

**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>-</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>42,270</b>	<b>81,112</b>
<b>Net Receipts (Payments)</b>		<b>13,199</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,199</b>	<b>£ (13,097)</b>
<b>Opening Balances</b>		<b>9,745</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,745</b>	<b>22,842</b>
<b>Closing Balances</b>		<b>22,944</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,944</b>	<b>9,744</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
		-			-	-
		-			-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>22,944</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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

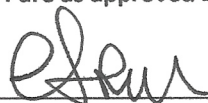
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	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>7. Premises Costs</b>					
Churchyard and external	1,617			1,617	662
Repairs & Maintenance	10,488			10,488	18,772
Utilities	8,291			8,291	8,726
Cleaning Costs	3,531			3,531	3,098
Insurance & Survey	5,951			5,951	5,784
	29,878		-	29,878	37,042
<b>8. Other Causes &amp; disbursements</b>					
Caring In Bristol	201		303	504	876
Syria Earthquake Appeal			-	-	500
Sisters of the Church	175		185	360	119
Life To Romania			-	-	-
Childrens Society	74		80	154	345
	450	-	568	1,018	1,840

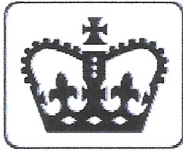
### Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

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 2024 are as approved by the Trustees.

Signed:  Date: 29/6/25

Position: TREASURER/ 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

31/12/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1184270

Set out on pages

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*(Remember to include the page numbers of a charity's accounts)*

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:

Date:

31/10/25

Name:

Andrew Martyn-Johns

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

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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)