

# CHEW AND YEO BAPTIST NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1184270

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-07-04

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION.2. ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** Church services and other church activities including discussion groups, prayer groups.Community activities including toddler groups, monthly breakfasts,

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£55,469	£42,270	-	-
2023-12-31	£68,015	£81,112	-	-
2022-12-31	£83,101	£68,390	-	-
2021-12-31	£51,989	£61,063	-	-
2020-12-31	£64,303	£66,822	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN JOHN PARKER		2018-08-22
Cordula Jane Ursula Hall		2019-07-15
Rev Nigel Robert Coles		2024-03-28

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# Accounts

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**Chew and Yeo  
Baptist Network**

**Statement of Financial Activities for  
Year Ended**

**31st December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total CYBN Funds 2024	CYBN Funds 2023
<b>Receipts and Payments account</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations		24,221	-	-	24,221	35,862
Gift Aid tax refunds		9,184	-	-	9,184	6,885
Bank Interest		342	-	-	342	162
Property Income		20,042	-	-	20,042	18,779
Other Causes Income	2	-	-	568	568	1,246
Other Income	3	1,112	-	-	1,112	5,081
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>54,901</b>		<b>568</b>	<b>55,469</b>	<b>68,015</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Ministry	4	389	-	-	389	31,040
Mission	5	4,591	-	-	4,591	5,672
Church Life & Administration	6	6,394	-	-	6,394	4,018
Premises	7	29,878	-	-	29,878	37,042
Other Causes Payments	8	450	-	568	1,018	1,840
Other (Legal fees)		-	-	-	-	1,500
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>41,702</b>		<b>568</b>	<b>42,270</b>	<b>81,112</b>
<b>Net Receipts (Payments)</b>		<b>13,199</b>			<b>13,199</b>	<b>£ (13,097)</b>
<b>Opening Balances</b>		<b>9,745</b>			<b>9,745</b>	<b>22,842</b>
<b>Closing Balances</b>		<b>22,944</b>			<b>22,944</b>	<b>9,745</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
CAF Cash Bank account		2,505			2,505	3,581
Nat West		64			64	123
CAF Gold Savings account		20,375			20,375	6,040
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>22,944</b>			<b>22,944</b>	<b>9,744</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
		-			-	-
		-			-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>22,944</b>			<b>22,944</b>	<b>9,744</b>

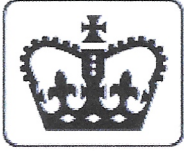
## Chew and Yeo Baptist Network - Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

### 1. Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on a 'Receipts and Payments' basis and accord with S.133 Charities Act 2011.

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>2. Other Causes income</b>					
Caring In Bristol			303	303	751
Sisters of the Church			185	185	95
Childrens Society			80	80	-
Earthquake Appeal				-	400
	-	-	568	568	1,246
<b>3. Other income</b>					
Grants (Warm Spaces)	-			-	250
Return on Solar Electricity	1,112			1,112	1,182
Reimb B.Sutton Costs	-			-	820
B Sutton Crowd Funding	-			-	613
Port Eynon Weekend	-			-	2,180
Other	-			-	36
	1,112	-	-	1,112	5,081
<b>4. Cost of Ministry</b>					
Minister's Expenses	-			-	880
Minister's Stipend	-			-	27,470
Regular Activities. Home grps etc	49			49	-
Ministry Resources & Training	90			90	65
Ministerial & Preacher Fees	250			250	2,625
	389	-	-	389	31,040
<b>5. Cost of Mission</b>					
Pre-school and Youth Work	648			648	627
Activities & Outreach	583		-	583	1,685
Giving To Baptist Causes	3,360			3,360	3,360
	4,591		-	4,591	5,672
<b>6. Church Life &amp; Administration</b>					
Administration & IT	1,843			1,843	1,998
Health & Safety	715			715	170
Subscriptions & Copyright	2,988			2,988	1,061
Consumables	137			137	277
Equipment	711			711	512
	6,394			6,394	4,018





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Chew and Yeo Baptist Network

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/12/2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1184270

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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 31-12-2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) 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 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:**

[Signature box]

**Date:**

31/10/25

**Name:**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**





## Chew Valley Baptist Church Annual General Meeting Report June 2025

*Disciples of Jesus sharing God's transforming love.*

2025 began with a focus upon our Church vision: “**Disciples of Jesus sharing God's transforming love**”. At this midpoint in the year it is good to pause and reflect upon two key questions our vision prompts: firstly how have we grown as **disciples of Jesus** and secondly in which ways are we **sharing God's transforming love**? As you read this report please reflect upon these questions, there is so much to be thankful to God for and it is good to discern together God's purpose for our next steps.

In our January 2025 Church Meeting we reflected upon our recent change of name to Chew Valley Baptist Church in order to promote the deeper and wider vision developing among us, across the whole of the Chew Valley. Within this context we now have a new look website and have recently adapted our logo (please see the heading above!) in order to capture these aims. The logo icon has the **cross** at the centre showing our commitment to keeping Christ at the heart of our identity and all that we do. The **water droplet** symbolises both the water of life and also reflects baptism as a central part of our faith. The **ripples** surrounding the droplet represent our desire to extend and share God's transforming love with others.

May we continue to prayerfully seek God's guidance for our next steps as we encourage each other to grow as disciples of Jesus and to live out our vision to share God's transforming love with others.

