist Central Sussex United Area.

1.7 Non-current investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the Church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Church's balance sheet when the Church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.13 Taxation

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity's incoming resources are not subject to Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Church's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	323,165	531,301	854,466	118,356	261,161	379,517
Donations and gifts						
Transfers from the four Churches	-	-	-	-	2,037	2,037
Grants re sale of property	-	208,693	208,693	-	-	-
Church offerings and gifts	150,373	38,893	189,266	89,120	52,677	141,797
Gift aid recoverable	31,715	-	31,715	24,236	-	24,236
Legacies	138,077	12,500	150,577	5,000	126,549	131,549
Grants	3,000	264,000	267,000	-	77,000	77,000
Benevolent fund gifts	-	2,165	2,165	-	1,186	1,186
Jenny Wren gifts	-	5,050	5,050	-	1,712	1,712
	323,165	531,301	854,466	118,356	261,161	379,517

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Little Wrens play group	-	433
Jenny Wrens Nursery School (Fees)	43,196	35,852
	<u>43,196</u>	<u>36,285</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	-	433
Restricted funds	43,196	35,852
	<u>43,196</u>	<u>35,852</u>

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Letting and licensing arrangements	1,901	2,800
	<u>1,901</u>	<u>2,800</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Investment income	-	-	-	1,324
Interest receivable	1,029	277	1,306	5,835
	<u>1,029</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>1,306</u>	<u>7,159</u>

7 Other income

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
Sundry sales	49	1,793	167	1,960
	<u>49</u>	<u>1,793</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>1,960</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

8 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	37,790	37,672
Depreciation and impairment	1,000	1,000
Little Wrens' other costs	2,091	1,876
Jenny Wren's other costs	3,136	2,500
Cleaning	3,795	3,520
Manse and ministry costs	7,436	6,606
Building repairs and maintenance	4,940	2,407
Education	-	60
Worship costs	84	480
Marketing and publicity	68	259
Assessments Methodist Church	74,539	84,384
Assessments United Reformed Church	20,390	20,315
Utilities and insurance costs	2,487	6,348
Small equipment and maintenance	315	1,192
Youth work	1,017	-
Sundries	494	397
	<u>159,582</u>	<u>169,016</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	5,319	2,044
Share of support costs (see note 10)	2,461	2,964
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	4,593	4,512
	<u>171,955</u>	<u>178,536</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	127,573	137,224
Restricted funds	44,382	41,312
	<u>171,955</u>	<u>178,536</u>

9 Grants payable

	2021 £	2020 £
Other	4,173	-
Grants to individuals	1,146	2,044
	<u>5,319</u>	<u>2,044</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

9 Grants payable (Continued)

10 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2020 £
Administration	2,461	-	2,461	2,964	-	2,964
Accountancy	-	3,020	3,020	-	3,008	3,008
Independent examination	-	1,420	1,420	-	1,420	1,420
Finance costs and bank charges	-	153	153	-	84	84
	<u>2,461</u>	<u>4,593</u>	<u>7,054</u>	<u>2,964</u>	<u>4,512</u>	<u>7,476</u>
<u>Analysed between</u> Charitable activities	<u>2,461</u>	<u>4,593</u>	<u>7,054</u>	<u>2,964</u>	<u>4,512</u>	<u>7,476</u>

11 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Church during the year.

The ministers (who are ex-officio Trustees) Rev Paul Tabraham and Rev Memona Shahbaz receive a stipend directly from the Methodist Church / United Reformed Church.

Donations from the Trustees and their related parties amounted to £67,718 (2020: considered immaterial).

12 Other costs

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £
New building - construction and demolition	793,664	503,963
New building - professional fees	101,314	78,344
	<u>894,978</u>	<u>582,307</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Little Wrens playgroup supervisor	1	1
Jenny Wrens Nursery School staff	4	4
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Employment costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	34,894	36,671
Social security costs	1,848	662
Other pension costs	1,048	339
	<u>37,790</u>	<u>37,672</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds general 2021 £	Endowment funds general 2020 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>77</u>	<u>1</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

15 Property, plant and equipment

Fixtures and equipment £

Cost

At 1 September 2020

5,000

At 31 August 2021

5,000

Depreciation and impairment

At 1 September 2020

2,000

Depreciation charged in the year

1,000

At 31 August 2021

3,000

Carrying amount

At 31 August 2021

2,000

At 31 August 2020

3,000

16 Fixed asset investments

Trust Permanent Endowment £

Cost or valuation

At 1 September 2020

1,607

Valuation changes

77

At 31 August 2021

1,684

Carrying amount

At 31 August 2021

1,684

At 31 August 2020

1,607

17 Trade and other receivables

Amounts falling due within one year:

Trade receivables

Other receivables

2021
£

6
9,040

9,046

2020
£

495
10,137

10,632

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

18 Cash at bank

	2021	2020
	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation Bank	194,127	52,100
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church	558,286	717,002
Trustees Methodist Church Purposes	10	152,081
Jenny Wren HSBC	20,429	12,787
	<u>772,852</u>	<u>933,970</u>

19 Current liabilities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	632	442
Trade payables	-	2,654
Other payables	8,513	3,738
Accruals and deferred income	3,840	3,840
	<u>12,985</u>	<u>10,674</u>

20 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The Church operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Church in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,048 (2020 - £339).

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

21 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Church. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Church and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at 1 September 2019		Movement in funds				Movement in funds				Balance at 31 August 2021		
	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	£	£
Permanent endowments													
Endowment fund	1,606		20	(20)	-	1	1,607	-	-	-	77		1,684
	<u>1,606</u>		<u>20</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77</u>		<u>1,684</u>

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

22 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 September 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Jenny Wren	11,709	37,564	(40,171)	9,102	48,245	(40,927)	16,420
New Building	742,331	258,430	(582,308)	418,453	522,876	(895,088)	46,241
Benevolent and Disbursemen ts Fund	14	1,186	(1,140)	60	3,702	(3,345)	417
	<u>754,054</u>	<u>297,180</u>	<u>(623,619)</u>	<u>427,615</u>	<u>574,823</u>	<u>(939,360)</u>	<u>63,078</u>

Notes

1. The Jenny Wren fund is a Nursery School not registered as a charity but owned and ultimately governed by Emmanuel Church (formerly Greenfield Methodist Church). Separate accounting records are maintained by the fund and separate financial statements prepared which are consolidated into this report. The separate restricted funds of Jenny Wren are shown as creditors due to the immaterial figures involved.

2. The New Building fund represents monies and gifts from the original 4 churches together with further grants and donations towards the new building project.

3. The Benevolent and Disbursements Fund represents specific gifts given for those in need and for other projects including money transferred from St. Andrew's.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

24 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The Church is committed to the fundraising and oversight of the construction of the new place of Worship on the site of the old Upperton United Reformed Church. The contract and ownership of the building is in the name of the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust Ltd.

To date some £1,617,480 has been expended towards the cost of this project with a further anticipated sum of £2,675,233 due to enable completion of the project

The Church are expecting further financial support from the Central Sussex United Area and the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust Ltd as well as raising funds from other sources.

25 Related party transactions

A substantial number of the Trustees were officers of the four Churches referenced in the review of activities and connected to the incoming transfer of fund in the last two years.

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.