

Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed)
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2023

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Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed)

Financial Statements

Period ended 31 March 2023

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Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed)

Trustees' Annual Report

Period ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed)

Charity registration number 1179249

Principal office 4-6 Archer Road
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The Trustees

Rev Philip Haines (Elder)
Mr Alun Swain (Elder)
Mr Adrian Williams (Elder)
Mr Gareth Williams (Deacon)
Mr Justin Williams (Deacon)

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed) is constituted under a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation registered on 18th July 2018 and a constitution dated 20th March 2018. The registered charity number is 1179249.

Organisational structure

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on page 1 together with other legal and administrative information. The church is ruled by its ordained elders.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgments and accounting 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 business.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Appointment and induction of new Trustees

The Trustees are elected by the Elders' session. The Trustees are responsible for the induction of any new Trustee. This involves making them aware of a Trustee's responsibilities and of the nature of the governing document and administrative procedures. A new Trustee would receive a copy of the charity's Trust Deed together with a copy of the charity's latest Annual Report and Accounts.

Key management remuneration

The board of Trustees and the Elders' session are considered to be the key management personnel of the charity. Details of Trustee remuneration or other benefits are disclosed at note 12. Details of Trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 12 and 19 respectively. Payments to other key management personnel are given at note 11.

Risk management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risk the charity faces. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

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Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed) was planted in 1927 as a mission church by the Forward Movement of the Presbyterian Church of Wales/Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales. In 1968 we became an independent Presbyterian church and in 1974 our Church School was established, entirely funded by ourselves to the present day. Our testimony is that God has been good to us over all these years.

The object of Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed) hereinafter called 'the Church' and Ely Presbyterian Church School hereafter called 'the School' is to advance the Christian Religion and Christian education in accordance with the doctrinal standards of the church, namely the propagation and practice of the Christian Faith as described in the historic Reformed confessions such as the Westminster Confession of Faith.

In planning activities the Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion:

Aims and powers

In furtherance of the above object the church shall:

- (a) Proclaim the good news of salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The message of the Bible is as relevant today as it has been in years gone by, and so we aim to teach its life-giving truth in all its parts;
 - (b) Establish and build up itself as a Christian church in functioning as custodian, disciple of and witness to the truth of Holy Scripture;
 - (c) Declare the whole counsel of God as revealed in holy Scripture and summarised in the Subordinate Standards of the Church;
 - (d) Enable as many people as possible to worship and serve the living God, and to be instructed in the Christian faith.
 - (e) Seek to outwork, in practical ways, the Bible teaching that as Christians we should be charitable, freely showing the compassion of Jesus Christ;
 - (f) Establish and maintain, according to the providence of God, such institutions and structures as will provide for: Christian education; theological training; care of the old and infirm; good works to be done to all men and especially those of the household of faith;
 - (g) Seek visible union with other churches, having the same, or closely compatible, confessional basis and form of government;
 - (h) Seek association, i.e., fraternal or sister-church relations, with other Reformed or Presbyterian churches subscribing to the Westminster Confession of Faith or the Three Forms of Unity (i.e. the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism and the Canons of Dort) or a compatible Reformed confession;
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Objectives and activities (continued)

Aims and powers (continued)

- (i) Co-operate wherever possible, on a Biblical basis appropriate to each category, with other Christian churches and organisations;
- (j) Undertake the task of church extension and foundation as the persuasion of Scripture, providence and the Holy Spirit direct and constrain;
- (k) Erect or acquire, maintain and, if necessary, dispose of such land and buildings as are necessary to accomplish the object, and for no other purposes than those consistent with charitable status;
- (l) Engage one or more persons in paid employment.

Volunteers

In addition to employing staff, in order to conduct the full range of its activities, the church relies extensively on volunteer support. It is not possible to place a monetary value on the contributions made by volunteers nor are figures available that show how many hours of service they provide.