### Sundays

At **Chew Magna** our Sunday 10am services have continued in an informal style with worship, teaching and fellowship. We are blessed by the wide age range of the congregation, and participation from young to old. During our “family news” slot we encourage people to share their joys and sorrows and requests for prayer so we can support and care for each other.

Our 2025 teaching programme began with reflection upon our Church vision and motto verse for the year. Other themes have included the principles of Renew Wellbeing, a focus upon the post resurrection narratives and reflecting upon promises of hope in the book of Job. In the weeks preceding Easter we focussed upon the book of John inspired by the bible reading challenge Family Zone engaged in. It was wonderful to see all ages learning about Jesus together and to see the many engaging ways Church families shared the stories at home! Our Easter Sunday service was a joyful celebration; the church was full and was lovely to welcome visitors too.

Most weeks we continue to run “Family Zone” with activities and teaching for the families and children during the talk. We are blessed by the number of musicians we have and enjoy worship accompanied by piano, guitar, oboe, flute, violin and vocals.

At **Winford** members requested Evening Services commence at 5.00 p.m. during the summer months with an average attendance of 6 -7. Services are sometimes led by visiting guest speakers and on

other Sundays are a type of open worship with contribution welcomed by all worshippers. Every third Sunday monthly we share Holy Communion. Several of the fellowship are part of the Open the Book Team at Winford Primary School. In the new term in September we plan to recreate the story of The Creation and will be working with the new Headteacher and pray this will continue as a worthwhile relationship for the benefit of the children.

### **Pastoral and Spiritual Care**

Pastoral care is shown and shared through informal chats, friendship and prayer and all are encouraged to speak with a member of the leadership team as needed. Additionally Ian, Maggie and Helen have kindly offered to support the coordination of practical pastoral support. Prayer requests are encouraged and home visits or time to chat can readily be arranged.

Home groups are a great way to share fellowship and learn more about God together in a relaxed and supportive environment. We currently have two groups (one in West Harptree and the other in Bishop Sutton). There is always room for anyone who would like to be part of a group including the possibility of starting new groups to enable more to engage.

### **Children and Young People**

**Open the Book** continues in Winford, Chew Magna and Dundry schools with a focus upon sharing bible stories with the children. Thanks go to all who volunteer for this invaluable outreach and have built strong links with the schools over many years.

**Acorns** continues to thrive and grow and there are now approximately 50 families registered. Catharine has continued to build a nurturing group in which families feel welcome and looked after. Thanks go to the many volunteers who support Acorns from the willing hands, who set up the toys and games each Sunday after Church, to the regular volunteers who help with hospitality; these many hands are visibly sharing God's transforming love every week!

**Messy Church** Our Easter Messy Church event held in partnership with St Andrew's was well attended by local families, including some from Acorns, plus others from across the wider Chew Valley. We hope to facilitate further Messy Church events in October Half Term and at Christmas.

**Safeguarding** Whole Church Safeguarding Training will take place in June 2025 and further training attended on a needs basis throughout the year and/or as updates are needed. Our safeguarding policy is reviewed annually in line with Baptist Union guidance and we are able to seek advice at anytime from the WEBNET safeguarding lead. The safeguarding policy statement is on display on church noticeboards in each building and also on the Church website.

### **Renew Wellbeing**

Our Renew space at The Link, Bishop Sutton continues to attract a small, regular community of people and new people from time to time. It's been really encouraging to see relationships develop amongst our regulars as they support and encourage one another. As well as playing games and offering adult colouring and puzzle books, we enjoy good conversations, which quite often have a link to faith. We invite people to a time of contemplative prayer at 12 o'clock every week, which is attended by between around three and seven people each week. We have more than twenty people who have popped in on a regular, or not so regular basis. We are also building good relationships with the library and the preschool (Catharine's cake is an excellent tool!). It would be good to see more people join us on a regular basis and we continue to build local links to encourage this including visiting one of the warm spaces to encourage people to join us. Even for the volunteers, our Renew

space feels like a relaxing, safe space to be and we are seeking the best ways to share that with the local community. Additionally, every third Thursday of the month we hold a Renew Coffee Morning at Winford. (Margaret)

### **Community Links**

We continue to build relationships within our community through the use of our buildings and the many lettings which take place in them.

In **Chew Magna** Regular lettings include three Community choirs, a Youth Theatre group, two Art groups, several Pilates exercise classes, an Adult Drama group, a Dance for health group and a monthly Memory cafe.

Additionally both Chew Magna and The Link (Bishop Sutton) are occasional venues for local events, hosted by outside organisers, including CV Fringe Festival, Baby Boppers, youth theatre workshops and holiday clubs. Bristol Baptist College, and other Baptist churches, occasionally hire our building for the day.

Recently our premises were used to host the Easter lunch for Chew Chat - a group for older people (over 70). Children's parties are also popular on a Saturday - everyone thinks it's a great venue.

In October we will be one of the venues on the Chew Valley Arts Trail which will see many visitors pass through our doors.

**The Link** In addition to the partnerships with the Pre School and Chew Valley Community Library, both the Parish Council and local WI are also regular lettings. The library also hosts the Community Cafe and as part of this remit hosts the "Death Cafe" for an hour each month (this is not charged as a letting). The library were also able to offer refreshments to a local Mendip cycling event recently.

