

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024  
for  
Farnworth Baptist Church

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Chartered Accountants  
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Farnworth Baptist Church

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

As stated in our constitution the principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

The church also aims to support the local community through the alleviation of poverty and the promotion of social justice, the provision of education and the provision of community facilities.

The church continues to work towards its 2030 vision.

We have set the following strategic objectives which we believe will prepare and enable the growth we want to see.

- To grow the church to 1,500 by 2030.
- To serve the community by impacted lives of 15,000 by 2030.
- To nurture our people through learning and discipleship with a target of 75% engaging in activity beyond Sunday.
- To develop our sustainability through building our reserves, maintaining external accreditation and investing in our people.

Trustees review our progress quarterly and our impact is reflected in our impact report.

### **Public benefit**

The board of trustees is satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and in planning the activities the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Achievement and performance**

#### **Charitable activities**

The activities, achievements and performance of the church for the year ended 30 September 2024, as well as the plans for the year ahead, are set out in the enclosed impact report.

## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Financial review**

#### **Principal funding sources**

The Church raises most of the general funds it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. The Church is also heavily dependent on its membership and congregation working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities. Given the current economic conditions and the demographic of the local area we are encouraged by the generosity of our membership and congregation. We have continued to promote regular giving by standing order to our church members.

The church is dependent on grant income to support much of its work in the community. Income has been boosted by the following:

#### For Jeremiah Education Centre (Acorn)

- Sir James and Lady Scott Trust	£3,000
- The Lyons Trust	£2,000
- Medicash	£5,000
- The Archer Trust	£2,500
- The Provincial Walsh Trust for Bolton	£750

#### For Jeremiah Advice and Guidance

- Trussell Trust	£50,250
- Bolton CVS	£6,947
- Peoples Health Trust	£20,050
- CMA	£680
- Acts435	£600

#### For General Funds

- Stewardship	£1,000
- Department of Culture Media and Sport	£25,831

#### For Cafe/Warm Space

- Bolton Council	£2,440
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#### For Eden

- Message Trust	£4,175
- Bolton Council	£2,021
- Mr Willats Charity	£8,000

#### For Foodbank

- Bolton Together	£65
- Making a Difference Locally	£240
- Trussell Trust	£81,912
- Forever Manchester	£2,045
- Department of Culture Media and Sport	£19,516
- Bolton CVS	£15,000

#### For Jeremiah

- Department of Culture Media and Sport	£8,000
- Awards for All	£17,756
- Bolton Council	£750

#### For Ministry

- North Western Baptist Association	£3,384
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#### For Wellbeing

- Bolton CVS	£15,000
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In addition, the church has developed projects in order to generate income which offset some of the costs of the provision.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Income Generated</u>
The Well Coffee Shop	£52,139
Acorn AP	£5,388
Renewable Energy (Solar PV)	£2,102
Room Hire and Conferences	£4,105



## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Financial review**

#### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. The trustees aim to hold reserves in the General Fund, as a minimum, equivalent to three month's regular expenditure (excluding projects), i.e. £24,000. Reserves of this level are sufficient to enable the Church to function effectively for the coming year.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted on 3 September 2019 and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined by the Charities Act 2011. It is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and occupies premises which are held in trust by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected by the church under the terms of the Constitution. Charity Trustees (except for those in ministerial office) are appointed for an initial three-year term with the opportunity to be nominated for reappointment at the end of each three-year term. John Middlebrough and Christopher Cox were re-elected as trustees at the AGM on 4 May 2022. Oladimeji Ojerinola was also elected to serve as a trustee at the same meeting. Elizabeth Lawrence was elected as a trustee at the members' meeting of 26 April 2023.

From May 2018, John Bradbury, Helen Bradbury, and Gail Scholes are trustees with ministerial office and are trustees as long as they hold office with the charity.

### **Organisational structure**

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with trustees appointed by a meeting of members. Each trustee is provided with copies of the constitution, accounts, and minutes, and made aware of the legal responsibilities they are accepting on appointment.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The trustees receive a Charity Commission trustee guidance booklet and attend a trustee training course at an early opportunity.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to manage risks that have been identified.

### **Payments to trustees**

The following payments were made to Trustees:

Rev John Bradbury - Stipend, housing costs, pension contributions and expenses totalling £44,820.

Rev Helen Bradbury - Stipend, pension contributions and expenses totalling £9,251.

Rev Gail Scholes - Stipend, pension contributions and expenses totalling £12,625.

The church has established a remuneration committee to oversee all stipend and salary matters. Trustees declare an interest whenever financial matters are discussed and absent themselves from the meeting when their own remuneration is discussed.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

CE018709 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

1185143

Farnworth Baptist Church

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

**Principal address**

The Well  
Trafford Street  
Farnworth  
Bolton  
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**Trustees**

Rev J Bradbury MA  
Rev H G Bradbury  
C T Cox  
J Middlebrough (resigned 31.7.24)  
Rev G Scholes  
Dr O Ojerinola  
E Lawrence

**Independent Examiner**

Daniel Sam Limited  
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**Bankers**

Virgin Money  
17-21 Oxford Street  
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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees on  
1 May 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:



John Bradbury (May 2, 2025 16:55 GMT+1)

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Rev J Bradbury MA - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Farnworth Baptist Church

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Farnworth Baptist Church ('the CIO')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30 September 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the CIO 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 your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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Date: 12/05/2025 .....