Achievements and performance

Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed) promotes the Christian Religion primarily but not exclusively within the districts of Ely and Caerau in the City and Cardiff.

We seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through worship and prayer, learning and understanding the whole counsel of God as found in the Bible and developing their relationship with, and trust in, the Lord Jesus Christ

During the course of the year the Church has continued its emphasis on outreach into the community. Numerous pastoral visits and phone calls have also taken place.

Our Charities Committee has met regularly over the last twelve months in order to plan our charitable work and make recommendations.

During the year, we have supported a number of worthy causes (as detailed in the notes of the accounts), as part of our commitment we support a range of Christian charitable organisations.

In brief, we have supported the following charities:

The African Bible University, which trains African students in Biblical studies and related disciplines.

In the summer of 2022, we were blessed with a visit from the representatives of this charity, Sean and Natasha Kinsella, in their first in person visit in three years. They brought us news of the class that had just graduated.

We also heard that David Kiyemba, the student we have been sponsoring since 2019, graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biblical studies with education. After Sean and Natasha's visit we started sponsoring as new student, Senga Simplice. Known by his second name, Simplice

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Achievements and performance (continued)

The African Bible University (continued)

recently started his first year of a Bachelor of Arts degree at ABU. We made the commitment to support him with a half scholarship for the following four years.

We received the following letter from Simplice, thanking us for our support of him:

"My name is Senga Simplice, born in 1995 in North Kivu province, Democratic Republic of Congo. I, my three siblings and parents currently live in Uganda as refugees because of the war that destroyed everything we had and forced my family to seek for safety. I grew up in a Christian family, attending church with my parents but I did not have a close and real relationship with Jesus. When my parents moved to Uganda, they joined a church which I also attended and after some time I had some knowledge from the Bible. After my secondary school education in 201A, I met a friend in our neighbourhood who discussed with me faith related stories. Through these discussions, the Lord opened my heart and I was convicted that I am a sinner who needs salvation. I confessed my sins and I asked the Lord to save me. Since that time, I have strongly desired to know and love Christ and my dream is to devote my entire life to teach God's word to those who have no access to it. I believe that studying at African Bible University is an opportunity that God has providentially put before me so that I can be prepared and equipped for that noble task ahead. I am so grateful for the support that you give to make it possible".

On 12th July 2022 we received the following correspondence regarding a student we had sponsored:

David Kiyemba has now completed his degree, having graduated on 21st May. He has asked that we share this message with the church;

"Kindly tell the church for me that I am deeply thankful for their support towards my education. I pray that God continues to use them as a blessing to students at African Bible University." David.

The Leprosy Mission - TLM

TLM is an international Christian charity serving a global population of approximately 305 million people in 30 leprosy-affected countries.

In addition to support provided by the Church, the children of our Church School continue to help to support this charity so as to instil in them a team spirit of compassion and a desire to show Christian kindness to those who are in need.

On 6th April 2022, we received a letter from the regional representatives of the Leprosy Mission:

"Brick by brick and wall by wall, your gracious gift of £850.00 from members and almost £315.00 from the School Children's Coffee Morning are building the Research Centre of Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. Thank you so very much for your kindness" Trevor Grant

On 3rd June 2022 we received the following letter from the CEO of the Leprosy Mission.

Thank you for standing with us to raise awareness that leprosy is a disease that still affects millions of people today, preventing them from living life in the fullness. By sending a message to your MP, you are part of a wider community who believe no-one should be left behind. We're so grateful for your continued support. With every blessing, Peter Waddup CEO

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Cardiff Foodbank - CFB

CFB which provides emergency food to local people who are referred to them in crisis. This charity forms a part of a nationwide network of foodbanks supported by the Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

The Christian Institute - CI

The CI is committed to the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. It's a non-denominational Christian charity committed to upholding the truths of the Bible.

Operation Christmas Child:

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1990, more than 178 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. In 2022 we donated 17 shoeboxes through the "pack a shoebox online scheme".