In **Blagdon** A small number of lettings continue including Scouts, a toddler group, birthday party lettings and in August the chapel is the base for the annual Youth Week. Additionally **Winford** host a Renew Café once a month.

A buildings update summary will be shared with the Church at the AGM.

**AGM Report June 2025** compiled by the Leadership Team: Nigel, Margaret, Dave, Cordula, Alan, Pete and Kay (June 2025)

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England & Wales - Charity number 1184270

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# Accounts

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**31st December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total CYBN Funds 2022	CYBN Funds 2022
<b>Receipts and Payments account</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations		35,572	-	290	35,862	43,436
Gift Aid tax refunds		6,885	-	-	6,885	15,641
Bank Interest		162	-	-	162	40
Property Income		18,779	-	-	18,779	15,456
Other Causes Income	2	-	-	1,246	1,246	1,234
Other Income	3	4,218	-	863	5,081	7,294
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>65,616</b>		<b>2,399</b>	<b>68,015</b>	<b>83,101</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Ministry	4	31,040	-	-	31,040	31,249
Mission	5	5,672	-	-	5,672	7,561
Church Life & Administration	6	4,018	-	-	4,018	4,070
Premises	7	33,226	-	3,816	37,042	18,777
Other Causes Payments	8	304	-	1,536	1,840	1,732
Other (Legal fees)		1,500	-	-	1,500	5,000
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>75,760</b>		<b>5,352</b>	<b>81,112</b>	<b>68,390</b>
<b>Net Receipts (Payments)</b>		<b>(10,144)</b>		<b>(2,953)</b>	<b>(13,097)</b>	£ 14,711
<b>Opening Balances</b>		19,889	-	2,953	22,842	8,131
<b>Closing Balances</b>		<b>9,745</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>9,745</b>	<b>22,842</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
CAF Cash Bank account		3,581	-	-	3,581	16,237
Nat West		123	-	-	123	314
CAF Gold Savings account		6,040	-	-	6,040	6,541
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>9,744</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>9,744</b>	<b>23,092</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Loan - Totterdown BC - Flooring		-	-	-	-	250
Loan - Member, short term		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>
		<b>9,744</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>9,744</b>	<b>22,842</b>

## Chew and Yeo Baptist Network - Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

### 1. Accounting Policies

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	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>2. Other Causes income</b>					
Caring In Bristol			751	751	418
Sisters of the Church			95	95	80
Earthquake Appeal			400	400	-
Other			-	-	737
	-	-	1,246	1,246	1,235
<b>3. Other income</b>					
Grants (Warm Spaces)			250	250	3,500
Return on Solar Electricity	1,182			1,182	1,089
Reimb B.Sutton Costs	820			820	-
B Sutton Crowd Funding			613	613	
Port Eynon Weekend	2,180		-	2,180	1,890
Other	36			36	815
	4,218	-	863	5,081	7,294
<b>4. Cost of Ministry</b>					
Minister's Expenses	880			880	332
Minister's Stipend	27,470			27,470	28,797
Regular Activities. Home grps etc	-			-	87
Ministry Resources & Training	65			65	1,793
Ministerial & Preacher Fees	2,625			2,625	240
	31,040	-	-	31,040	31,249
<b>5. Cost of Mission</b>					
Pre-school and Youth Work	627			627	1,155
Activities & Outreach	1,685		-	1,685	3,046
Giving To Baptist Causes	3,360			3,360	3,360
	5,672		-	5,672	7,561
<b>6. Church Life &amp; Administration</b>					
Administration & IT	1,998			1,998	1,925
Health & Safety	170			170	312
Subscriptions & Copyright	1,061			1,061	861
Consumables	277			277	427
Equipment	512			512	546
	4,018			4,018	4,070

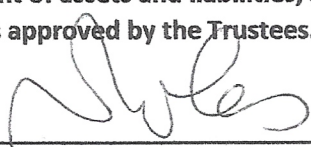
**Chew and Yeo Baptist Network - Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>7. Premises Costs</b>					
Churchyard and external	662			662	520
Repairs & Maintenance	15,206		3,566	18,772	2,073
Utilities	8,476		250	8,726	7,518
Cleaning Costs	3,098			3,098	3,407
Insurance & Survey	5,784			5,784	5,259
	33,226		3,816	37,042	18,777
<b>8. Other Causes &amp; disbursements</b>					
Caring In Bristol	125		751	876	663
Syria Earthquake Appeal	100		400	500	
Sisters of the Church	24		95	119	106
Life To Romania				-	213
Other	55		290	345	750
	304	-	1,536	1,840	1,732

**Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with statutory regulations relating to charities. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities, set out on previous pages, relating to the year ended 31st December 2023 are as approved by the Trustees.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  Date: 28/1/24

Position: Chair



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Chew and Yeo Baptist Network

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/12/2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1184270

**Set out on pages**

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*(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets.)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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**Signed:**

[Signature box]

**Date:**

[Date box]

