

ANNUAL REPORT
2023

ST THOMAS SWANSEA



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DEAR FRIENDS



We have been on this amazing journey together for ten years and the mission and ministry of St Thomas Church continues to punch well above its weight!

We seek to be a church that reaches beyond the boundaries of our congregation, sharing and demonstrating the good news of Jesus – loving and serving our community and city in Jesus' name!

From our weekly community meals, bringing together people of all ages from across the community, to our 4000 bags of christmas goodies, we love to show the City how much Jesus loves it!

We want to continue to be the church that boldly proclaims the good news of Jesus through its words and actions and I hope that you feel encouraged by this publication that celebrates all that God is doing and all that is to come as we become the Diocesan Resource Church.

A special mention must be made to those members of the church and community that give of their time and finances to assist in the work that we do here. I will always remain grateful to each of them. It is also essential that as we seek to grow in 2024, we commit to going deeper into our relationship with Jesus through gathering, through prayer, through reading scripture and serving the church family.

This is our church, and we are loving and serving the city in Jesus' name.

With love and prayers

Steve

SNAPSHOT

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT'S HAPPENING



The Spire Café:

A community not-for-profit cafe, serving fairtrade drinks and delicious food and any profits go directly back into the local community.

Community Hub:

A hub that offers a safe space, with a guaranteed warm welcome, hot cuppa, sweet treats and a comfy sofa.

Foodbank and Surplus Food:

Providing emergency food and toiletries for those in need.

Baby Basics:

Supporting vulnerable mothers and new born babies with a 3-month starter pack and more.

Community Lunch:

Sharing a free two course hot lunch each week with our church family and community.

Tiny Toms:

A welcoming, loving and safe place for parents, carers and children 0-4 years, to enjoy play, crafts and music.

Boys Brigade and Girls Association:

A weekly hangout to play games, eat food and chat about life and faith with our amazing young people.

Alpha:

An opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment.

Services:

Gathering for 2 services each week for worship, prayer and inspiring talks.

THE IMPACT 2023



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ADULTS AND CHILDREN
SUPPORTED BY
FOODBANK

1000

FREE
BREAKFASTS

1100

COMMUNITY
LUNCHES

204

BABY BASIC
REFERRALS

4000

CHRISTMAS
BLESSING BAGS

3500

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

1300

HOURS OF
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
WORK

121

WORSHIP
SERVICES

52

FUNERALS

ACCOUNTS

Below is a snapshot of the finances of St Thomas Church Swansea for 2023;

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies	50,794.02	208,253.50	0.00	259,047.52	84,127.51
Charitable Activities	14,725.19	109,030.04	0.00	123,755.23	85,913.44
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
Trading Activities	2,560.30	18,747.05	0.00	21,307.35	26,748.80
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,731.63
Total Incoming resources	68,079.51	336,030.59	0.00	404,110.10	213,521.47
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	30,806.20	97,027.82	0.00	127,834.02	82,770.13
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.64
Other Activities	0.00	8,757.13	0.00	8,757.13	7,518.08
Support	70,811.89	36,576.26	0.00	107,388.15	108,846.08
Total resources used	101,618.09	142,361.21	0.00	243,979.30	199,194.93
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-33,538.58	193,669.38	0.00	160,130.80	14,326.54
Fund Transfers In	55.99	13,471.74	0.00	13,527.73	17,146.40
Fund Transfers Out	0.00	13,527.73	0.00	13,527.73	17,146.40
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	-33,482.59	193,613.39	0.00	160,130.80	14,326.54
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	-33,482.59	193,613.39	0.00	160,130.80	14,326.54
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	-33,482.59	193,613.39	0.00	160,130.80	14,326.54
Total Funds Brought Forward	43,439.17	185,153.40	0.00	228,592.57	214,266.03
Total Funds Carried Forward	9,956.58	378,766.79	0.00	388,723.37	228,592.57

As always, we are so grateful to all who support the church through generous giving and through the many grants who support our social outreach.

In 2024 we seek to increase the giving from our congregation to equip us for the next part of our journey as we seek to consolidate and plant and revitalise more churches.

LOOKING FORWARD: 2024

We are excited and expectant for all that God has in store for us as we continue to love and serve the community of St Thomas and the City of Swansea and support the mission of the Diocese in our role as its resource church.

We are seeking to recruit additional members of staff, including an associate vicar, children's pastor and a young adult & student pastor. We are working to develop our food ministry through a partnership with the Message Trust.

Above all, we continue to pray for God's direction and blessing in all that He has in store for us in 2024.

Thank you for journeying with us!

With special thanks to our supporters



Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of The Parish of St Thomas and Kilvey

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Thomas and Kilvey charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Parish Council members of the Parish of St Thomas and Kilvey (henceforth referred to as the PCC) as trustees 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 charities 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 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 the 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.

Signed:



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