Care Sri Lanka:

We have continued to support Care Sri Lanka. Thanks to the work of this charity, needy families were provided with relief parcels. Also, considerable educational input was provided for over 150 students, including technical training in gardening, motor mechanics, masonry and carpentry. Great all-round support was also provided to sponsored students.

Herbie's Hut:

Since January 2023 we have supported a local charity called "Herbie's Hut" which is situated in Cardiff West, on the site of Herbert Thompson Primary School.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

“Herbie’s Hut” is a pay as you can shop that opened its doors in November 2021, and provides a range of quality fresh, frozen and tinned food, to support the local community. Herbie’s Hut also runs a weekly food club, working closely with other charities, including Fare Share and Family Action.

Development of Christian Life

At the core of the church’s commitment is a determination to declare the whole counsel of God as revealed in Holy Scripture, so as to enable as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the Christian Community gathered at Ely Presbyterian Church.

Our services are publicised on a noticeboard outside the church building and online, and it is emphasised that all are welcome to attend and to join us and for fellowship.

We have also set up a YouTube site, which provides live and recorded service broadcasts across the globe.

Such technological innovations were particularly valuable when we were not permitted to meet for ‘in person’ worship.

Members in the ‘higher risk’ bracket who were required to continue to self-isolate were also enabled to continue to join our services online.

Ely has been identified as containing a large number of underprivileged people and within its’ resources the church seeks to reach out to help families or individuals in their difficulties – Cardiff Food bank, Safer Families for children.

We have held a weekly Sunday School service and classes on Sunday mornings for many years, and these have been attended by children from the local community as well as by children of church members.

In **December 2022** we posted leaflets in local streets to raise awareness of our church, and also visitors to our Carol Service.

Since **January 2022** we have been running a Friday evening Youth Group (also advertised via leafletting the local community) consisting of a Bible presentation, games and a free tuck-shop. The Youth Group has been successful, attracting youths from within the community of faith as well as from the surrounding estate.

Since **September 2021**, we have periodically set up an outreach stall in a prominent local public space in order to promote local outreach and to further expand our footprint as a community hub.

On 11th November 2021, we received the following letter of acceptance into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales:

“I am writing on behalf of the Commission of Presbytery, appointed at a meeting of Presbytery on 25th September 2021, to confirm the acceptance of Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed) into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England on Wales as of 3rd November 2021.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Development of Christian Life (continued)

It was a delight to be with you and the congregation on Wednesday 3rd November. We rejoiced in your articulation and affirmation of the truths of the gospel as we examined the session. We are glad that you stand squarely on the authority of Scripture and subscribe to our subordinate standards, the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Catechisms.

We were encouraged by the healthy participation of the congregation during the meeting and that we were able to respond to their questions and comments.

We are satisfied that both you and we have fulfilled the requirements as outlined in our Book of Church Order, Form of Government, chapter 14.

May the Lord richly bless you, the congregation at Ely and us as we seek to build one another up in our most holy faith and spread the good news of the gospel to the glory of our Triune God."

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW) is a reformed a Presbyterian denomination in England and Wales with churches in Germany, Switzerland, and Sweden.

The Eldership of our church have been attending regular Presbytery meetings at different locations across the UK and as a body of churches, we have been sending many of our children to an annual summer camp.

Church School

Our Church School is entirely funded by the giving of the church membership, and donations from parents. We are not funded by any state contributions, either local or national state contributions.

The aim of the Church School is to provide as comprehensive an education as resources allow to prepare them for potential future development. We possess a strong desire to equip the children to realise their full potential but also to use their capabilities and energies according to the highest moral principles and noblest aspirations.

The work of our School has continued to prosper for another year, teaching the children of members and children from the wider local community who God is and what He wants for the world, and that He is interested in them.

Year on year, more pupils are added to the Church School, as more families become aware of the centrality of our position as a local community hub. We are grateful to God for expanding our borders, in this, and other ways.