**Name:**

Andrew Martyn-Johns

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

BSc, F.C.A

**Address:**

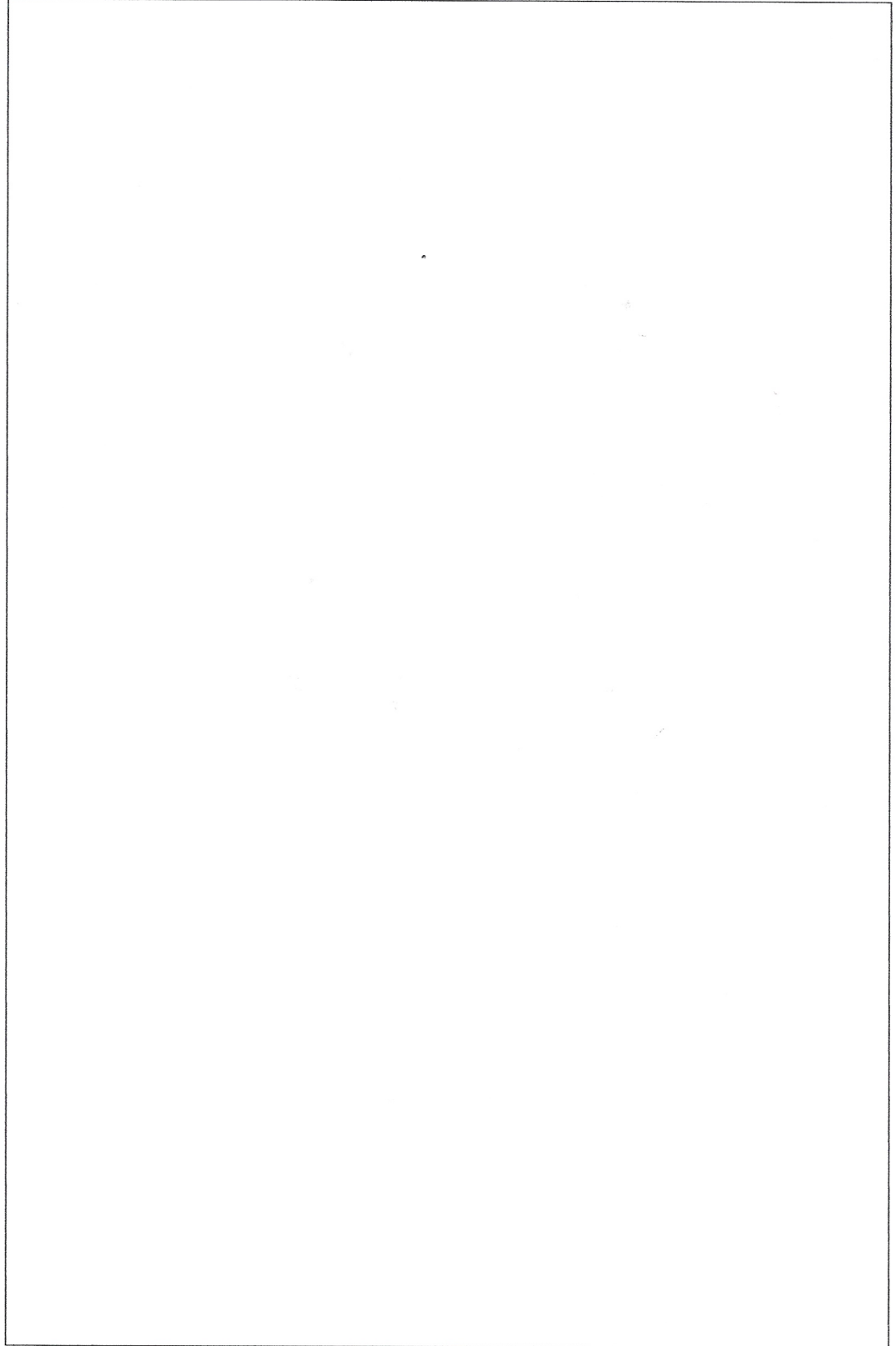
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*Disciples of Jesus sharing God's transforming love*

## Annual Report 2022/23

The past year has been a time to rebuild following the disruption of the pandemic and to prayerfully discern the shape of what we believe God is leading us into. This is not an easy or quick process as we ask some searching questions about the future of the CYBN Network.

The impact of the pandemic is still not fully known, but it is clear that in terms of human resources and finances, some difficult decisions will need to be made. Loss of income from rental of our buildings during the pandemic and a reduction in general giving led to us having to reduce the hours worked by our pastor. Whilst there has been some improvement in the finances over the past 12 months, John remains on reduced hours.



We are really blessed to have Margaret Blakey as our Associate Pastor. Margaret is gaining valuable experience as a "Newly Accredited" Baptist Minister.

### Sundays

Winford evening services weekly at 6.15pm and a number of CYBN members take turns in leading worship with a "sprinkling" of external speakers as well as times of "Open fellowship" when everyone brings something to share.



At Chew Magna our Sunday morning gatherings continue with a number of families joining us regularly for worship. We are continuing

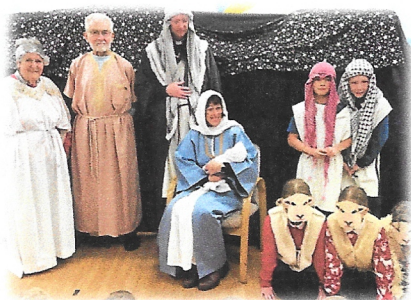
to experiment with "all-age" worship with activities related to the service theme for children.

We were delighted to dedicate baby Samantha who was brought by Flip and Phil Harris in October.

Sadly, plans to resume monthly breakfast meetings in Blagdon have not materialised.

