

PURBECK GATEWAY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1185776

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-10-14

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

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN WAREHAM AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUST(B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: The objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian faith and the relief of those in need. The focus of its activities is in the church in Wareham in Dorset, but it also sponsors missionary and relief activities overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£61,258	£56,417	-	-
2023-12-31	£61,594	£55,641	-	-
2022-12-31	£71,159	£58,109	-	-
2021-12-31	£44,586	£42,841	-	-
2020-12-31	£40,458	£17,390	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Shaun Murphy	Chair	2023-06-07
Joshua Vanson		2023-06-07
Patricia Hadgifotis		2023-06-07
Paul Shepherd		2025-10-24
Philip Andrew Luker		2019-11-11
Robert James Owens		2021-03-22

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Accounts

**Purbeck Gateway Church
Annual Report and Accounts 2024**

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Sandford
Wareham, BH20 7QD

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Constitution and structure

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The trustees of the charity are the Elders and Deacons of the church who are responsible for the direction and operation of the church. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees from the body of the church members. Their selection is then ratified by the church. As existing members, they do not undergo a further induction unless requested. The Trustees meet together with the Deacons on a formal basis every two months and informally when required.

Financial Review

Unrestricted income for 2024 was £38,244.30 (2023 was £27,658.88), with £23,014.08 of restricted income for the Lynn Crabb Wareham Foodbank (2023 was £33,935.95) and restricted income for the family hub being £0.00.

Costs were £35,941.87 for the church operation and £20,474.93 for the foodbank. This left the church with an operating surplus of £2,302.43 and the Foodbank having an operating surplus of

£2,539.15. No additional monies were paid into the family hub account but costs of £747.22 were accrued leaving an operating deficit of £747.22.

The main item of expenditure each year is the salary of the pastor, who is also a trustee of the charity. The operating expenditure includes utility and maintenance bills as well as cleaning costs. In addition, the church is responsible for the upkeep of the building that it uses. During the course of 2013, the ownership of the church building transferred from a separate trust at nil value, to the ownership of trustees of the old PGC charity (1137804). In 2021 ownership was transferred to the new charity (1185776) at a nil value, given that the asset was already fully depreciated and had been valued as nil under the previous charity.

The policy of the trustees with regard to reserves is to aim to keep at least £8,000 of reserves, which represents about three months of basic running costs. The purpose of keeping the reserve is to cover downturns in giving or to allow funds for urgent works on the building which we use. Unrestricted Church funds stood at £9,442.70 at the end of the year.

In 2024 the foodbank experienced a change of leadership, during this period of adjustment there was a decrease in foodbank income (£38,244.30 in 2023 and £20,474.93 in 2024).

Members of the congregation continue to be generous in their donations, on which the church is wholly dependent.

Public Benefit

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have complied with their duty to take due regard to this guidance in exercising their powers and duties.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Trust are to advance the Christian faith and to relieve sickness and financial hardship. The focus of its activities are mainly in Wareham in Dorset, but it also sponsors missionary and relief activities overseas.

The Church meets together to worship every Sunday morning. It also hosts a wide range of weekly activities, both for church members and for non-members including weekly home-groups where church members meet to pray, worship and study together and monthly prayer meetings. This year the Church has increased its focus on the local community by meeting weekly on the streets of Wareham to sing, pray and care for people in the town. This has seen many people in Wareham coming along to church meetings for prayer and spiritual guidance. We host a number of activities in addition to church meetings, these include, but are not exclusive to: the Foodbank; a parent and toddler group; and a group providing counselling for people with addictions. These activities help to achieve our vision to “love God, love one another and love the lost”.

Achievements and Performance

Church services are recorded and sermons are made available online through YouTube. Additionally, the Pastor records a short message twice daily, 'Reading the Red' and 'Proverbs with Paul'. These messages are sent out via WhatsApp.

Small groups continue to meet in varying formats through the year, with their activities focussed on prayer and bible study.

The church building is normally used each week by different agencies in a variety of community work and is available for use by the community for a donation, when needed.

In September 2011, a Food Bank was established in the church with members of the congregation and other local churches, donating food each week for distribution to people in need. The local Citizens' Advice Bureau forms an effective link to identify people who can use this service. The Church continues to host this valuable work. The foodbank no longer has a paid worker but has a strong team of volunteers, who provide additional support of prayer and counselling for those in need.

