

Cromhall Chapel

(Registered Charity Number 1179269)

Annual Report and Financial Statement

January 2023 to December 2023



Section A: Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name and Address:

Cromhall Chapel (A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and Registered Charity No. 1179269) is situated at Townwell, Cromhall, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8AQ.

Registered Number:

Cromhall Chapel became a CIO under Registration Charity Number 1179269 on 19th July 2018. All assets and liabilities were transferred to the CIO from the former Cromhall Chapel on 30th September 2019. This report is for January 2023 to December 2023.

Trustees:

The Church Officers who are the Pastor and Elders, are also Trustees of the Church. The following have served as Trustees this year.

- Simon Carey
- Damon Ujvarosy
- David Frampton
- Timothy Scolding

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documentation:

The Governing Documentation consists of:

- The Constitution adopted by the Membership of Cromhall Chapel, dated 13th June 2018 and approved by The Charity Commission on 19th July 2018; and
- The Handbook containing the Rules & Regulations of the Church and adopted by the Members, dated 13th June 2018.

We adhere to the Statement of Faith as set out by the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Only those Members whose spiritual life meets the Scriptural standards are eligible to be appointed an Officer.

The Pastor is appointed at a Special Church Business meeting especially called for this purpose and is by ballot. The appointment is reviewed by the Membership every four years.

The Elders are normally appointed at the Annual General Meeting and will normally serve for a period of four years, after which time they must either retire or be re-appointed.

The Trustees must hold at least four Trustee meetings in a twelve-month period, but in reality, meetings are generally held every month.

Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of Objectives and Main Activities

Cromhall Chapel is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and adheres to its Basis of Faith.

The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively within Cromhall; also such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness, the advancement of education; and the provision of community facilities.

The Church Officers and Members are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have regard to it in their administration of the Church. They believe that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the Pastor and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic and social, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the church, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Section D: Achievements and Performance

Review of activities and achievements

This Year has seen new members joining our congregation both in our Sunday morning and evening services. During the week we have home groups, prayer meetings, and Wednesday night Bible studies. Regularly through the year we also have had Saturday breakfasts and Discipleship courses. We have continued to use Zoom so those that are unable to be with us in person can also join in our times together.

As a chapel we seek to be a positive presence in the community. Some of the ways we have been seeking to achieve this is by purchasing and maintaining one of the defibrillators in Cromhall. Our pastor is a governor of our local village primary school, St Andrews, and as a church, we provide weekly times of worship for the school assembly. We have worked with the local volunteer shop to provide someone to cover one of the shifts each week. We also host Cromhall Crafters, a monthly crafting group which is open to all who live in the village.

Members of the congregation are also helping within the community, these include running a parents and tots' group in the next village, running weekly coffee mornings, offering a warm space to meet friends, prison visiting and regular donations to a local food bank. Other events during the year included a Celebration of creativity open to the village where different crafts were displayed and those attending were encouraged to learn a new skill.

As a Chapel we continue to support Christian work around the world. We regularly support work in Thailand, Brazil, and support work with the Sailor's Society helping crew members on the ships coming into Portbury and Avonmouth docks. During the year we have also supported other charities such as Tear fund, Barnabas fund, GOOD NEWS for Everyone! and TEN.

Section E: Financial Review

The financial report including the Receipts & Payments account and a summary of our cash assets is attached from which it can be seen that we have had a good stable financial year.

The Church Officers constantly review the level of funds and seek to ensure sufficient is carried forward to meet anticipated expenditure necessary to enable the church to continue its activities and to maintain the properties in good condition.

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting this report of the Church for the 12 month period to 31st December 2023.

The information set out above regarding the Trust forms part of our report and the attached accounts are those of the church which we have prepared and were approved and adopted on 2nd July 2024.

We look forward in anticipation to 2024 and seek the Lord's guidance and blessing as the chapel at Cromhall, a Registered Charity (CIO), continues Christian worship, witness and community support in Cromhall and the surrounding area.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf

Name:

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Date – 2nd July 2024

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Section A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	25702	13702	0	39404	38203
Other Gifts	0	2087	0	2087	2665
Tax Reclaimed	8481	0	0	8481	7969
Interest on Savings	105	0	0	105	13
Gifts and Legacies	2581	0	0	2581	3205
Sundry Receipts	1414	250	0	1664	12
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38283	16039	0	54322	52067
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	38283	16039	0	54322	52067
A3 Payments					
Pastor	23705	5136	0	28841	27137
Church Supplies/Administration	1742	0	0	1742	969
FIEC	900	0	0	900	888
Guest Speakers	1583	0	0	1583	1577
Mission	2327	8566	0	10893	10857
Services/Utilities	4656	0	0	4656	1486
Cleaning	1180	0	0	1180	984
Mileage	406	0	0	406	410
Books, Music and Worship	436	0	0	436	386
Ministries and Outreach	72	0	0	72	50
Insurance and Legal	1306	0	0	1306	1360
Repairs and Renewals	2440	150	0	2590	3505
Training, Courses and Conferences	365	0	0	365	372
Other Gifts	213	1937	0	2150	3846
Sundry Expenses	75	250	0	325	702
Sub total	41406	16039	0	57445	54529
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	41406	16039	0	57445	54529
Net of receipts/(payments)	-3123	0	0	-3123	-2462
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	26829	0	0	26829	29291
Cash funds this year end	23706	0	0	23706	26829

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Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balances	23706	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	23706	0	0
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Income Tax to be Reclaimed	6449	0	0
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			0	0
			0	0
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Chapel Building	Unrestricted	0	0
	Chapel Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted	0	0
			0	0
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			0	
			0	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Simon Carey

Date of approval

2nd July 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cromhall Chapel

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023, which consist of the Receipts and Payments Account for the Year and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Year...

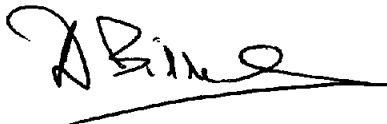
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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

- * accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- * the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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4 July 2024