## Schools

Open the Book continues to be a regular feature at Winford, Chew Magna and Dundry Primary Schools.



At Christmas we gave a gift of the Bible Society booklet to over 1000 primary school children across the Chew and Yeo Valleys. As in previous years we also gave "It's Your Move books" for Year 6 leavers as they move up to their Secondary schools. We provided books to approximately 200 children across 10 primary schools in our area.

At Chew Magna we have once again welcomed Year 7 students from Chew Valley School who visit local churches as part of their annual enrichment week.

## Renew Wellbeing in the Chew and Yeo Baptist Network

Our original group continues to meet at the Link in Bishop Sutton where we have developed a small community of regulars who join us most weeks. We enjoy good conversation, play games, and one or two like to work through a puzzle book.



We have been able to develop a pastoral relationship with a couple of our regulars outside of the Renew space and have built some links with our Sunday congregation at Chew Magna for one of our regulars. There are others who pop in occasionally but we would love to see a few more become regular and so are developing partnerships with the local village agent to support this.

We were also able to host Valley Arts who led a printing workshop which was very well received. There is a prayer space available to all, where there is led prayer in the

middle of our session, with is offered as an option to those who would like to participate. We are encouraged that most of our regulars are happy to join us. We have had encouraging feedback from our regulars, who assure us that this is a valuable ministry that is having an impact.



At the beginning of 2023 we opened a second Renew space, open once a month, at the Baptist Chapel in Winford. This already has a regular group of attenders including some who are not part of the regular Sunday congregation in Winford.

### Supporting others

Over the past year we have continued to support various causes and people. At Christmas and Harvest we were able to send donations of clothes, food and money to the Sisters of the Church in St Pauls, Bristol in support of their work with the homeless.

### Partnerships

One of our core values is partnering with others both within and beyond the church. One way we do this is by allowing others in our communities to use our buildings. We have established valuable partnerships with the village Pre-school and the Chew Valley Community Library in Bishop Sutton.



Chew Magna, our premises are being now being used by local community choirs, an art group, exercise classes, a monthly 'Memory' café and 2 new youth drama groups.

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Food Vouchers			-	-	75
Blagdon Xmas windows			646	646	114
Webox			21	21	-
	-	-	1,234	1,234	1,274
<b>3. Other income</b>					
Grants (Cinnamon, Council)	-		3,500	3,500	2,000
Return on Solar Electricity	1,089			1,089	1,021
Reimb B.Sutton Costs	-			-	504
School Teaching	760			760	10
Port Eynon Weekend	1,890			1,890	-
Other	55			55	-
	3,794	-	3,500	7,294	3,535
<b>4. Cost of Ministry</b>					
Minister's Expenses	332			332	256
Minister's Stipend	28,797			28,797	35,902
Regular Activities. Home grps etc	87			87	33
Ministry Resources & Training	1,793			1,793	132
Ministerial & Preacher Fees	240			240	-
	31,249	-	-	31,249	36,323
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Pre-school and Youth Work	1,155			1,155	824
Activities & Outreach	2,159		887	3,046	681
Giving To Baptist Causes	3,360			3,360	3,299
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<b>6. Church Life &amp; Administration</b>					
Administration & IT	1,925			1,925	1,876
Health & Safety	312			312	658
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Equipment	546			546	1,066
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Repairs & Maintenance	2,073			2,073	1,679
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Signed: JRS Date: 26/2/23

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**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Charity Name Chew and Yeo Baptist Network		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31/12/2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1184270
<b>Set out on pages</b>	1-3		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** 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").

**Independent examiner's statement** 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b)(b) of the Act.

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

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Signed: R.A. Martyn-Johns Date: 8 November 2023

Name: R.A. MARTYN-JOHNS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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

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	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>2. Other Causes income</b>					
Caring In Bristol			418	418	140
Sisters of the Church			80	80	115
Life To Romania			70	70	830
Food Vouchers			-	-	75
Blagdon Xmas windows			646	646	114
Webox			21	21	-
	-	-	1,234	1,234	1,274
<b>3. Other income</b>					
Grants (Cinnamon, Council)	-		3,500	3,500	2,000
Return on Solar Electricity	1,089			1,089	1,021
Reimb B.Sutton Costs	-			-	504
School Teaching	760			760	10
Port Eynon Weekend	1,890			1,890	-
Other	55			55	
	3,794	-	3,500	7,294	3,535
<b>4. Cost of Ministry</b>					
Minister's Expenses	332			332	256
Minister's Stipend	28,797			28,797	35,902
Regular Activities. Home grps etc	87			87	33
Ministry Resources & Training	1,793			1,793	132
Ministerial & Preacher Fees	240			240	-
	31,249	-	-	31,249	36,323
<b>5. Cost of Mission</b>					
Pre-school and Youth Work	1,155			1,155	824
Activities & Outreach	2,159		887	3,046	681
Giving To Baptist Causes	3,360			3,360	3,299
	6,674		887	7,561	4,804
<b>6. Church Life &amp; Administration</b>					
Administration & IT	1,925			1,925	1,876
Health & Safety	312			312	658
Subscriptions & Copyright	861			861	897
Consumables	427			427	129
Equipment	546			546	1,066
	4,070			4,070	4,626





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Chew and Yeo Baptist Network

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2022

Charity no (if any)

1184270

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### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

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AMJ

Signed:

31/10/23

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**CHEW AND YEO BAPTIST NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1184270

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# Accounts

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**Chew & Yeo Valley**  
Baptist Network

*Disciples of Jesus sharing God's transforming love*



## Annual Report 2020/21

As we approach our Annual Church meeting in September it's good to reflect upon the past year during which our normal activities as a church have had to be suspended. Our buildings have been closed and physical meetings have been cancelled and so we have had to urgently re-think what we do and how we do it.

