



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 Period start date To 31st March 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Sticklepath Community Church (C.I.O.)

Charity registration number: 1180318

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>We are pleased to report that the 'purposes' of the church have remained faithful to, both, the unchanged governing document and more importantly to the unchanging Word of God.</p> <p>The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit, for the glory of God in worship, preaching the gospel and ministry of the Word, and to further such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the trustees, nurture the work of the church, in accordance with the statement of beliefs, in the Schedule, in Devon and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Our main purpose remains to provide an open and accessible place of Christian worship within the village of Sticklepath, allowing opportunity for those seeking Christian fellowship and/or teaching to be helped and encouraged. We also meet the needs of some of the visitors/holidaymakers to the area, some of which find their way to us after picking up info from social media or word of mouth.</p> <p>The bulk of our meetings are held within the village hall and this assists in keeping the building in use, and open, and therefore available for wider community use.</p> <p>We have also supported (mainly financially) various organisations, both locally and further afield, which either provide practical and/or spiritual help to individuals or communities at their point of greatest need.</p> <p>The church has maintained our regular and ongoing support for various organisations.</p> <p>Part of the ongoing support has been a Child sponsorship, through the</p>

		<p>organisation Embrace, of a child in the Middle East. This assists with the practical and educational needs of children in an area of the world where parents may be unable to support their family, or children may not have parents to provide for them.</p> <p>Chinese Church Support Ministries is another organisation we have maintained our support for. Through CCSM we are able to meet some of the practical and spiritual needs of those who find it very difficult to enjoy the freedoms which many of us take for granted.</p> <p>Closer to home, we have provided funding to Christians Against Poverty (CAP). They work across the country providing help and support to anyone who finds themselves in financial difficulties. They now have a proven record in this field, and are known and appreciated by many, but can only continue to operate, this free service, with the support of people such as ourselves.</p> <p>And one example of really local support, this year, has been the setting up of a monthly Soup & Roll event, in the village hall, where anyone is welcome to join us for a free light meal and friendly company, with 'no strings attached'.</p> <p>It was decided that from the freewill donations any profit would be given to good causes, the first of which was the Heating Project in the village's St Mary's Church.</p> <p>This past twelve months have given us the opportunity to provide financial support, by means of one-off donations, bringing practical help to places and peoples who we ourselves will never meet.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees can confirm that the work of the charity does aim to provide 'public benefit' in the majority of its actions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>Grant making will be directed by compliance with the agreed policy.</p> <p>The main points being :- advancement of the Christian faith, relief of poverty and poor health, and support of such charitable purposes which can use specialist abilities to achieve that which</p>

		we are unable to fulfil. All of this being tested soundly to prevent the immoral or illegal use of funds.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Currently the charity has no paid staff/workers, consequently all the work and administration is carried out on a voluntary basis. Only legitimate necessary expenses are met by the charity.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The charity has provided a safe and open place for anyone in the community to attend our meetings to express their social and spiritual needs.</p> <p>We have continued our support of St. Mary's, C of E, Church, within the village. We have continued in our collaboration of holding joint monthly meetings, in their building, to bring help and encouragement to the existing members and, in the 'Village Praise' meetings, bring a more open and accessible form of meeting to the wider community.</p> <p>This joint project continues to prove a blessing and an encouragement to those endeavouring to make the C of E building more widely used and appreciated. It also continues to be a strengthening challenge to both congregations.</p> <p>A new project this year has been the setting up of 'Let's meet for soup and roll'. A monthly Friday gathering in the village hall aimed at providing a warm, safe, open and friendly space for anyone in the local community to have a free meal and have interaction with others in the community and the church.</p> <p>It is developing well, with a core group of regulars and a variety of others who have attended occasionally. There has been a wide age range of attendees, but mainly more senior members of the community. We have also seen some of those, for whom it is meant to serve, contributing to</p>

