

# Cromhall Chapel

(Registered Charity Number 1179269)

## Annual Report And Financial Statement

January 2024 to December 2024



## **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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018. All assets and liabilities were transferred to the CIO from the former Cromhall Chapel on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This report is for January 2024 to December 2024

### **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
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and approved by The Charity Commission on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018; and
- The Handbook containing the Rules & Regulations of the Church and adopted by the Members, dated 13<sup>th</sup> 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 a time of growth in the numbers meeting together both in our Sunday morning and evening services. During the week we have our home groups, and Wednesday night Bible studies. Regularly through the year we also have had Saturday breakfasts. 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 through working together with the Local Anglican Church having Joint services at harvest and Christmas Eve. We have worked with the local parish council to provide one of the three defibrillators in Cromhall and we continue to maintain and keep it ready for use. We have worked with the St Andrews school to provide weekly times of worship. The Chapel building is also used by St Andrews school for its Governors meeting, for some staff meetings and for gatherings such as the school nativity play. We have worked with the local volunteer shop to provide someone to cover one of the shifts each week.

We host Cromhall Crafters which is open to all who live in the village. We also provide a weekly warm space for any in the village to come in for coffee cake and friendship

Members of the congregation are also helping within the community, these include running a parents and tots' group, running a coffee morning in the next village, prison visiting and regular donations to a local food bank.

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 given gifts to several different charities working to provide care for those in need in other parts of the world

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

We look forward in anticipation to 2025 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.  
Signed on behalf of the trustees.

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

Name: Simon Carey



Date – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

**Cromhall Chapel (Registered Charity : 1179269)**

**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 2024, which consist of the Receipts and Payments Account for the Year and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Year...

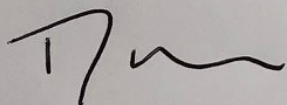
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 can 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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28 February 2025

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## Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	38129	7786	0	45914	39404
Other Gifts	0	0	0	0	2087
Tax Reclaimed	17232	0	0	17232	8481
Interest on Savings	287	0	0	287	105
Gifts and Legacies	0	0	0	0	2581
Sundry Receipts	12	0	0	12	1664
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>55659</b>	<b>7786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63445</b>	<b>54322</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55659</b>	<b>7786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63445</b>	<b>54322</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Pastor	26566	4620	0	31186	28841
Church Supplies/Administration	1648	0	0	1648	1742
FIEC	900	0	0	900	900
Guest Speakers	1471	0	0	1471	1583
Mission	13397	3166	0	16563	10892
Services/Utilities	1441	0	0	1441	4656
Cleaning	1080	0	0	1080	1180
Mileage	575	0	0	575	406
Books, Music and Worship	549	0	0	549	436
Ministries and Outreach	300	0	0	300	72
Insurance and Legal	1884	0	0	1884	1306
Repairs and Renewals	810	0	0	810	2590
Training, Courses and Conferences	425	0	0	425	365
Other Gifts	55	0	0	55	2150
Sundry Expenses	8287	0	0	8287	325
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>59387</b>	<b>7786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67172</b>	<b>57443</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>59387</b>	<b>7786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67172</b>	<b>57443</b>
Net of receipts/(payments)	-3728	0	0	-3728	-3120
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	23708	0	0	23708	26828
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>19980</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19980</b>	<b>23708</b>

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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	19980	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	19980	0	0
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Income Tax to be Reclaimed	7431	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

31st Jan 2025