As we reflect upon what has happened, it's become clear that church is not about buildings or activities (what we do) but is much more about who we are and our relationships with each other and with those around us.

The enforced stopping of activities has given us time to reflect upon our individual discipleship, the celebration of simple things that we had perhaps taken for granted and the value being in community where we offer support to each other.

The pandemic has also given us time to evaluate what we do as a network. During this season, the leadership team have taken some time to think and

pray about our mission and values as a network. These are the "benchmarks" against which we can then measure what we think we should do.



We have agreed that our mission statement should be: **Disciples of Jesus sharing God's transforming love.** This is a concise, memorable statement that reminds us primarily of who we are (&

whose we are!) and then how we seek to live.

Our core values are the qualities or characteristics that shape the way we live and serve together in the church. The values we will seek to embed in all we do are:

**Integrity:** As disciples of Jesus we seek to live out what we believe and reflect his values and character. We will offer an unconditional welcome, sharing our blessings and having a servant heart. We will demonstrate our love for God by loving others, seeking to work together with people of peace, working for justice for all.

**Accountability:** Joined together as one body by the Holy spirit we will seek to bear his fruit in our life together, submitting to one another, walking together and watching over one another.

**Co-operation:** As a network we agree to partner with one another recognizing we are stronger together and that together we can do more. We will support one another in practical ways and uphold each in prayer.

**Respect** We will treat everyone with respect irrespective of their race, belief, ability, sexual orientation, gender or age. We will show respect for God's world acknowledging our responsibility to care, conserve, recycle and reduce waste.

## Sunday Services

During the pandemic weekly virtual gatherings took place on Sundays both in Chew Magna and Blagdon. These meetings enabled us to maintain contact, share news and needs and encourage one another. We were able to take advantage of the rich resources made available 'on-line' for use in our 'services'. We also recorded a weekly sermon which was posted on our You Tube Channel which people could access at their convenience. We are very grateful to Crawford Telfer (right) for his time and expertise in recording and editing this weekly resource. We have been greatly encouraged to hear from people from beyond our local church family who have been blessed by listening to our on-line sermons.



At Blagdon, the weekly on-line gathering attracted a diverse group of people, some with church background and others without. It rapidly became a valuable support network during the lockdown in which new relationships were forged and lasting friendships developed. As the lockdown has eased, the group has stopped meeting weekly, but intend to revert to monthly in-person breakfast gatherings from the Autumn. Many thanks to Clare and Guy for their commitment to this.

The fellowship at Winford stopped their Sunday meetings during the pandemic but the members kept in regular contact with one another, providing support and prayer as needed. Many thanks to Alan for distributing the weekly sermon and newsletters.

## Schools

The pandemic put a sudden stop to our regular activities in the schools in our area. However, we have been able to support our local primary schools by filming a number of “Open the Book” Stories which have been used by staff for their class based collective worship.



During the times when schools have been closed, these were also sent home to families. Once more we are indebted to Crawford Telfer who graciously offered his time and film-making skills to

produce these short films. We should also give a special shout out to our resident storyteller, John Bishop whose skills we are very fortunate to benefit from. We estimate that the Open the Book stories have been seen by well over 500 children across the Chew and Yeovil Valleys. John M also provided on-line philosophy lessons for use in a number of our primary schools during the lockdown.

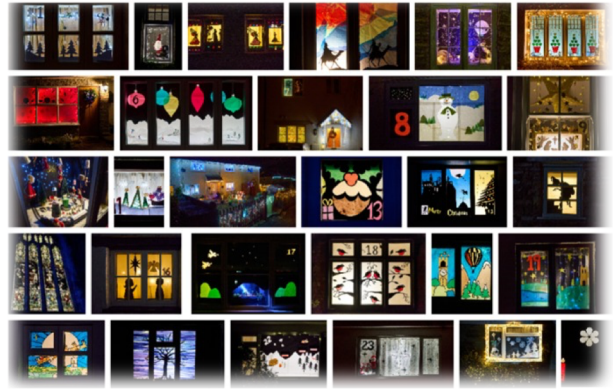
As restrictions have eased, John has restarted in person teaching at Winford and Cameley Primary schools. Hopefully this will expand and we can restart leading in-person collective worship from this September. We have continued to provide “It’s Your Move books” as a gift for Year 6 leavers as they move up to their Secondary schools. This year we gave books to 150 children across 9 primary schools in our area.

## Advent Window Trails, Christingles, & Easter Bags

The pandemic has disrupted many areas of our lives together. Not being able to meet has caused us to explore ways in which we can keep in touch with families



who attended our monthly “Big Get2Gethers”. At Christmas we organised some Covid-safe, socially distanced Christingle events which were well attended and much appreciated by the families who attended.



At Blagdon, Clare and Guy organised an Advent Window Trail around the village which raised over £2000 for local causes including “Home for Good”. The windows at Chew Magna chapel were also decorated for Christmas.