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	30.9.24 Total funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £
	Notes				
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	165,071	292,203	457,274	255,652
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Jeremiah Education Centre		-	5,388	5,388	14,877
Other trading activities	3	52,139	-	52,139	40,059
Investment income	4	6,480	-	6,480	10,502
Other income		220	-	220	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>223,910</u>	<u>297,591</u>	<u>521,501</u>	<u>321,090</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Ministry		64,827	70	64,897	68,150
Mission		83,351	264,367	347,718	255,601
Upkeep of church premises		17,854	16,688	34,542	15,696
Administration		1,650	4,500	6,150	7,704
Other		12,016	2,626	14,642	14,673
<b>Total</b>		<u>179,698</u>	<u>288,251</u>	<u>467,949</u>	<u>361,824</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		44,212	9,340	53,552	(40,734)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	16	<u>(21,508)</u>	<u>21,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		22,704	30,848	53,552	(40,734)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		257,772	31,324	289,096	329,830
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>280,476</u>	<u>62,172</u>	<u>342,648</u>	<u>289,096</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements


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Balance Sheet

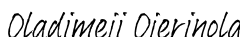
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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	30.9.24 Total funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	13	228,789	1,904	230,693	244,287
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	1,958	448	2,406	770
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>59,461</u>	<u>59,820</u>	<u>119,281</u>	<u>54,178</u>
		61,419	60,268	121,687	54,948
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(9,732)	-	(9,732)	(10,139)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>51,687</u>	<u>60,268</u>	<u>111,955</u>	<u>44,809</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>280,476</u>	<u>62,172</u>	<u>342,648</u>	<u>289,096</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>280,476</u>	<u>62,172</u>	<u>342,648</u>	<u>289,096</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	16				
Unrestricted funds				280,476	257,772
Restricted funds				<u>62,172</u>	<u>31,324</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>342,648</u>	<u>289,096</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
John Bradbury (May 2, 2025 16:55 GMT+1)  
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J Bradbury MA - Trustee

  
Christopher Cox (May 2, 2025 17:45 GMT+1)  
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C T Cox - Trustee

  
Oladimeji Ojerinola (May 3, 2025 13:17 GMT+1)  
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O Ojerinola - Trustee

  
Elizabeth Lawrence (May 12, 2025 21:39 GMT+1)  
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E Lawrence - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>65,878</u>	<u>(18,778)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>65,878</u>	<u>(18,778)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,048)	(1,580)
Interest received		<u>273</u>	<u>245</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(775)</u>	<u>(1,335)</u>
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<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		65,103	(20,113)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>54,178</u>	<u>74,291</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>119,281</u></u>	<u><u>54,178</u></u>

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	53,552	(40,734)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	14,642	14,673
Interest received	(273)	(245)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,636)	1,044
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(407)</u>	<u>6,484</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u><u>65,878</u></u>	<u><u>(18,778)</u></u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.10.23 £	Cash flow £	At 30.9.24 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>54,178</u>	<u>65,103</u>	<u>119,281</u>
	<u>54,178</u>	<u>65,103</u>	<u>119,281</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>54,178</u></u>	<u><u>65,103</u></u>	<u><u>119,281</u></u>

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the CIO, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.



Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Donations	101,728	22,844
Weekly offerings	64,658	52,156
Gift aid	12,576	12,132
Grants	<u>278,312</u>	<u>168,520</u>
	<u>457,274</u>	<u>255,652</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Coffee shop	<u>52,139</u>	<u>40,059</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Rents received	4,105	7,710
Feed in tariff	2,102	2,547
Deposit account interest	<u>273</u>	<u>245</u>
	<u>6,480</u>	<u>10,502</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	30.9.24	30.9.23
		£	£
Acorn education support	Jeremiah Education Centre	<u>5,388</u>	<u>14,877</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Ministry	58,759	6,138	-	64,897
Mission	345,407	2,311	-	347,718
Upkeep of church premises	34,542	-	-	34,542
Administration	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>6,150</u>
	<u>438,708</u>	<u>8,449</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>453,307</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**7. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Ministry	6,138	-
Mission	<u>2,311</u>	<u>9,671</u>
	<u>8,449</u>	<u>9,671</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Ground Level	1,050	1,100
Christians Against Poverty	720	720
Other donations	929	1,011
Message Trust	1,200	1,200
North Western Baptist Association	1,910	1,500
D&J Parker	2,640	2,640
Baptist Building Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>8,449</u>	<u>9,671</u>

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs
	£
Administration	<u>6,150</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Governance costs**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	Administration	Total activities
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,650	1,650
Legal fees	-	94
Accreditation fees	<u>4,500</u>	<u>5,960</u>
	<u>6,150</u>	<u>7,704</u>

**9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	14,642	14,673
Manse rent	7,200	7,200
Manse upkeep	<u>3,512</u>	<u>3,337</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	50,333	44,529
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>3,454</u>	<u>5,261</u>
	<u>53,787</u>	<u>49,790</u>

The above remuneration is in respect of Rev J Bradbury, Rev H Bradbury and Rev G Scholes in their roles as ministers and not in their roles as trustees.