The church aims to give at least 10% of its income each year to support mission and relief work. In 2024, donations and gifts were made to the sum of £1,299.00.

Plans for Future Periods

The church continues to seek to bring the Good News of Jesus to the community in Wareham, through what we say and how we live. This forms the core part of all our future plans as we operate the life of the church.

It is hoped that the Mother and Toddler group will develop further enabling the 'Family Hub' vision to serve our community more effectively.

We will continue to review the structure of the Foodbank following the passing of Lynn Crabb in 2022. We will be looking at ways to develop the work further during the year, including growing our volunteer base and encouraging participation and socialisation among those who benefit from the Foodbank.

Purbeck Gateway Church**Accounts for the Year Ended 31/12/2024**

	<u>Main account</u>	<u>Foodbank account</u>	<u>Hub account</u>	
	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C</u>	Remarks
Receipts	£	£	£	
Tithes & Offerings	28,771.66	26,598.08		0
Gift Aid Tax Claims	5,164.64	0.00		0
Interest	8.83	0.00		0
Misc.	715.17	0.00		0
Bank Transfer	3,584.00	-3,584.00		0
Sub-total	38,244.30	23,014.08		0.00
Specified giving total	0.00	0.00		
Total	38,244.30	23,014.08		0.00
Payments				
Salaries & NI	24,681.54	1,989.00		0
Expenses	3,394.07	0.00		0
Repairs to Furniture & Equipment	2,120.37	0.00	747.22	
Cleaning	1,116.00	0.00		0
Gas & Electricity	1,511.32	0.00		0
Insurance	883.62	0.00		0
Gifts & Donations	1,299.00	0.00		0
Foodbank	935.95	18,485.93		0
Misc	0.00	0.00		0
Sub-total	35,941.87	20,474.93	747.22	
Total	35,941.87	20,474.93	747.22	
Surplus/Deficit	2,302.43	2,539.15	-747.22	
Cash Balances (from statements)				
Opening January 1st	7,140.27	28,468.32	3079.36	
Closing December 30th	9,442.70	31,007.47	2,332.14	
	2,302.43	2,539.15	-747.22	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

PURBECK GATEWAY CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1185776

Set out on pages

(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 31st DECEMBER 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

P. GONTER

Date:

6/8/25

Name:

PETER GONTER

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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Financial Review

Unrestricted income for 2023 was £27,658.88 (2022 was £31,161.44), with £33,935.95 of restricted income for the Wareham Foodbank (2022 was £24,474.86). In 2022 an appeal by the church created a new restricted fund for 'the family hub' of £15,552.

Costs were £34,826.57 for the church operation and £20,814.63 for the foodbank. This left the church with an operating deficit of £7,167.69, with the Foodbank having an operating surplus of £13,121.32. From the Family hub donations £6,119.91 was spent, mainly on refurbishment of the garden leaving an operating surplus of £3,079.36.

The main item of expenditure each year is the salary of the pastor, who is also a trustee of the charity. The operating expenditure includes utility and maintenance bills as well as cleaning costs. In addition, the church is responsible for the upkeep of the building that it uses. During the course of 2013, the ownership of the church building transferred from a separate trust at nil value to the ownership of trustees of the old PGC charity (1137804). In 2021 ownership was transferred to the new charity (1185776) at a nil value given that the asset was already fully depreciated and had been valued as nil under the previous charity.

The policy of the trustees with regard to reserves is to aim to keep at least £8,000 of reserves, which represents about three months of basic running costs. The purpose of keeping the reserve is to cover downturns in giving or to allow funds for urgent works on the building which we use. Unrestricted Church funds stood at £7,140.27 at the end of the year.

Members of the congregation continue to be generous in their donations, on which the church is wholly dependent.

Public Benefit

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have complied with their duty to take due regard to this guidance in exercising their powers and duties.

Objectives and Activities

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Church services are recorded and sermons are made available online through YouTube.

Small groups continued to meet in varying formats through the year, with their activities focussed on prayer and bible study.

While the church building is normally used each week by different agencies in a variety of community work.

In September 2011, a Food Bank was established in the church with members of the congregation and other local churches donating food each week for distribution to people in need. The local Citizens' Advice Bureau forms an effective link to identify people who can use this service. The Church continues to host this valuable work. Support for the Foodbank also grew during the year, with donations made to the Foodbank being in a separate bank account from the main church account to make the administration of restricted funds more straightforward. A paid worker was appointed in February 2023 to facilitate the large amount of work needed to provide a smooth running of the foodbank.