At Easter we prepared Easter activity bags for families with whom we have a connection through Big Get2gethers, Sparklers, Winford Friday Club and Breakfast at Blagdon. We made and distributed over 50 bags to 30+ families. Each bag contained a simple Easter garden to plant, some craft activities, Easter quizzes and an Easter egg hunt. Oh...and of course some chocolate eggs! We also decorated the windows at Chew Magna with scenes from the Easter story.



### Supporting others

Over the past year we have continued to support various causes and people. At Christmas and Harvest we were able to send donations of clothes, food and money to the Sisters of the Church in St Pauls, Bristol in support of their work with the homeless. We have helped support Pastor Gavril in his work amongst the Roma Community in Romania through the Life 2 Romania Charity. The pandemic meant that we were not able to send Christmas shoe-boxes to Albania as usual. Instead we encouraged people to give financially to support the local churches in Tirana as they made their own Christmas gift bags for poor families in their local communities.



## New Opportunities

In previous annual reports we have been reporting on the somewhat protracted process of our plans to purchase the old Methodist Church in Bishop Sutton, which closed in 2015. Eventually the purchase was completed in March 2021. “The Link” at Bishop Sutton is now the newest addition to the CYBN Network of churches!

Our initial priorities are to ensure that the building is sound, safe for all users, and where possible, ecologically efficient. The funds that have been made available to us for the purchase of the building also allow for some necessary refurbishment work which includes providing a new boiler, replacement of unsafe lighting and heating, upgrading of fire safety to include emergency lighting and an alarm system.

As well as undertaking necessary work on the building we plan to establish a weekly Renew Wellbeing Café at the Link on a Wednesday from 11-1pm. We have a team of volunteers in place to begin this in the Autumn.



## Partnerships

One of our core values is partnering with others both within and beyond the church. One way we do this is by allowing others in our communities to use our buildings. We have established valuable partnerships with the village Pre-



school and the Chew Valley Community Library in Bishop Sutton. The village toddler group in Blagdon will be meeting in the chapel in the village from September. In Chew Magna, our premises are being used by the local community for choirs,

pilates exercise classes and a monthly ‘Memory’ café. The Chew Magna Society has recently begun a cooking group for older people making good use of our kitchen facilities (above).

## Welcome!

It's been great to welcome Margaret and Colin Blakey, who have joined us this year. Margaret joins us as our Associate Pastor, having just completed her ministerial training at Bristol Baptist College. Margaret is working for us part-time (2-3 days per week) with a particular focus on establishing Renew Café spaces, initially at Bishop Sutton but also potentially



at other locations in the Chew and Yeovil Valleys. Margaret also works one day a week as Regional Co-ordinator for Renew: Wellbeing, the Charity that was formed to establish these 'safe spaces where it's OK not to be OK' across the UK.

It's also been a delight to welcome Lissette Pilcher into the church family. Congratulations to Emma, Mike, Caleb and Isaac on the safe arrival of your baby sister.

## Thank you

Our thanks go to all those who ensure that 'church happens'. In particular we need to pay tribute to **Cordula**, our administrator/treasurer and **Carol** our bookkeeper. Their efforts go on behind the scenes, largely unnoticed and without fuss. It's good to record here that both Cordula and Carol generously give their time and energy to keep us both legal and financially stable as a charity. The roles that both Carol and Cordula play have expanded significantly as a result of us becoming a network of churches. Please remember them in your prayers as they both are facing challenges in their family lives.



Thanks also to our **Leadership Team** for their willingness to take on the responsibility of leadership and being trustees.

Thank you to the **WEBnet** Team of Regional Ministers and support staff here in the West of England, for their practical pastoral, Spiritual and administrative support, prayer and wisdom.

And a thank you to **YOU**, members of the church family, who give their money, time and energy to support the work of God through CYBN.

## Looking Ahead...

The future (as ever, but particularly so in this time of a global pandemic) is full of uncertainty and challenge. We face a particular challenge as a church in terms of our financial situation. For a number of years our expenditure has exceeded our income, and we've been able to meet the shortfall from reserves. Now, due to a number of reasons, those reserves have been used up and we will have to consider making changes. We will need wisdom and Godly discernment as a church over the coming months.

However, we look ahead with hope, because we know the one who holds the future safely in His hands, and we believe that God's plans for us are good. We have seen God moving amongst us and in those with whom we have been building relationships and we believe that God will show us his will if we remain close to him and trust him, even when things look dark or uncertain.

We believe that one key lesson from the past year and a half, is that God desires our heart, not our activity and programmes and busy schedules.

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## Motto Verse 2021

### Isaiah 58:11-12

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land  
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.  
Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations;  
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.