**Trustees' expenses**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>2,197</u>	<u>2,211</u>

**11. STAFF COSTS**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	270,613	222,490
Social security costs	13,872	9,584
Other pension costs	<u>18,934</u>	<u>12,737</u>
	<u>303,419</u>	<u>244,811</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.9.24	30.9.23
Ministry	3	3
Outreach	10	9
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**12. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION**

The amount payable to the Independent Examiner for carrying out the final preparation and independent examination of these accounts is £1,650 (2023: £1,650).

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 October 2023	420,510	18,201	10,554	22,709	471,974
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,048</u>	<u>1,048</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>420,510</u>	<u>18,201</u>	<u>10,554</u>	<u>23,757</u>	<u>473,022</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 October 2023	190,471	17,645	7,740	11,831	227,687
Charge for year	<u>8,211</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>4,001</u>	<u>14,642</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>198,682</u>	<u>17,965</u>	<u>9,850</u>	<u>15,832</u>	<u>242,329</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30 September 2024	<u>221,828</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>7,925</u>	<u>230,693</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>230,039</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>2,814</u>	<u>10,878</u>	<u>244,287</u>

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £10,000 (2023 - £10,000) which is not depreciated.

The charity is the beneficial owner of the above land and buildings, however the legal title is held by the charity's custodian trustee (The Baptist Union Corporation Limited).

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
Other debtors	112	15
Prepayments	<u>2,294</u>	<u>755</u>
	<u>2,406</u>	<u>770</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
Trade creditors	2,011	4,176
Social security and other taxes	3,738	3,315
Other creditors	-	492
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,983</u>	<u>2,156</u>
	<u>9,732</u>	<u>10,139</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	257,772	44,212	(21,508)	280,476
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Advice and Guidance	14,148	(6,810)	-	7,338
Eden	-	(21,508)	21,508	-
Foodbank	9,672	31,441	-	41,113
Jeremiah	1,081	6,068	-	7,149
Wellbeing	<u>6,423</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,572</u>
	<u>31,324</u>	<u>9,340</u>	<u>21,508</u>	<u>62,172</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>289,096</u>	<u>53,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>342,648</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	223,910	(179,698)	44,212
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Advice and Guidance	83,796	(90,606)	(6,810)
Eden	14,475	(35,983)	(21,508)
Foodbank	139,129	(107,688)	31,441
Jeremiah	26,508	(20,440)	6,068
Wellbeing	15,001	(14,852)	149
Acorn	<u>18,682</u>	<u>(18,682)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>297,591</u>	<u>(288,251)</u>	<u>9,340</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>521,501</u>	<u>(467,949)</u>	<u>53,552</u>

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	263,127	(5,355)	-	257,772
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Advice and Guidance	26,382	(12,234)	-	14,148
Eden	8,780	(8,780)	-	-
Foodbank	16,901	(5,369)	(1,860)	9,672
Jeremiah	3,975	(4,754)	1,860	1,081
Wellbeing	10,665	(4,242)	-	6,423
	<u>66,703</u>	<u>(35,379)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,324</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>329,830</u>	<u>(40,734)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,096</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	145,039	(150,394)	(5,355)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Advice and Guidance	57,147	(69,381)	(12,234)
Eden	21,613	(30,393)	(8,780)
Foodbank	72,491	(77,860)	(5,369)
Jeremiah	14,650	(19,404)	(4,754)
Wellbeing	10,150	(14,392)	(4,242)
	<u>176,051</u>	<u>(211,430)</u>	<u>(35,379)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>321,090</u>	<u>(361,824)</u>	<u>(40,734)</u>

**Fund details**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Acorn (Jeremiah Education Centre)	Restricted	Funds to aid the work of the Jeremiah Education Centre.
Advice and Guidance	Restricted	Funds to aid the work of the Jeremiah Welfare Advice and Guidance service.
Eden	Restricted	Funds to support the community activities in the deprived areas of Farnworth.
Foodbank	Restricted	Funds to support Farnworth & Kearsley Foodbank.
Jeremiah	Restricted	Funds to support the work of Job Club and Employability Support.
Wellbeing	Restricted	Funds to support the Wellbeing projects.

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Rev J Bradbury (a trustee of the charity) received a stipend, housing costs, pension contributions and expenses totalling £44,820 (2023: £44,646) for his employment as minister and not in his role as a trustee.

Rev H Bradbury (a trustee of the charity) received gross wages, pension contributions and expenses totalling £9,251 (2023: £6,233) for her employment as associate minister and not in her role as a trustee.

Rev G Scholes (a trustee of the charity) received gross wages and pension contributions totalling £12,625 (2023: £11,659) for her employment as associate minister and not in her role as a trustee.

**18. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme is a separate legal entity and the assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

For any month, each participating employer in the Scheme pays contributions as set out in the Schedule of Contributions in force at that time.

The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable towards benefits and expenses accrued in that year, plus any impact of deficiency contributions.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit pension of one eightieth of Final Minimum Pensionable Income for each year of Pensionable Service, together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. Since January 2012, pension provision is being made through a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan.