		<p>the running of the event.</p> <p>As a bonus, the amount of freewill donations received in the pot exceeds the expenses incurred in providing the meal, so we have taken the decision to use all monies remaining, after major expenses, to support local/ village needs. The first Donation has been given to the 'Heating Project Fund', for St Mary's C. of E.</p> <p>We have again been able to keep up our 'Regular Support'(Grant Making) to five varied organisations.</p> <p>Our support of Christians Against Poverty helps to provide assistance to anyone in financial difficulty. CAP is a nationally recognised charity achieving great results.</p> <p>Mission Aviation Fellowship, brings real benefit to those it serves in truly remote areas and these type of organisations can only exist with support from others, such as ourselves. Our continued support of MAF allows us to contribute to the needs of people who live in difficult environments and from the written testimonies published, by MAF, this help is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>It can be seen that the bulk of the funds generated are not being used by the charity itself, but are being passed on to appropriate organisations and individuals, who are able to meet the specific 'needs' in various locations, both locally, nationally and internationally – in accordance with the desired aims of the charity.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We do not 'fundraise' in the normally understood way. Nearly all income is given to the church by freewill offerings from the membership and congregation. Any fundraising activities would be for a special cause, of which there have been two this year. The first was an offering to raise funds for Farming Community Network and the second was an offering specifically for the work of Tearfund. All of the funding received in these appeals was passed to the corresponding organisations.</p>

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The income level has risen during the current period. It can now be seen that income, although satisfactory, still does not match outgoings. With an ongoing commitment to continue with as much grant making as in previous years, it has left the reserves down again. This is acceptable and will not cause any financial issues within the foreseeable future.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The amount in reserve has been held to previous years level. By having a reserve at this current level, it will allow any possible change of staffing, or commitment, to be enabled without unnecessary hindrance due to lack of immediate funding.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Approx. £11,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Freewill offerings from the congregation and members
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There have been no principal risks to the charity during the current period. The reserves are lodged with a low risk provider account. There are no foreseeable risks or uncertainties facing the charity at this time, with no factors that are likely to affect its position going forward.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	A trustee must be able to subscribe to the statement of beliefs in the Schedule and will be elected by the members of the CIO

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are required to access the Charity Commission website and familiarize themselves with the relevant rules and regulations required to fulfil the role of trustee. This will be confirmed periodically at appropriate meetings.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The church had been affiliated to Partnership UK in previous years, but this grouping has been dissolved and the charity has now, following Partnership UK recommendation, affiliated to the long established, 'Counties' organisation. This is a grouping of like-minded churches which has come together to provide support to churches including: recruitment/consultancy, on strategy/advice, on church governance and trust matters, and for the promotion of the Christian faith (- in accordance with the charity's aims)
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sticklepath Community Church
Other name the charity uses	N/A

Registered charity number	1180318
Charity's principal address	14, Hunters Gate, Okehampton, Devon EX20 1SU

**Names of the charity
trustees who manage the
charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mr. Derrick Andrew		
2	Mr. Philip Dennis	Deacon/Elder	
3	Mr. Glyn Williams	Treasurer	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information


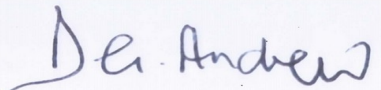
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Glyn Williams

Derrick Andrew

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee / Treasurer

Trustee

Date

04/11/24

04/11/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Sticklepath Community Church

No (if any)
1180318

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/23



To

Period end date
31/03/24

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					
Freewill Offering	7,154	-	-	7,154	5,811
90 Day Notice Account – Interest	98	-	-	98	22
Gift Aid/GASDS Refund – 2022/23	1,465	-	-	1,465	-
Specific Appeals – Offerings	314	-	-	314	439
Donations	357	-	-	357	-
Gift Aid/GASDS Refund – 2021/22	-	-	-	-	1,459
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,388	-	-	9,388	7,731
(see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,388	-	-	9,388	7,731
A3 Payments					
Insurance	354	-	-	354	319
Cost of Activities	370	-	-	370	929
Licences/Subscriptions	790	-	-	790	575
Donations to other Organisations	9,942	-	-	9,942	11,049
Expenses for Visiting Speakers	355	-	-	355	340
Social Gifts	52	-	-	52	287
Building Hire	1,051	-	-	1,051	-
Training expenses	139	-	-	139	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,053	-	-	13,053	13,499
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,053	-	-	13,053	13,499
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,665	-	-	- 3,665	- 5,768
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,965	-	-	19,965	25,733
Cash funds this year end	16,300	-	-	16,300	19,965

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	Lloyds Current Account	5,229	-	-
	CAF 90 Day Notice Account	11,071	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,300	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Gift Aid & GASDS 2023/2024	1,970	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Laptop	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Glyn Williams	04/11/24	
		Derrick Andrew	04/11/24	