We believe education is much more than giving children facts. We aim to engender an excitement about learning; a passion for knowledge and understanding; and a lifelong curiosity about the world. We aim to make our school a place where we all grow in our love for each other and our love of learning.

The children of the Church School usually regularly attend at the Regency care Home in Cardiff to entertain the residents with carols and other songs as well as organising an annual coffee morning, baking cakes and helping to serve drinks in order to raise money for the Leprosy Mission.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Church school (continued)

The Church School was inspected by Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales, during February 2016. Here are some extracts from their inspection report:

"The school is a cohesive community, in which the governing body, staff, pupils and parents share a common vision and purpose based on Christian values, successfully underpinning all aspects of school life. Together, they have a strong sense of purpose, which is driven by high aspirations for pupils to achieve their best and the expectation that they will do this. This makes a very positive contribution to the high standards that pupils achieve and their consistently good behaviour."

"Pupils across the school are well motivated and fully engage with their learning. Most pupils work at a standard in line with or above their age and appropriate to their ability. As they move through the school, pupils extend their knowledge and understanding well."

"Standards of pupils' wellbeing are strong. Pupils have a secure understanding of the importance of healthy living and eating. They participate enthusiastically in a suitable range of physical activities."

"The school's curriculum fully meets the requirements of the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2003. The school's curriculum aims are clearly set out within the framework of the Christian ethos of the school. The curriculum is broad and balanced and meets the needs of all learners well."

"The quality of teaching has a positive impact on the good standards that pupils achieve. All teachers have strong and supportive working relationships with pupils. This helps to create a purposeful working atmosphere that supports pupils' learning particularly well."

"The school promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development particularly well. Learning experiences and daily acts of worship help pupils to reflect in a worthwhile way on their lives and beliefs. Effective opportunities exist to encourage pupils' involvement in the life of the church and the wider community."

"The school is a very caring community where pupils and staff have a strong sense of mutual respect. Pupils value the opinions of others and there is a high level of trust and appreciation between staff and pupils. This helps the school to promote pupils' learning and their social development particularly well."

Financial review

Going concern

The main risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, in the areas of finance, operations, safeguarding, and regulatory compliance are regularly reviewed. Procedures are in place to mitigate those risks which are considered appropriate and effective.

Ely Presbyterian Church receives funds entirely from freewill offerings, mainly by people associated with the church. An offering is taken up in the weekly services, and many other donations are given separately, mainly by bank transfer. Encouragement is given to use the gift aid scheme. An announcement regarding giving is made every month.

An additional periodic voluntary freewill offering opportunity is a long-held tradition. There are no public appeals for funds. No professional fundraisers are employed.

All funds collected for other charities are passed on to the charities and people described, and none of this money is used to defray any expenses of the church.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Financial review (continued)

The Church held its 2022/23 business meeting in June 2023.

Having considered budget and cash flow projections for the next twelve months, the Trustees are confident that the Church will continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future and consider that there are no material uncertainties in relation to the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The accounts comply with the current statutory requirements and the charity's governing documents.

Total incoming resources for the year of £166,049 (2022 - £170,290) consist of donations received of £137,409 (2022 - £136,410) associated tax refunds of £ (2022 - £31,617) and other income/interest of £4,640 (2022 - £2,263).

A significant proportion of the total expenditure of £164,938 (2022 - £163,938) relates to salaries and school costs.

Incoming resources exceeded expenditure by £1,111 (2022 - £6,352).

There are no revaluation surpluses or deficits in the year (2022 – £nil).

Reserves policy

The Elders have examined the level of reserves held at the year end in light of the main risks facing the organisation. A policy has been established to maintain free reserves equivalent to 6 months operating costs. This is estimated to be approximately £82,500.

The free reserves of a charity represent the funds that are freely available to spend. In calculating the free reserves the Elders have deducted from the total of unrestricted funds any funds designated at the year end and the net book value of any tangible fixed assets as detailed in the accounts after adjusting for associated borrowing. This leaves a surplus of free reserves at 31st March 2023 of £179,077 which is £96,577 above the target set by the Elders. The policy is reviewed by the Trustees on an ongoing basis.

There are no designated funds held at the year end.

The budget proposed for the year has been made possible by the generosity of giving in the Church.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 26 January 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of governors by:

Mr A Williams (Elder)
Trustee/Chairman

Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed)

Period ended 31 March 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed) ('the charity') for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 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 accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner

Mark Williams FCA of
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27 January 2024

Ely Presbyterian Church (Reformed)

Statement of Financial Activities

Period ended 31 March 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	157,405	4,004	161,409	168,027
Investment income	5	4,635	5	4,640	2,263
Total income		<u>162,040</u>	<u>4,009</u>	<u>166,049</u>	<u>170,290</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	158,165	6,773	164,938	163,938
Total expenditure		<u>158,165</u>	<u>6,773</u>	<u>164,938</u>	<u>163,938</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		3,875	(2,764)	1,111	6,352
Transfers between funds	17	5,467	(5,467)		
Other recognised gains/(losses):		-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,329,859</u>	<u>10,299</u>	<u>1,340,158</u>	<u>1,333,806</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,339,201</u>	<u>2,068</u>	<u>1,341,269</u>	<u>1,340,158</u>

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

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	1,094,658	1,107,704
Current assets			
Debtors	14	26,582	26,417
Cash at bank and in hand		221,449	207,357
		<u>248,031</u>	<u>233,774</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>1,420</u>	<u>1,320</u>
Net current assets		<u>246,611</u>	<u>232,454</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,341,269</u>	<u>1,340,158</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		2,068	10,299
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,339,201</u>	<u>1,329,859</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>1,341,269</u>	<u>1,340,158</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 January 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr A Williams (Elder)
Trustee/Chairman

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Period ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 4-6 Archer Road, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 4FR.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The Trustees have considered the consequences of events and conditions relating to the Church, and they have determined that they do not create a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt upon the entity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102.

No cash flow statement has been presented for the church.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

□ **Significant judgements** - There are currently no key judgements that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

□ **Key sources of estimation uncertainty** - There are currently no key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Income tax

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future project or commitment. Designated funds are part of the charity's total unrestricted funds and represent funds earmarked by the Elders to be used for particular purposes in the future. The Elders have the power to re-designate such funds within unrestricted funds. Designated funds are not disclosed separately on the charity's Statement of Financial Activities nor on its Balance Sheet.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to the extent to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line on buildings, 0% on land
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets *(continued)*

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

The Church only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which would be subsequently measured at the carrying value plus accrued interest less repayments.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations	113,087	4,004	117,091
Offerings	690	-	690
Gift Aid	24,000	-	24,000
School donations	6,203	-	6,203
Gifts	13,425	-	13,425
	<u>157,405</u>	<u>4,004</u>	<u>161,409</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations	108,760	4,981	113,741
Offerings	2,167	-	2,167
Gift Aid	31,004	613	31,617
School donations	5,667	-	5,667
Gifts	14,835	-	14,835
	<u>162,443</u>	<u>5,594</u>	<u>168,027</u>

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	447	452	14	14
Solar panel income	4,188	4,188	2,249	2,249
	<u>4,635</u>	<u>4,640</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>2,263</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Ministerial and pastoral activities	98,057	-	98,057
Church relations and preaching	12,231	6,773	19,004
School costs	15,205	-	15,205
Support costs	32,672	-	32,672
	<u>158,165</u>	<u>6,773</u>	<u>164,938</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Ministerial and pastoral activities	94,771	-	94,771
Church relations and preaching	12,221	5,637	17,858
School costs	12,399	-	12,399
Support costs	38,910	-	38,910
	<u>158,301</u>	<u>5,637</u>	<u>163,938</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Ministerial and pastoral activities	98,057	-	31,252	129,309	132,361
Church relations and preaching	12,231	6,773	-	19,004	17,858
School costs	15,205	-	-	15,205	12,399
Governance costs	-	-	1,420	1,420	1,320
	<u>125,493</u>	<u>6,773</u>	<u>32,672</u>	<u>164,938</u>	<u>163,938</u>

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8. Analysis of grants

During the period the church made donations to various Christian institutions from funds received from members. The donations to institutions were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
African Bible Society	1,035	1,277
Alzheimer's Society	200	-
Anglian Aid	-	-
Cardiff Foodbank	500	-
Care Sri Lanka	2,040	960
Christian Institute	-	500
Christchurch	-	322
C J Glover	-	1,000
Herbies Hut	203	-
Leprosy Mission	315	2,900
Medhurst Ministries	500	-
Mission to the World	2,383	1,531
Operation Mobilisation	1,000	-
Oxford Evangelical Church	-	-
Pastors Academy	1,000	-
UK Hearts	-	757
	<u>9,176</u>	<u>9,247</u>

Total gifts to individuals during the year totalled £2,128. Total gifts in the year totalled £11,304.

9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>23,134</u>	<u>23,565</u>

10. Independent examination fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	1,420	1,320
Other financial services	-	-
	<u>1,420</u>	<u>1,320</u>

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	70,170	67,165
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>4,753</u>	<u>4,041</u>
	<u>74,923</u>	<u>71,206</u>

The charity employed 9 people during the period (2022 - 9). The total employee benefits of the charity's key management personnel were £34,693 (2022 - £32,281). The average head count of employees during the year was 9 (2022 - 9). No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the period or during the previous period.

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12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Charity's constitution makes provision for payments to be made to a Trustee.

During the year a salary of £34,693 was paid to one of the Trustees who was a full-time employee of the church. No expenses payments were noted.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 01 April 2022	1,100,000	57,825	1,157,825
Additions	-	10,088	10,088
At 31 March 2023	1,100,000	67,913	1,167,913
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	12,000	38,121	50,121
Charge for the year	12,000	11,134	23,134
At 31 March 2023	24,000	49,255	73,255
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	1,076,000	18,658	1,094,658
At 31 March 2022	1,088,000	19,704	1,107,704

The value of the church's freehold property as at 31 March 2023 has been estimated by the Trustees at £1,100,000 and is stated in these accounts in accordance with the Trustees' valuation, net of depreciation.

14. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments & other debtors	26,582	26,417

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	1,420	1,320

16. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £4,753 (2022 - £4,041).

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17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	1,329,859	162,040	(158,165)	5,467	1,339,201

Restricted funds

	1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
Organ Fund	5,467	-	-	(5,467)	-
Charity Fund	4,832	4,009	6,773	-	2,068
	10,299	4,009	6,773	(5,467)	2,068

Restricted fund – Organ fund

The organ fund was established to fund the replacement of the church organ. A replacement organ was purchased during the year and consequently the fund was released in full.

Restricted fund – Charity fund

Church members contribute to this fund which makes donations to external Christian institutions.

Designated fund – Ministry fund

This designated fund was established as a contingency fund to meet the cost of future ministry salaries. The opening and closing balances on this fund were £60,000.

Designated fund – Organ fund

The opening balance on this fund was £1,533. This balance was released in full in the year to fund the purchase of a new church organ, which is held in unrestricted funds.

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,094,658	-	1,094,658	1,107,704
Current assets	245,963	2,068	248,031	233,774
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,420)	-	(1,420)	(1,320)
Net assets	1,339,201	2,068	1,341,269	1,340,158

19. Related parties

The aggregate value of unconditional donations made by the Trustees in the period to 31 March 2023 was £23,488 (2022-£19,580).