In July 2022, the Pension Trustee secured an agreement to transfer the responsibility of the DB plan to an insurance company to secure the benefits payable to the beneficiaries. As such there are limited ongoing liabilities for this charity.

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.24 Total funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	55,182	46,546	101,728	22,844
Weekly offerings	64,658	-	64,658	52,156
Gift aid	12,576	-	12,576	12,132
Grants	<u>32,655</u>	<u>245,657</u>	<u>278,312</u>	<u>168,520</u>
	165,071	292,203	457,274	255,652
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Coffee shop	52,139	-	52,139	40,059
<b>Investment income</b>				
Rents received	4,105	-	4,105	7,710
Feed in tariff	2,102	-	2,102	2,547
Deposit account interest	<u>273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>245</u>
	6,480	-	6,480	10,502
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Acorn education support	-	5,388	5,388	14,877
<b>Other income</b>				
Sundry income	<u>220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	223,910	297,591	521,501	321,090
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Trustees' salaries	39,008	11,325	50,333	44,529
Trustees' pension contributions	2,774	680	3,454	5,261
Trustees' expenses	1,577	620	2,197	2,211
Wages	37,960	182,320	220,280	177,961
Social security	(384)	14,256	13,872	9,584
Pensions	4,424	11,056	15,480	7,476
Manse rent	7,200	-	7,200	7,200
Manse upkeep	3,512	-	3,512	3,337
Rates and water	1,956	-	1,956	1,921
Insurance	2,289	944	3,233	3,085
Light and heat	11,386	6,202	17,588	7,494
Telephone	797	1,369	2,166	1,940
Postage and stationery	1,734	4,031	5,765	4,390
Sundries	7	17	24	419
Training and consultancy	3,511	2,236	5,747	3,352
Coffee shop supplies	16,159	30	16,189	10,330
Carried forward	133,910	235,086	368,996	290,490

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Farnworth Baptist Church

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.24 Total funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Brought forward	133,910	235,086	368,996	290,490
Pastoral care	673	169	842	1,293
Children's work	540	-	540	466
Travel and subsistence	658	6,798	7,456	1,508
Worship	1,855	-	1,855	502
Repairs and maintenance	4,513	10,485	14,998	6,280
Raising funds	13,662	-	13,662	9,878
IT maintenance	238	4,967	5,205	4,357
Cleaning	1,239	249	1,488	1,547
Outreach resources	1,886	20,460	22,346	10,726
Motor vehicle costs	-	600	600	2,729
Merchant charges	720	-	720	-
Grants to institutions	<u>6,138</u>	<u>2,311</u>	<u>8,449</u>	<u>9,671</u>
	166,032	281,125	447,157	339,447
<b>Other</b>				
Freehold property	8,210	-	8,210	8,210
Fixtures and fittings	320	-	320	320
Motor vehicles	-	2,111	2,111	2,111
Computer equipment	<u>3,486</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>4,001</u>	<u>4,032</u>
	12,016	2,626	14,642	14,673
<b>Support costs</b>				
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Accountancy fees	1,650	-	1,650	1,650
Legal fees	-	-	-	94
Accreditation fees	<u>-</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>5,960</u>
	<u>1,650</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>7,704</u>
Total resources expended	<u>179,698</u>	<u>288,251</u>	<u>467,949</u>	<u>361,824</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>44,212</u>	<u>9,340</u>	<u>53,552</u>	<u>(40,734)</u>

# Impact Report 2023-2024







# Welcome to our Impact Report

**Our work is guided by our faith and values. While we are faith-based, we maintain an inclusive and unbiased approach offering a warm welcome to everyone.**

We believe that:

- Every person is valuable because they are created in the image of God. Each person is valuable and unique, with great potential and gifts. We are committed to each other's success.
- Our community can be strengthened by collaborating in partnership with others, fostering love and hope.
- Good enough is not enough; we strive for excellence in everything we do.

**“Farnworth Baptist Church plays an increasingly important role within the local community and this is acknowledged by partner agencies who recognise the rare combination of services that are people-centred, trusted, warm and welcoming but delivered with a calmness and professionalism that is the envy of many other organisations”**  
**Matrix Assessor**







We're so excited to share our second impact report, celebrating the incredible dedication of our team, staff, and volunteers over the past year. This report isn't just about numbers—it's about the journey we've taken together, rooted in unity, compassion, and the Christian values that guide everything we do.

It's been a year of both challenges and victories, but through it all, the commitment of our people has made The Well a place of hope and a force for good in our community. In these pages, you'll find stories of transformation, outreach, and connection—stories that highlight the impact of every act of kindness, every shared moment, and every step forward.

As you read, we hope you'll celebrate with us. Every volunteer's effort, every partnership, and every donation—big or small—has played a part in making a real difference.

At the same time, we know the road ahead won't be without challenges. The cost-of-living crisis, increasing demand for our services, and the need for sustainable funding are all very real concerns. But we remain hopeful. With God's guidance and the unwavering support of our community, we believe we can meet these challenges head-on and continue serving with love and resilience.

We're so grateful to every member, supporter, and friend who has been part of this journey. Together, we're planting seeds of hope, growth, and service that will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

May this report inspire you as much as this work inspires us—reminding us all of the power of community and the incredible impact we can achieve together.

