

**FOUNDATION CHURCH
WOKINGHAM**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Anne Hill Chris Justice (from 19 February 2024) David Main James Shiers Owen Hayward Toni Garlinge
Pastor:	Owen Hayward
Treasurer:	Anne Hill
Charitable position:	Registered Charity No. 1181334
Governing document:	CIO Constitution registered 21 December 2018 Name change registered 6 June 2019
Address for correspondence:	The Barn House Waterloo Road Wokingham RG40 3BY
Independent Examiner:	Nick Pomroy FCA Durrants Calleva 4 Comet House Calleva Park Aldermaston RG7 8JA
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church

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024.

We are thankful to God for his faithfulness to us through the year in which we have sought to continue the development of a healthy, biblically based church community in which members care and support one another and are encouraged to share the love of Jesus with others in the wider community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Spiritual Leadership

The eldership team at Foundation Church is led by Owen Hayward. This team of three elders was strengthened in February 2024 by the addition of Chris Justice and, together, they provide input to the trustees of the Charity. The elders are supported by team leaders each of whom has responsibility for a specific area of the Church's ministry.

Trustees

The Spiritual Leadership of the Church appoints new trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. On or before the appointment of a new trustee, he/she is made aware of the Charity's constitution, and any amendments made to it, and the most recent Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts. New trustees are also provided with access to all policies and procedures in place at the time of their appointment.

External accountability

Foundation Church is independent of any other church within the area, although we look to partner where we can on shared charitable and faith initiatives. We also believe in the importance of leadership accountability, and we are therefore in relationship with the Advance Movement (www.advancemovement.com) – a network of churches within the UK and overseas. The Advance Movement is dedicated to planting and strengthening churches globally, around shared values, doctrine, mission and developing meaningful relationships.

Responsibility for decision-making within Foundation Church remains with the spiritual leadership of the Church. To that end, Chris Justice was appointed as an additional elder and trustee in February 2024.

Throughout the period, we have also continued to support financially the Advance Movement in its aim to plant and strengthen churches around the world.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

- To advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Statement of Faith;
- To relieve poverty and those in need by reason of ill-health, disability, unemployment or such other disadvantage; and
- To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith.

Our core pursuits are

- Knowing Jesus – helping people get to know Jesus through reading the Bible: who he is, what he's done for us, what he's like
- Growing like Jesus – encouraging people to become more like Jesus in the way they live their lives
- Going with Jesus – being people who are committed to sharing the good news of Jesus with others, that they too might know Him for themselves

.....And, we seek to do the above, All for the glory of God

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Church seeks to serve the people of Wokingham and surrounding area by providing services for worship, prayer and the preaching of good news from the Bible, by providing pastoral care, and by seeking to meet practical needs in the wider community.

The Church normally meets at 4.30pm on a Sunday – a time selected to suit families who might be otherwise committed earlier in the day.

Children's work

The children participate in worship along with the rest of the Church before leaving to meet under the banner of Foundation Kids in two separate groups, one for pre-school and the other for those of primary school age.

Youth

This year saw the growth of our youth group serving those of secondary school age within the Church. The youth participate in Sunday worship following which, every third Sunday, they leave to receive bible teaching tailored specifically for them. In addition to Sundays our team introduced a series of Friday evening social events for the youth.

The trustees are aware of the Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and have regard for this in the planning and implementing of Church activities.

Serving our local community

We have a small fund to provide direct financial support and assistance to families within and outside the Church. People from across the Church have also volunteered in local befriending schemes and in other community projects.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

For the academic year 2023 - 2024 we hosted our first ever intern, in partnership with Oakwood Youth Challenge, a local Christian charity. An 18-year-old school leaver joined us

for a year of training, while completing the Intentional Discipleship programme delivered by a branch of New Frontiers for church interns from around the UK. During his year with us he also gained experience and qualifications as an outdoor instructor working with children and young people at Oakwood.

We hosted a free community firework event on the Oakwood site in November 2023 attended by some 500 people living in the local area. The event was also used to raise awareness of the charitable works of both Oakwood and Foundation Church.

In the run up to Christmas 2023, we led carol singing at a local pub, with enthusiastic participation from the locals who gave generously towards the nominated charity – the Wokingham Foodbank. We also hosted a carol service for the local community in the extension to the climbing centre.

Members gave food supplies and finances to enable us to provide food parcels to help some 50 local families enjoy the Christmas season; these families had no connection to the Church.

We continued through the year to run our children's and youth work (Foundation Kids/Youth) with an increasing number of Friday youth social events. Our youth also attended the 'New Day' Christian summer camp along with thousands of others, sharing catering with another church from within the Advance Movement – in which we, as a church, participate.

We held a guest service on Easter Sunday along with an Easter Egg hunt that was open to children and families in the local area.

Over the year we ran two courses for people wanting to explore the Christian faith.

The Bible instructs us to 'believe and be baptised' and so, in September, we baptised two people who had recently made a commitment to follow the teaching and example of Jesus.

September also saw the recruitment of a new part time operations manager who is studying theology and training for Christian ministry alongside his employed role.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Foundation Church, Wokingham

1181334

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Oct-23

To

30-Sep-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					
Voluntary receipts	99,183	13,700	-	112,883	75,897
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	99,183	13,700	-	112,883	75,897
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	99,183	13,700	-	112,883	75,897
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable activities	96,838	1,121	-	97,959	95,015
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	96,838	1,121	-	97,959	95,015
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	96,838	1,121	-	97,959	95,015
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,345	12,579	-	14,924	- 19,118
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,954	1,062	-	19,016	38,134
Cash funds this year end	20,299	13,641	-	33,940	19,016

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	Cash at bank	20,299	13,641	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,299	13,641	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Rent deposit	4,500	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Computers & other equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	PA / worship equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Seating	Unrestricted	-	-
	Marquee	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David Main	15-Jul-25	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Foundation Church, Wokingham

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1181334

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2024 .

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

28/10/24

Name:

Nick Purnell

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACA

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.