Photo: Daniel O'Malley

**Chew and Yeo  
Baptist Network**

Statement of Financial Activities for  
Year Ended

31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total CYBN Funds 2020	CYBN Funds 2019
<b>Receipts and Payments account</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Regular Giving		35,637			35,637	27,646
Gifts & Donations	2	3,041		920	3,961	14,209
Gift Aid tax refunds		5,140			5,140	6,241
Bank Interest		4			4	58
Property Income		4,642			4,642	9,756
Other Causes Income	3			2,494	2,494	2,673
Other Income	4	12,425			12,425	14,199
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>60,889</b>		<b>3,414</b>	<b>64,303</b>	<b>74,780</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Ministry	5	36,961		115	37,076	38,305
Mission	6	3,247		135	3,382	4,887
Church Life & Administration	7	2,912			2,912	4,826
Premises	8	15,510		550	16,060	32,157
Other Causes Payments	9	776		2,538	3,314	3,881
Other- Legal Services & Fees		4,077			4,077	8,344
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>63,484</b>		<b>3,338</b>	<b>66,822</b>	<b>92,400</b>
<b>Net Receipts (Payments)</b>		<b>£ (2,595)</b>		<b>£ 76</b>	<b>£ (2,518)</b>	<b>£ (17,620)</b>
<b>Opening Balances</b>		<b>19,650</b>		<b>£ 73</b>	<b>19,723</b>	<b>37,343</b>
<b>Closing Balances</b>		<b>£ 17,055</b>		<b>£ 149</b>	<b>£ 17,205</b>	<b>19,723</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
CAF Cash Bank account		7,938		1,599	9,538	6,345
CMBC Nat West		93			93	833
Winford Nat West						9,008
Blagdon Current + Reserve						1,533
CAF Gold Savings account		9,024			9,024	4,003
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>17,055</b>		<b>1,599</b>	<b>18,655</b>	<b>21,723</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Loan - Totterdown BC - Flooring				1,450	1,450	2,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>				<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>2,000</b>
		<b>17,055</b>		<b>£ 149</b>	<b>17,205</b>	<b>19,723</b>

## Chew and Yeo Baptist Network - Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

### 1. Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on a 'Receipts and Payments' basis and accord with S.133 Charities Act 2011.

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total CYBN 2020	Chew Magna 2019
<b>2. Gifts &amp; Donations</b>					
Donations	3,041		920	3,961	14,209
	<u>3,041</u>		<u>920</u>	<u>3,961</u>	<u>14,209</u>
<b>3. Other Causes income</b>					
Caring At Bristol					741
Sisters of the Church			875	875	136
Life To Romania			1,070	1,070	1,684
Webox			549	549	113
			<u>2,494</u>	<u>2,494</u>	<u>2,673</u>
<b>4. Other income</b>					
Return on Solar Electricity	1,105			1,105	1,034
WEBA Grant	5,004			5,004	5,004
Reimb B.Sutton Costs	6,245			6,245	
Open House (Breakfasts)	70			70	7,500
BBYT Grant				-	251
Other (Pews, School work)				-	410
	<u>12,425</u>			<u>12,425</u>	<u>14,199</u>
<b>5. Cost of Ministry</b>					
Manse Expenses	2,628			2,628	2,571
Minister's Expenses	269		115	384	1,107
Minister's Stipend	33,238			33,238	32,485
Regular Activities. Home grps etc	189			189	200
Ministry Resources & Training					1,281
Ministerial & Preacher Fees	637			637	661
	<u>36,961</u>		<u>115</u>	<u>37,076</u>	<u>38,305</u>
<b>6. Mission</b>					
Pre-school and Youth Work	435		135	570	443
Activities & Outreach	737			737	1,106
Baptist Causes Giving	2,074			2,074	3,338
	<u>3,247</u>		<u>135</u>	<u>3,382</u>	<u>4,887</u>
<b>7. Church Life &amp; Administration</b>					
Administration & IT	1,758			1,758	2,509
Health & Safety	244			244	284
Subscriptions & Copyright	727			727	711
Consumables	65			65	253
Equipment	119			119	1,069
	<u>2,912</u>			<u>2,912</u>	<u>4,826</u>

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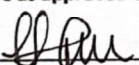
	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total CYBN 2020	Chew Magna 2019
<b>8. Premises</b>					
Churchyard and external	1,255			<b>1,255</b>	2,204
Repairs & Maintenance	5,738		550	<b>6,288</b>	19,030
Utilities	4,121			<b>4,121</b>	4,634
Cleaning Costs	1,278			<b>1,278</b>	2,735
Insurance & Survey	<b>3,118</b>			<b>3,118</b>	3,554
	<u>15,510</u>		550	<b>16,060</b>	<u>32,157</u>
<b>9. Other Causes &amp; disbursements</b>					
Life To Romania	215		1,120	<b>1,335</b>	2,503
Caring At Bristol				<b>240</b>	926
4H	240			<b>240</b>	240
Webox			440	<b>440</b>	150
Sisters of the Church	175		795	<b>970</b>	63
Other	<b>146</b>		183	<b>329</b>	-
	<u>776</u>		2,538	<b>3,314</b>	<u>3,881</u>

2019 saw the joining of three churches, Winford Baptist, Blagdon Baptist and Chew Magna Baptist Churches. These accounts reflect the joint accounts of the group from 1st January 2020. The 2019 comparison figures are for the combined churches also. In July 2019 the group was recognised as Chew and Yeo Baptist Network (CYBN).


**Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with statutory regulations relating to charities. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities, set out on previous pages, relating to the year ended 31st December 2020 are as approved by the deacons.

Signed:  Date: 24/10/2021

Position: TREASURER / TRUSTEE

Signed:  Date: 24/10/2021

Position: MINISTER / TRUSTEE



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

Charity Name  
Chew and Yeo Baptist Network

**On accounts for the year ended**

31/12/2020	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1184270
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**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional**

**qualification(s) or  
body (if any):**

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**Address:**


**Section B**

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