With gratitude

John Bradbury

**Senior Minister  
& Team Leader**





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# 1. Farnworth & Kearsley Foodbank

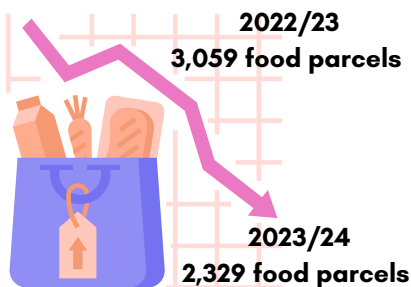
We are dedicated to addressing the underlying causes of food poverty and striving towards a future where everyone has access to essentials without experiencing the indignity of requiring food assistance. We are proud to be part of the Trussell network, which operates across the UK. Together, we share a bold five-year strategy with the ambitious vision of ending the need for foodbanks altogether.

In Autumn 2024 Trussell launched a rebrand, which you'll start seeing reflected in our materials. This includes a fresh new logo across our literature, graphics, and social media platforms.



## Supporting local people in crisis

We have continued to focus on addressing the root causes of food poverty by working closely with those needing emergency food and strengthening our relationships with referral agencies and other organisations such as Bolton Guild of Help through initiatives like our referral agency breakfast events.

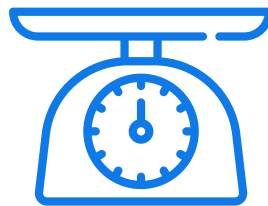


## Food donations

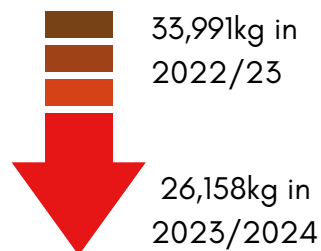


In February 2024 we started to intently working with our partner Give Today in an attempt to increase our donations.

**2170.41kg worth of food donations via Give Today**



However, overall food donations have dropped.



## Communication & Engagement Manager

Thanks to Pathfinder funding from the Trussell, we were able to achieve one of our key goals: employing Tracey, our Communications and Engagement Manager.

Tracey has been with us for 12 months now, and her impact has been remarkable. She has revitalised our social media platforms, launched e-News, our online quarterly newsletter, and strengthened relationships with local schools, which led to an increase in harvest assemblies.

“ I’ve been struggling and not known we could get help - I would recommend The Well to anyone who needs advice, support, love and guidance ”

## 2. Jeremiah Welfare Advice & Guidance

Too many people encounter significant challenges in accessing the support and benefits to which they are entitled. The process is often made difficult by lengthy, complex forms and limited online accessibility.

Many people with disabilities and health conditions also face intrusive questioning and institutional scepticism, leading to their claims being rejected. Our service assists individuals in navigating this process, from completing the initial application to representation at Appeals Tribunals

After recent changes to our staffing, we now have a strong team delivering welfare and benefits advice at The Well. Angela, Andy, and Vicky have worked together to develop a new structure that provides a more efficient and effective service for our clients. This includes one advisor always being available for foodbank clients during sessions.



Vicky has stepped into the role of Senior Advisor, and the team continues to build on their proven track record of helping people access the support they need to live well whilst often battling through with circumstances beyond their control.

“**Thank you for all your help and emotional support and advice you have given me. I didn't realise that there was help I could get and there is light at the end of a really dark tunnel**”

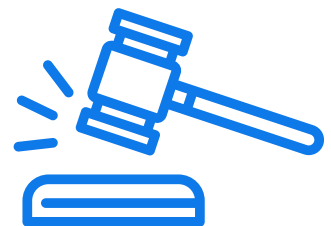


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**appointments  
fulfilled**



**£2.1 million  
income generated  
for clients**



**77.1% of  
appeals won**

### 3. Diane's Story



Diane Carton, a lifelong resident of Farnworth, faced a challenging period in her life due to past trauma that resulted in severe panic attacks, rendering her unable to work. This led to a significant dip in her self-esteem and left her feeling lost, as she had never been unemployed before.

Seeking help, Diane was directed to The Well, that offered her a peaceful and welcoming environment. There, she met Sandra and Dilly, who introduced her to Wellbeing Bingo, a tool that helped her track daily activities and progress. Diane found solace and support in the activities and groups at The Well, which included crafting, reading, and chatting with new friends.

Her involvement at The Well grew as she began volunteering with the Wellbeing Group and helping out at the food bank. This eventually led her to the Job Club, where she was invited to become a Job Coach. Through these experiences, Diane regained her confidence and found a new perspective on life, realising she could pursue her passions and contribute positively to her community.

Her journey has transformed her outlook, and she has since found a new career and is loving her new job. Diane encourages others who feel at their wits end, lacking in confidence and don't know who to trust to seek out help at The Well.

“ **It's just a completely change my outlook on life. I've got those grey clouds to go away and I just see a happy future, which is brilliant** ”



## 4. Job Club

**Looking for work can be soul destroying. Many companies don't reply unless you are offered an interview and few provide any form of feedback to unsuccessful applicants.**

**People often find it difficult to identify their skills and to write CVs and applications that stand out from the crowd**

Working in partnership with Christians Against Poverty, our CAP Job Club assists individuals in their job search journey. This includes support with CV building, interview skills, job searching, and skills development.

