



Chew & Yeo Valley
Baptist Network



Disciples of Jesus sharing God's transforming love

Annual Report 2021/22

This year has seen us slowly emerge from the restrictions placed upon meeting because of the Covid pandemic. Unlike their sudden arrival, the lifting of restrictions has been gradual and so has the return to any kind of 'normality'.

The past year has been a time to take stock and prayerfully discern what changes we believe God is leading us into. Certain activities that we did previously have not restarted yet, and may indeed not do so.

We held our Annual Meeting in June this year and spent time together identifying our priorities for the coming months. The headlines from that time together included:

- The need to take time to Re-establish lost relationships and build deeper relationships through regular events such as church family meals, homegroups etc.
- Working more closely together within network and with the wider Christian community.
- Determine the needs in local community? (especially carers/older people)
Partnering with others who are serving in our community

The leadership team will be focusing on how we might develop these ideas over the coming months.

Sundays

We restarted our weekly Sunday meetings in Chew Magna and Winford last year, initially with precautions such as mask wearing and maintaining social distancing, not having refreshments after the service etc. As levels of vaccinations increased and Covid cases have fallen we have gradually relaxed those restrictions, although we remain vigilant and respectful of those who remain nervous about meeting.



Winford evening services weekly at 6.15pm and a number of CYBN members take turns in leading worship.

At Chew Magna there has been a significant change in the format of our Sunday gatherings. For some time before the pandemic struck we had been struggling with providing separate groups for our children and young people.



As we restarted meeting in person, we realised that we would not be able to offer these groups with the current number of volunteers and so we decided that we would remain 'all together' for the duration of our worship time. This has meant making some adjustments to our time together to make what we do accessible for young and old. This is still a 'work in progress' as we experiment with new songs, interactive prayer activities etc.

We are so pleased that we are now seeing a number of new families coming most weeks and there is truly something special about being together, learning together and worshipping together as the whole church

family.

We are still recording our sermons and they can be found on the CYBN You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoRq9ssUxFS0BSL6g20aRw>

It's also been a delight to welcome Lissette Pilcher into the church family. We had a wonderful celebration as Mike and Emma brought Lissette for her dedication in February 2022. Look out for more of the same in the coming year!



At Blagdon, we hope to restart monthly in-person breakfast gatherings from the Autumn.

Schools

As restrictions eased John has resumed teaching at Winford, Chew Stoke and Cameley Primary schools.

We have also restarted leading collective worship in our primary schools including Open the Book which is now a regular feature at Winford, Chew Magna and Dundry.



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 are providing books to approximately 200 children across 10 primary schools in our area.

It's also been good to resume visits from Chew Valley School year 7 students who visit local churches as part of their annual enrichment week. After a break due to Covid, Chew Magna Primary School came

to celebrate Harvest in the chapel at Chew Magna in September. Great to welcome the children and staff back!

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 continued to support our friend Andrew Saxton and Pastor Gavril in their work amongst the Gypsy Community in Romania through the Life 2 Romania Charity.

New Opportunities

Over the past year we have begun some urgent refurbishment works at Bishop Sutton including upgrading lighting and replacement of the old gas boiler. These works will be continuing as we seek to make the building more energy efficient and user friendly. We have been successful in obtaining grants for some of these works including the provision of roof insulation.

We are delighted to have started our **Renew Wellbeing Café** at Bishop Sutton on a Wednesday from 11-1pm. We have a regular team of volunteers and are building relationships with the lovely group of folks who attend.



We are really blessed to have Margaret Blakey as our Associate Pastor. Margaret is exploring the possibility of opening other Renew Wellbeing Cafés in our area.

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 began meeting in our chapel in the village last September. In Chew Magna, our premises are being now being used again by local community choirs, an art group,

exercise classes, a monthly 'Memory' café and 2 new youth drama groups.



joint Messy Church. The first Messy Church was held on Good Friday and we plan to hold further joint events at Harvest, Halloween and Christmas.

Coming up.....

We are planning another weekend away in September (23rd-25th) at Port Eynon on the Gower Peninsular in South Wales. There are still some spaces available. So far 24 of us have booked to go. Speak to John or Cordula if you would like to come. Should be a great weekend!



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. Please remember them in your prayers.



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 time and energy to support our work to share God's transforming love with our community.

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Motto Verse 2022

Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep in perfect peace

those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in you.

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

**Chew and Yeo
Baptist Network**

**Statement of Financial Activities for
Year Ended**

31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total CYBN Funds 2022	CYBN Funds 2021
Receipts and Payments account						
Receipts						
Donations		43,096	-	340	43,436	37,055
Gift Aid tax refunds		15,641	-	-	15,641	1,659
Bank Interest		40	-	-	40	1
Property Income		15,456	-	-	15,456	8,465
Other Causes Income	2	-	-	1,234	1,234	1,274
Other Income	3	3,794	-	3,500	7,294	3,535
Total Receipts		78,027		5,074	83,101	51,989
Payments						
Ministry	4	31,249	-	-	31,249	36,323
Mission	5	6,674	-	887	7,561	4,804
Church Life & Administration	6	4,070	-	-	4,070	4,626
Premises	7	18,777	-	-	18,777	13,321
Other Causes Payments	8	498	-	1,234	1,732	1,989
Other- Bid Agency Fee		5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Total Payments		66,269		2,121	68,390	61,063
Net Receipts (Payments)		11,758		2,953	14,711	£ (9,074)
Opening Balances		8,131			8,131	17,205
Closing Balances		19,889		2,953	22,842	8,131
Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
Assets						
CAF Cash Bank account		13,284	-	2,953	16,237	10,154
Nat West		314	-	-	314	53
CAF Gold Savings account		6,541	-	-	6,541	3,774
Total Assets		20,139		2,953	23,092	13,981
Liabilities						
Loan - Totterdown BC - Flooring		250	-	-	250	850
Loan - Member, short term		-	-	-	-	5,000
Total Liabilities		250			250	5,850
		19,889		2,953	22,842	8,131

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

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 2022	Total 2021
2. Other Causes income					
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
3. Other income					
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
4. Cost of Ministry					
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
5. Cost of Mission					
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
6. Church Life & Administration					
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

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	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2022	Total 2021
7. Premises Costs					
Churchyard and external	520			520	1,191
Repairs & Maintenance	2,073			2,073	1,679
Utilities	7,518			7,518	5,225
Cleaning Costs	3,407			3,407	2,094
Insurance & Survey	5,259			5,259	3,132
	18,777		-	18,777	13,321
8. Other Causes & disbursements					
Caring In Bristol	246		417	663	462
Life To Romania	143		70	213	1,008
Sisters of the Church	26		80	106	251
Other (4H, Webox, Food vchers)	29		21	50	268
Homes For Good	27		323	350	-
Blagdon Preschool	27		323	350	-
	498	-	1,234	1,732	1,989

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 2022 are as approved by the Trustees.

Signed: JR Date: 26/2/23

Position: MINISTER

Signed: CD Date: 26/2/2023

Position: TREASURER



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

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 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").

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.

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:

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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Section B**Disclosure**

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.

none