The church aims to give at least 10% of its income each year to support mission and relief work. In 2023, donations and gifts were made to the sum of £1,557.

Plans for Future Periods

The church continues to seek to bring the Good News of Jesus to the community in Wareham, through what we say and how we live. This forms the core part of all our future plans as we operate the life of the church.

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Purbeck Gateway Church

Accounts for the Year Ended 31/12/2023

	Main account A/C no 72009365	Foodbank account A/C no 72115440	Hub account A/C no 72012846	Remarks
Receipts	£	£	£	
Tithes & Offerings	18,931.56	33,935.95		
Gift Aid Tax Claims	3,707.88	0.00		
Interest	55.02	0.00		
Misc.	779.00	0.00		
Invoices for space	1,950.70	0.00		
Bank Transfer	2,034.72	0.00		
Sub-total	27,458.88	33,935.95	0.00	
Specified giving total	200.00	0.00		
Total	27,658.88	33,935.95	0.00	
Payments				
Salaries & NI	24,852.27	224.05		
Expenses	2,884.40	65.67		
Furniture & Equipment	103.80	0.00	4608.44	
Repairs to Furniture & Equipment	1,406.17	0.00	1511.47	
Cleaning	733.50	0.00		
Gas & Electricity	1,905.15	0.00		
Insurance	820.50	0.00		
Gifts & Donations	1,557.00	0.00		
Foodbank	60.00	20,524.91		
Advertising	171.78	0.00		
Speakers	100.00	0.00		
Misc	232.00	0.00		
Sub-total	34,826.57	20,814.63	6,119.91	
Total	34,826.57	20,814.63	6,119.91	
Surplus/Deficit	-7,167.69	13,121.32	-6,119.91	
Cash Balances (from statements)				
Opening January 1st	14,307.96	15,347.00	9199.27	
Closing December 30th	7,140.27	28,468.32	3,079.36	
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Signed:

T. Gmh

Date:

28/10/24

Name:

PETER CONSTABLE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Trustees:

Paul Sheppard

Richard Smith

Phil Luker

James Larsen – Resigned 7th June 2023

Lynn Crabb – Died December 2022

Ian Fry – Resigned 7th June 2023

Robert Owen

Joshua Vanson – Appointed 7th June 2023

Shaun Murphy – Appointed 7th June 2023

Patricia Hadgifotis – Appointed 7th June 2023

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Financial Review

On the transfer of operation from the old charity to the new charity, all bank accounts, bills and staff were transferred in July 2020.

Unrestricted income for 2022 was £31,161.44 (2021 was £25,682), with an additional £24,474.86 of restricted income for the Wareham Foodbank (2021 was £18,903). In addition the church did an appeal to its members for money to refurbish the church to make it suitable for a wider range of family activities. This appeal raised £15,522 which forms the basis of a new restricted fund. The vast majority of the church's income is from donations from members.

Costs were £30,936.89 for the church operation and £20,037.97 for the foodbank. This left the church with small operating surplus of £224.55 with the Foodbank having an operating surplus of £4,436.89. £7,134.00 was spent on new equipment and refurbishment from the Family Hub donations.

The main item of expenditure each year is the salary of the pastor, who is also a trustee of the charity. The operating expenditure includes utility and maintenance bills as well as cleaning costs. In addition, the church is responsible for the upkeep of the building that it uses. During the course of 2013, the ownership of the church building transferred from a separate trust at nil value to the ownership of trustees of the old PGC charity (1137804). In 2021 ownership was transferred to the new charity (1185776) at a nil value given that the asset was already fully depreciated and had been valued as nil under the previous charity.

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Public Benefit

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We host a number of activities including the Foodbank, a parent and toddler group, a singing and drama club and two groups who work on counselling people with addictions. These activities together form our efforts to achieve our vision to “love God, love one another and love the lost”.

Achievements and Performance

With the pandemic now seemingly behind us, church services were uninterrupted during the year, but we continue to make all sermons available online through YouTube.

Small groups continued to meet in varying formats through the year, with their activities focussed on prayer and bible study.

While the church building is normally used each week by different agencies in a variety of community work. A new addition in 2022 was a new parent and toddler group which aims to fill the gap created during the pandemic when many such groups ceased to work.