We ran three CAP Job Clubs and have developed some key partnerships with the Job Centre, Ingeus and National Careers service to help with our success.



## Employability Support

Our Employability Advisor, Sandra, has supported many individuals with job searches, helping write CVs and with job applications. With her help, we have seen people find employment in a variety of occupations including warehousing, retail, administration and banking.



**“ Job club is something that has positively impacted my life in several ways, one of the most important skills it gave me was the knowledge of how to succeed in interviews.**

**Job Club gave me a confidence in myself that I never had before, and the knowledge I learnt that day helped me land a fulltime job position and cannot be more thankful for Sandra as she had a direct hand to play in this.**

**”**

# 5. The Well Café

## More Than a Café

The Well Café is the beating heart of our building, offering a warm, cosy and friendly welcome. It operates as a social enterprise providing employment to local people, volunteering to help people gain skills for employment and any surplus income going to support our wider work.

We offer high-quality home-cooked food, home-made cakes and premium fair trade coffee at reasonable prices.

Over the past year, we've seen a significant increase in footfall, with many loyal customers returning and bringing along their friends and families.

Our efforts have paid off with a remarkable 37.9% increase in sales, growing from £37,192 in 2022/23 to £51,334 in 2023/24. This success reflects not only the dedication of our team but also the support of our customers.

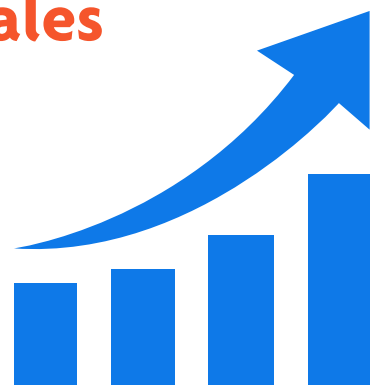
Volunteers play a vital role in the smooth running of The Well Café, helping us deliver the best possible customer service. This year, we were thrilled to see four of our volunteers gain the confidence and experience to move on to employment opportunities. Their success highlights the café's role as a space for both personal and professional growth.

Under the guidance of Café Supervisor Karen, the team consistently delivered delicious daily specials. We also celebrated diversity through special cuisine days, featuring dishes from Iranian, Italian, and Pakistani traditions, alongside a traditional British Christmas roast dinner in December.

“What a hidden gem this little cafe is. A warm welcome from the team and the most delicious food.”



The Well Café  
saw a 37.9%  
increase in  
sales



# 6. Wellbeing



At Farnworth Baptist Church, we genuinely care about every aspect of people's lives – mind, body, and spirit. Wellbeing is therefore at the heart of everything we do, and we have increased the different ways in which we support anyone coming to our building.



## Renew Well

Our Thursday afternoon Renew Well drop-in sessions continue to be a vital resource for the local community. These sessions provide a welcoming space for those who may feel lonely, isolated, or struggling with their mental health. Attendees can enjoy a brew, play board games, take part in craft activities, or simply have a chat.

Over the past year, we've had 161 individuals engage with and benefit from these sessions—a testament to the importance of providing a space where "it's ok not to be ok."



## 1-2-1 Wellbeing Support

Our Wellbeing Coordinator, Dilly, has successfully supported 102 individuals through dedicated one-to-one appointments. Helping them create personalised wellbeing plans and connecting them with additional support services.

## Peer Group Support

With funding from The People's Health Trust, we have continued our Peer Support Groups for people with long-term health issues or disabilities and their care givers. We now run two groups (for specific ages) each week where people meet up, share their stories and help each other.



## Monthly Wellbeing Events

Our monthly wellbeing events have seen an increase in attendees. We've tried to maintain a variety of themes and activities including; Picnic & Walk, Jigsaw Hour, Farnworth's Got Talent and our well loved Summer BBQ.



Every Wednesday lunchtime we host a local community walking group. We meet together at The Well and venture for a gentle walk before returning for a hot drink and chat. We have seen friendships formed and individuals boost their confidence and self esteem.

**“I was referred to the Wellbeing 1-2-1 session after losing my granddad, feeling alone and isolated. I gained hope and a sense of connection. I appreciated the support and felt I was in a safe place.”**





## 7. Liz's Story

Liz, a 46-year-old woman from Blackrod, has faced significant challenges due to multiple medical conditions, including gastroparesis, spinal issues, and diabetic neuropathy, which necessitate her use of a wheelchair and tube feeding. Despite these difficulties, Liz found hope and support through a peer support group focused on disability and health issues like PIP forms.

The group, which also offers welfare rights and benefits advice, has been instrumental in helping Liz with her PIP application, as her mobility has drastically declined from being a long-distance runner to needing a wheelchair for any distance beyond 20 meters.

The support group not only provides practical assistance but also emotional support, helping Liz combat feelings of isolation as she works from home. Additionally, discussions on employability at The Well have offered her valuable guidance. Through this community, Liz has made friends and received the emotional support she needed, greatly impacting her life positively.



“ **It's actually getting me out of the house. I work from home and I actually feel quite isolated because I wasn't really getting out. I've made friends as well with people, which has really helped.** ”

## 8. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

People who don't speak English well can often feel isolated and alone. Our ESOL classes are designed to help with spoken English using everyday situations to generate conversation. Participants make friends with others from a wide range of backgrounds that they would not normally interact with supporting community cohesion.

Our two weekly ESOL classes continue to be well attended, with 16–20 participants each session. Many have also benefited from additional support through our welfare and benefits advisors, employability advice and wellbeing sessions.

Participants come from a wide range of countries, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India, Romania, and Ukraine.

The classes cater to all levels, with teacher Carla encouraging advanced learners to assist those less confident, fostering conversational skills for all. The impact is clear—many attendees have moved on to employment, demonstrating the success of the program.



“ I came over to England from Ukraine. I started attending the classes with Carla and my English improved each week. I started Bolton College and volunteered in the cafe for a while but I have now found work. ”



# 9. Growing Church

As a Christian church, we hold the conviction that the blessings we receive should be shared with our community. By exhibiting genuine love for our neighbours and our town, we aspire to act as catalysts for societal transformation. All our activities are guided by our vision and values.



This year, we had the privilege of baptising six people, including two from Oroma Evangelical Church. This amazing celebration was attended by over 120 people.



We live stream our gatherings for those unable to attend due to health or work. Our online celebrations regularly attract 40 to 50 viewers.

We welcomed 86 first time guests to our celebrations in the year, an increase of 20%. The majority had found out about us via Google having moved into the area and were attracted by the activities on our website. The other significant area of growth was from those who have benefited from our weekday activities and had then visited on a Sunday.

Over the past year, we have observed a consistent month-on-month increase in attendance at our Sunday celebrations, with numbers rising from an average of 60 people per week to 76. Our church family proudly represents over 25 nations. Additionally, we are honoured to continue hosting the Oroma Evangelical Church on Sunday afternoons, thereby supporting the growing Ethiopian diaspora community.

In recognition of our diverse multicultural congregation, we organised an International Celebration Day, which was attended by over 125 individuals. The event featured a communal celebration followed by the sharing of various foods from around the world.



**Increase of 26% of people attending Sunday morning celebrations**



**Online services attract 40 to 50 people regular viewers.**



**6 Individuals were baptised**

# 10. Nurturing our People



INVESTORS  
IN PEOPLE

We believe that our people are our most valuable resource, and therefore we take the ongoing development and nurture of our people very seriously. Having been successfully reaccredited with Investors in People Silver in September 2023 we have continued to target improvements. This report demonstrates the ongoing development of our staff and volunteers and its impact.

Our vision is to equip everyone in our church community to make a real difference in whatever sphere of life they are part of. To this end our teaching programme on a Sunday aims to equip people for their Monday to Saturday, whether that be their workplace, place of education, or their neighbourhood.

Our target is that 75% of our adult congregation will also attend midweek small groups to develop their faith and build strong relationships within the body of the church. This year we have reorganised our small group programme increasing the number of groups from five to seven. We have continued to host one Zoom small group for those who do not want to go out in the evening, or who live a distance from the church.

This has seen an increase in attendance and stronger links with our midweek activities. 57 people have attended these groups in the year which represents 75% of our regular congregation and is an increase of 30% on the previous year.



## Midweek Small Groups



**Attendance at  
small groups has  
grown by 30%**



**75% of adult  
congregation engaging  
with small groups**

Our Toddler Church continues to help the development of children towards school readiness. The group includes songs, story and play. Numbers are lower than in previous years as more children take up free nursery provision.

Our Book Club continues to grow and develop. Our youth group is growing steadily.

Our Activate discipleship programme has continued with five people regularly attending.



## Youth Small Group



**9 people engaging**



# 11. Jeremiah Education Centre

Every child has a right to a good education. However, owing to childhood trauma or additional needs the most vulnerable children are often at risk of exclusion. Mainstream schools sometimes struggle to adapt the curriculum and teaching style to the individual need.

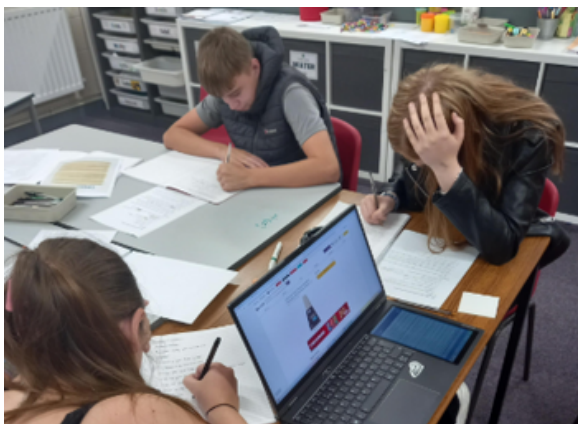
As part of Acorn Alternative Provision, the Jeremiah Education Centre continues to support young people aged 11-16 who face challenges in mainstream education. Our mission is to help each student build a secure identity and a positive future.