In September 2011, a Food Bank was established in the church with members of the congregation and other local churches donating food each week for distribution to people who need it. The local Citizens' Advice Bureau forms an effective link to identify people who can use this service. Demand for the Food Bank grew considerably in the first part of the pandemic and between 30 and 50 families benefit from it each week. The Church continues to host this valuable work. Support for the Foodbank also grew during the year, with donations made to the Foodbank being in a separate bank account from the main church account to make the administration of restricted funds more straightforward. The driving force behind this work had been Lynn Crabb who gave her time selflessly to meeting the needs of people in the area. Tragically Lynn died suddenly just before Christmas. Work has continued led by a newly employed team member with a group of active volunteers.

The church aims to give at least 10% of its income each year to support mission and relief work. In 2022, donations were made in support of Serenity, Compassion and an independent evangelist.

Plans for Future Periods

The church continues to seek to bring the Good News of Jesus to the community in Wareham, through what we say and how we live. This forms the core part of all our future plans as we operate the life of the church.

The work for the Family Hub will necessitate continued work on the church building and facilities in order to be able to serve our community more effectively.

We will continue to review the structure of the Foodbank following the passing of Lynn Crabb in 2022. A part time member of staff will enable this work to continue and we will look at ways to develop the work further during the year, including growing our volunteer

base and encouraging participation and socialisation among those who benefit from the Foodbank.

Receipts	TOTAL	Jan-Dec 2022		
		Unrestricted	Restricted (Family Hub)	Restricted (Foodbank)
		£		
Tithes & Offerings	60,481.95	23,278.80	13,695.00	23508.15
Gift Aid Tax Claims	6,775.08	3,980.87	1,827.50	966.71
Interest	1.77	1.77		
Misc.	0.00	0.00		
Invoices for space	2,550.00	2,550.00		
Foodbank Rent	1,350.00	1,350.00		
Sub-total	71,158.80	31,161.44	15,522.50	24,474.86
Total	71,158.80	31,161.44	15,522.50	24,474.86

Payments

Salaries & NI - Pastor	23,155.62	23,155.62		
Expenses - Pastor	3,006.75	3,006.75		
Youth work	0.00	0.00		
Furniture & Equipment	7,134.00		7,134.00	
Repairs to Furniture & Equipment	255.72	255.72		
Cleaning	192.00	192.00		
Gas & Electricity	1,681.60	1,681.60		
Insurance	768.60	768.60		
Printing, Stationery & Ministry Supplies	0.00	0.00		
Subscriptions & Fees	371.00	371.00		
Catering Supplies	0.00	0.00		
Gifts & Donations	1,272.00	1,272.00		
Legal	0.00	0.00		
Foodbank	20,037.97	0.00		20037.97
Advertising	93.60	93.60		
Speakers	140.00	140.00		
Misc	0.00	0.00		
Sub-total	58,108.86	58,108.86	7,134.00	20,037.97
Total	58,108.86	30,936.89	7,134.00	20,037.97
Surplus/Deficit	13,049.94	224.55	8,388.50	4,436.89

Cash Balances (from statements)

Opening January 1st	✓	14,083.41	810.77	10910.11
Closing December 30th	✓	14,307.96	9,199.27	15347.00
		13,049.94	8,388.50	4,436.89



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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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 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:

24/09/2023

Name:

Steven Paul Dolan

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

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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 required

PURBECK GATEWAY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1185776

Accounts

**Purbeck Gateway Church
Annual Report and Accounts 2021**

Charity Name: Purbeck Gateway Church

Charity Registration Number: 1185776

Principle Office:

15 Maple Close
Sandford
Wareham

Trustees:

Paul Sheppard
Richard Smith
Phil Luker
James Larsen
Lynn Crabb
Ian Fry
Robert Owen

Constitution and structure

Purbeck Gateway Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 14th October 2019. It was formed as a result of a decision by trustees of an earlier charity, also called Purbeck Gateway Church (reg 1137804) to change their status from an unincorporated charity to an incorporated one. The transition of activities from the original charity to the current one was made on 1st July 2020. The old charity was wound up on 25th August 2021, with all assets already transferred by that point.

The trustees of the charity are the Elders and Deacons of the church who are responsible for the direction and operation of the church. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees from the body of the church members. Their selection is then ratified by the church. As existing members, they do not undergo a further induction unless requested. The Trustees meet together with the Deacons on a formal basis every two months and informally when required.

Financial Review

On the transfer of operation from the old charity to the new charity, all bank accounts, bills and staff were transferred in July 2020.

Unrestricted income for 2021 was £25, 682 (2020 was £24356.61), with an additional £18,903 of restricted income for the Wareham Foodbank (2020 was £16101.68) Of this The vast majority of the church's income is from donations from members.

Costs were £26003 for the church operation and £16836 for the foodbank. This left the church with small operating deficit of £321.24. with the Foodbank having an operating surplus of £2966,58. The accounts show a bank transfer from the Foodbank to the Church account for a payment of £718.02 which was made in error from the church main account but was to fund Foodbank Activity.

The main item of expenditure each year is the salary of the pastor, who is also a trustee of the charity. The operating expenditure includes utility and maintenance bills as well as cleaning costs. In addition, the church is responsible for the upkeep of the building that it uses. During the course of 2013, the ownership of the church building transferred from a separate trust at nil value to the ownership of trustees of the old PGC charity (1137804). In 2021 ownership was transferred to the new charity (1185776) at a nil value given that the asset was already fully depreciated and had been valued as nil under the previous charity.

The policy of the trustees with regard to reserves is to aim to keep at least £8,000 of reserves, which represents about three months of basic running costs. The purpose of keeping the reserve is to cover downturns in giving or to allow funds for urgent works on the building which we use. Church funds stood at £14083.41 at the end of the year.

The financial position of the church was not significantly affected by the course of the pandemic, with members of the congregation continuing to be generous in their donations, on which the church is wholly dependent.

Public Benefit

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have complied with their duty to take due regard to this guidance in exercising their powers and duties.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian faith and to relieve sickness and financial hardship. The focus of its activities is in Wareham in Dorset, but it also sponsors missionary and relief activities overseas.

The Church meets together to worship every Sunday morning. It also hosts a wide range of weekly activities, both for church members and for non-members. These activities include weekly home-groups where church members meet to pray, worship and study together.

In a normal year, we host a weekly lunch club for elderly residents of Wareham, a singing and drama club and two groups who work on counselling people with addictions. These activities together form our efforts to achieve our vision to “love God, love one another and love the lost”.

Achievements and Performance

As for many organisations, 2021 saw further disruption in the life of the church. During periods of lockdown services were delivered online, using a mixture of live and recorded content. The church did not cancel any services.. During periods where in-person worship was possible, the church operated a hybrid service which remained available to members who were unable to attend in person.

Small groups continued to meet in varying formats through the year, depending on the regulatory environment at the time. The church continued to operate activities in new ways to bring the body together in times of separation. These included a weekly prayer chain and an active Whatsapp group which enabled members to keep in touch and support one another in challenging year.

While the church building is normally used each week by different agencies in a variety of community work, these activities were suspended for the first part of 2021, but restarted later in the year.

In September 2011, a Food Bank was established in the church with members of the congregation and other local churches donating food each week for distribution to people who need it. The local Citizens' Advice Bureau forms an effective link to identify people who can use this service. Demand for the Food Bank grew considerably in the first part of the pandemic and this continued to grow throughout 2021. The Church continues to host this valuable work. Support for the Foodbank also grew during the year, with donations made to the Foodbank being in a separate bank account from the main church account to make the administration of restricted funds more straightforward.

The church aims to give at least 10% of its income each year to support mission and relief work. In 2021, donations were made in support of Serenity, Compassion and an independent evangelist.

Achievements and Performance

The church continues to seek to bring the Good News of Jesus to the community in Wareham, through what we say and how we live.

For the future, the Church plans to restart its community activities which had been suspended during the pandemic. While many former members of the lunchclub have passed away, a need has been identified to fill a space vacated by the closure of many of the local parent and toddler groups in the area. The Church plans to start a group to fill this need in the autumn Of 2022.

PURBECK GATEWAY CHURCH**Accounts for the Year Ended 31.12.21**

Charity number 1185776

	Main Account Unrestricted	Foodbank Restricted
	A/C No 72009365	A/C No 72115440
Bank Account Opening Balance as at 1.1.21	£13,506.63	£9,561.55
Receipts	1.1.21-31.12.21	1.1.21-31.12.21
	£	£
Offer-Gift Aid	£14,690.00	£18,903.43
Offer-Non Gift Aid	£9,972.40	
Gift Aid Tax Claims	£0.00	
Interest	£0.12	
Misc.	£0.00	
Invoices for space	£1,200.00	
Bank Transfer	£0.00	
Sub-total	£25,862.52	£18,903.43
Bank Transfer	£718.02	-£718.02
Payments		
Salaries & NI - Pastor	£19,453.76	
Food Bank purchases	£718.02	
Expenses - Pastor	£2,481.90	
Youth work	£0.00	
Furniture & Equipment	£0.00	
Repairs to Furniture & Equipment	£0.00	
Cleaning	£48.00	
Gas & Electricity	£954.83	
Insurance	£740.00	
Printing, Stationery & Ministry Supplies	£0.00	
Subscriptions & Fees	£343.25	
Catering Supplies	£0.00	
Gifts & Donations	£1,214.00	
Transfers	£0.00	
Legal	£0.00	
Foodbank	£0.00	£16,836.85
Advertising	£0.00	
Speakers	£50.00	
Misc	£0.00	
Sub-total	£26,003.76	£16,836.85
Closing Bank Balance as at 31.12.21	£14,083.41	£10,910.11

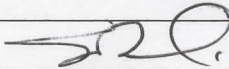


CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Purbeck Gateway Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2021	Charity no (if any)	1185776
Set out on pages	1-2 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.		
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:	10.9.22
Name:	Mr Steven Paul Dolan		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	M.A.A.T.		
Address:	21 Gore Hill Sandford, Wareham, Dorset BH20 7AL		

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No significant matters of concern were found during my examination of the records for the Purbeck Gateway Church for the financial year ended 31.12.21.

Signed: 		Date: 10.9.22	
Name: Mr Steven Paul Dolan			
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): M.A.T.			
Address: 21 Gore Hill			
Gosport, Worsley, Dorset			
BH20 7AL			

PURBECK GATEWAY CHURCH

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Financial Review

On the transfer of operation from the old charity to the new charity, all bank accounts, bills and staff were transferred in July 2020. Hence, income in 2021 included a transfer of all existing balances from the old charity, which totalled £9584.54 in the church's main (unrestricted) account and £6532.55 in the Foodbank account (Restricted). Including the bank account transfers income for the year was £24356.61, with an additional £16101.68 for the foodbank. Of this £14,722 of the church income had been generated by normal annual gifts, with £9,569 being donated to the foodbank in year.

Costs were £10,849 for the church operation and £6540 for the foodbank. This left the church with an operating surplus for the year of £3,873 and the Foodbank with an operating surplus of £3,029. It should be noted that these figures only reflect six months of actual operation, with the church normally running a small deficit during the first quarter of the year.

The main item of expenditure each year is the salary of the pastor. The operating expenditure includes utility and maintenance bills as well as cleaning costs. In addition, the church is responsible for the upkeep of the building that it uses. During the course of 2013, the ownership of the church building transferred from a separate trust at nil value to the ownership of trustees of the old PGC charity (1137804). In 2021 ownership was transferred to the new charity (1185776) at a nil value given that the asset was already fully depreciated and had been valued as nil under the previous charity.

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Achievements and Performance

As for many organisations, 2020 saw considerable disruption in the life of the church. During periods of lockdown services were delivered online, using a mixture of live and recorded content. The church did not cancel any services and attendance in person and online grew from previous levels to 40-50 people per week. During periods where in-person worship was possible, the church operated a hybrid service which remained available to members who were unable to attend in person.

Small groups continued to meet in varying formats through the year, depending on the regulatory environment at the time. The church also introduced a number of new activities to bring the body together in times of separation. These included a weekly prayer chain and an active Whatsapp group which enabled members to keep in touch and support one another in challenging year.

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Achievements and Performance

The church continues to seek to bring the Good News of Jesus to the community in Wareham, through what we say and how we live. As the church has been through a period of growth we are examining opportunities to move to larger premises to accommodate extra members and provide a more effective service to our community.

The most important post year event was the continuing global coronavirus pandemic. The operations of the church continue to be delivered in a hybrid manner, following an appropriate risk assessment, to a mixed onsite and online offer. Giving from members continued at a good level throughout and the viability of the organisation is not at risk as a result.



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

PURBECK GATEWAY CHURCH.

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2020

Charity no
(if any)

1185776

Set out on pages

1-2

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

17/10/21

Name:

STEVEN PAUL DOLAN.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Member of The Association of Accounting Technicians.

(if any):

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SANDFORD, WAREHAM
DORSET BH20 7AL

Section B

Disclosure

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