This year, we provided a range of enriching experiences:

- Smithills Hall Farm Trip
- Solar Panel Farm Visit
- Partner Church Visits
- Guest Speakers & Workshops

Our small, family-like setting, with high staff-to-student ratios and 1:1 mentoring, ensures personalised support. We collaborate with schools, parents, and stakeholders to set goals and track progress. Focusing on English, maths, and personal development, we offer Functional Skills qualifications to prepare students for vocational pathways.

We aim to close academic gaps, re-engage students in learning, and support smooth transitions into mainstream education or further training. Committed to fostering independence, social engagement, and emotional resilience, we continue to rebuild foundations and restore hope in a nurturing environment.



**11 students  
supported**



**Referrals from  
6 schools/other  
agencies**



# 12. Eden Farnworth



The poorest areas of towns and cities do not always benefit from periods of economic growth in their wider regions. In some important ways, they can remain disconnected from the prosperity experienced by residents of wealthier neighbourhoods. The area around Campbell Street and Flowers Estate is in the 10% of most deprived areas in England

We partner with The Message Trust to share the good news of Jesus with residents in and around the Flower Estate in Farnworth in practical ways as well as by our words. We get involved in a wide range of activities including litter picking, community events and building relationships all with an aim to help build a good sense of community and see the area transformed for the good.

**This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited**  
**Ezekiel 36:35**



Summer Holiday Activities

Over the summer, with generous funding from Farnworth North Councillors Grow the Good Work Fund, the Eden Team was able to organise a variety of engaging activities for the children in the community.

These included exciting sports sessions to keep everyone active, a memorable bowling trip, and plenty of fun-filled moments designed to create connections and lasting memories.



Ladies Pamper Nights

We hold pamper nights to help people feel valued, special, and cared for as a reflection of God's love for them.

We hosted 3 Ladies Pamper Nights reaching 75 individuals. Guests were treated to a range of treatments, including foot spa, hand massage, facials, and head/shoulder massage. A small range of mindfulness activities were also provided, offering guests the opportunity to relax and enjoy some social time, to work on their wellbeing.

## Other Community Activities

- Family games afternoons
- Liaising with Police & community leaders
- Meeting with local residents
- Community social events
- Gardening and litter picking



**“A lovely ladies evening. Very welcoming and relaxed. Lots of discussions and activities. Thank you for your kindness, care and hospitality.”**

## 13. Volunteers

Without our volunteers, we would only be able to support a fraction of people in the local community that we have helped. They work tirelessly giving their time, expertise and compassion to make a real difference.

We have volunteers in many different areas from our foodbank, Job Club, Toddler Church, administration, finance, trustees and Sunday meetings.



### Martyn's Story

Martyn has been a dedicated volunteer at The Well for 3 years. Every Tuesday, he serves at the foodbank front of house, engaging directly with clients. In addition, Martyn supports our Job Club, playing a key role in helping people return to employment.

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**I really enjoy the role and helping people improve their lives. All the people I work with are very helpful and supportive too - it is a really rewarding experience.**

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£199,176



social value

# 14. The Year Ahead

We are thrilled to share our achievements from the past year, including a further decrease in the number of food parcels distributed—an outcome we believe reflects the impact of our additional support services—along with significant successes in welfare and benefits that have positively affected our community and a continued boost in café sales. But we're always moving forward, finding new ways to support our community and pushing ahead with fundraising to keep our services sustainable and available within our community.

Things are not getting any easier for our local community. The cost of living crisis has not eased and government policy to reduce welfare spending adversely impacts upon the most needy in our community. There are few other service providers based in Farnworth and so the need for high quality support at the heart of the local community is as great as ever. To ensure we can sustain our provision for years to come these are some of the plans for the next year



“I’m grateful to be part of an incredible team that truly cares about our local community. We put our hearts and expertise into everything we do because it’s more than just work—it’s a shared commitment to making a difference. The future holds so much potential, and we’re eager to keep pushing forward and creating a lasting impact.”



Mark Whittington  
Social Action Manager

# 15. Support Us

We are deeply committed to creating lasting change within our community, and the support we receive directly impacts the lives of those we serve.

Through our targeted services and initiatives, we provide essential support, guidance, and opportunities that empower individuals to build brighter futures.

We cannot effect this change alone. We need others to partner with us to be the change that our community needs

Our work reaches far beyond charity; it fosters sustainable growth, strengthens local networks, and promotes inclusivity. By supporting us, you are not only contributing to immediate needs but also helping to create a ripple effect of positive change that extends throughout the community.

Together, we can continue to make a tangible difference, and we invite you to support these vital services in the heart of the community. Your investment—whether through funding, partnerships, or advocacy—helps fuel our success and brings us closer to achieving a stronger, more resilient community for all.



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“The Well is more than just a lifeline for residents in our community; it is a beacon of hope, offering the promise of a brighter future for all.”



# Thanks to all our supporters

As evidenced by our report, we have been very active throughout 2023-2024, supporting local people through various means. This would not have been possible without the generous contributions of individuals and organisations donating their finances and time. Whether it is a single donation or ongoing support through standing orders, we are incredibly grateful.

Additionally, we extend our appreciation to schools, businesses, churches, and other organisations that have supported us through donations of food or finances. Lastly, we express our deep gratitude to funding bodies whose contributions, whether large or small, have been vital to our work, amounting to thousands of pounds. These include the following:

