



Church of St John the Evangelist
Working Together for Jesus Christ in Kingston Park

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CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration Number: 1187186



Introduction

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of Christian faith within the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating denominations which are the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church, and Baptist Churches.

The activities of the Charity are the celebration of public worship; the teaching of the Christian faith; mission and evangelism; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The Trustees are aware of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 concerning public benefit, the guidance published by the Charity Commission on this subject and the obligation to report on ways in which they believe St Johns meets the public benefit requirements established by the Act. Fuller details of the Charity's objectives and activities undertaken in support of these objectives will be found in other sections of this report.

Achievements and Performance

We are very privileged at St John's to have an enthusiastic team that is focused on our charitable aims and delivers against them in evident abundance. The charity continues to thrive and grow as a worshipping community and as something of a hub for those who live nearby.

During the year, we had to say a sad farewell to our retiring Methodist minister, Rev Adele Moorhouse, whose enthusiasm and 'can-do' attitude have spurred the charity to achieve so much during her tenure. However, we have been delighted to welcome Deacon Jill Henderson, who, in the short time since she arrived in September, has inspired us to look at how we can work even harder to spread the Word in our area. The focus of her ministry is very much on 'seeking the lost,' building bridges, and connecting with the community.

Growth in numbers attending worship and other church activities through 2024 has been notable, with a welcome increase in both the age range of the congregation and the diversity of participants. Such growth brings with it the challenge of ensuring that the needs of all our diverse congregation are met. Hence, in 2025, we will be looking at ways of increasing our pastoral support for members. Worship is supported by a dedicated team of musicians, and services are often led not just by ministers but also by Readers and Lay Preachers within the congregation. Occasional visiting preachers help us maintain links with our participating denominations, and the involvement by the wider congregation is encouraged through the offering of Bible readings and prayers. We are delighted to now have more children amongst us and are seeking to recruit additional volunteers to support our wonderful Junior Church.

During 2024, we have maintained our provision of 'Small Groups', which offer the opportunity for people to explore the Bible in relaxed and informal settings that suit their needs. The planning of ways to extend prayer support to the whole congregation was completed and successfully launched in January 2025. The pastoral and prayer teams play a valuable role in ministering to those associated with St John's.

Tiny Tots (toddler group) helps to encourage links with the community and offers a place where parents and carers can find friendship and support. Our Craft Group, which began as an outreach to those who have been particularly isolated during Covid, continues to help the wellbeing of attendees. This group, along with our other projects, the Tuesday Hub (now regrettably ended) and Beacon (coffee drop-in), provided opportunities for church members and those from the wider community to meet and socialise in a relaxed setting during the week.

We are thankful to have had the opportunity to support asylum seekers, housed locally and attending services, by providing items of clothing/toiletries. We are very aware of the ongoing need of refugees and have focused on the

needs of our members who have been progressing applications for leave to remain. We have continued to support a local food bank.

Outdoor events linked with Messy Church (e.g., Harvest treasure hunt, Easter egg hunt) have proved very popular within the Kingston Park community, and it is intended that St John's will continue to host these several times during the coming year. Our Events Group organised a remarkably successful Party in the Park event, which enabled the church to interact with the community in an informal way whilst promoting community cohesion. We also provided Holiday Club mornings in the summer holidays; the format proved to be a flexible way for families to enjoy faith-based activities in our church. Such events are an opportunity to let the community know what St John's is all about, provide a warm welcome, and share our faith in a relaxed environment.

We have continued to invest in our building. During the year, we purchased new metal-framed chairs. We began the process of planning the renewal of our gas boilers, an essential project which had to be accelerated in December when both boilers stopped working. In January, new ones were installed. The project has been a huge effort that we, as a church, have worked well to deliver. It has shown our ability to work as a team and underpin our practical actions with prayer. We report below the grants that we have received and the generous donations from members.

Flowers remind us of God's beautiful and bountiful gifts to us. Following our Sunday service, they are distributed to one or two households with love. Recipients regularly comment on their deep gratitude that they are being thought of and prayed about by our congregation.

Our choir has attracted new members during the year several events have been staged, and their contributions to our services have elevated our worship.

In line with the church's Vision Statement to be good stewards of our resources, we are planning ways to further enhance our 'eco-credentials.'

Financial Review 2024

In 2024 the finances of St Johns were beginning to be stretched by having to deal with simultaneous requirements of maintenance and renewal of structures and equipment. Planned and Unplanned Giving fell back below the healthy returns of 2023 when post-Covid 19 resumption of church and community activities flourished.

Use of the facilities by local community and other organisations has contributed a sizeable increase in annual rental income. At the same time, such heavy use of the facilities has significantly increased the heating and maintenance costs and indeed has helped to highlight the need for further capital spending on our heating system.

Capital spending decisions involve balances held in Restricted Account, which includes a building/boiler fund, as well as further drawing on the Reserves following that of the previous year to improve facilities and enhance our environmental credentials by the installation of solar panels.

Surplus/Deficit on Accounts/Funds Year-on-Year:

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
General Account	-3821.71	7,959.64
Restricted Account	23,063.81	-2,243.05
Reserves	1,040.80	-14,804.70
Mission Fund	-137.29	61.99
Combined Total	20,145.61	-9,026.12

General Account

This is the main transactional account of the Charity, accounting for the balance between annual Total Income and Total Expenditure. It shows a move into a working deficit over the past year.

Income for the year was up by 6.9% on 2023. The regular planned giving of church members through standing orders decreased by 3.7% over the year, reflecting the loss of some members. However, this was more than made

up for by the increasing number of new people attending regularly or visiting, many not yet formally joining as full church members. We are sincerely grateful to all who continued or even increased their planned giving during the year and for the generous cash collections, as well as one-off donations at special occasions and social events.

Rental income from outside users of our premises was well above the amount cautiously budgeted for and was 13.8% above that for 2023. The wide scope of these organisations and groups, including various musical interests and well-being classes, is evidence of how important our adaptable facilities play in the life of our local community and the social benefits that accrue.

Total Expenditure on our regular activities was well above our budget expectation and was 19.4% above the total for last year. Maintenance spending was more than double the budget prediction as we addressed property defects ahead of the upcoming Quinquennial Review by our surveyor (also St John's original architect). The Review report has been received and has not identified serious unexpected structural issues. We had already begun preparing for a large capital outlay in 2025 on the failing gas boiler system, its repair being the subject of a special appeal for funding to members, friends, and grant sources.

The church of St John the Evangelist has long made a commitment as a charity to allocate 10% of its previous year's current income to other charities, both religious and secular, and ranging from international aid to local welfare groups. Our 2024 distribution of £10,410 went to: Council for World Mission, Compassion UK, Open Doors UK, Tearfund, MAF UK, Rainforest Trust UK, Action Foundation, International Justice Mission, Newcastle People's Kitchen, Kenton Food Bank, and Friends of Kingston Park School.

Restricted Account

The Account holds funds for matters such as donations to be used for specific purposes and proceeds of fundraising activities on behalf of causes. These are separate from those mentioned above as supported out of General Account income.

Fundraising includes our usual Christmas carol singing at the local Marks & Spencer and Tesco stores, in aid of West End Refugees Service and Action for Children. We also successfully raised funds for various causes which are detailed in the Analysis of Charitable Donations. In total £1904.00 was raised and distributed.

This account also holds the Building Fund for monies donated for enhancing specific features of the church that might not be considered for General Account income. Donations toward the cost of renewing the church boilers. Receipts were £29,077.75 of which £7,250 was grants received toward the boiler replacement costs.

The Hardship Fund is available to provide small gifts to people known to church leaders to be in temporary financial distress. There were numerous donations in the year. We are blessed that our members have been generous in their donations to maintain the fund. In total £1340 was paid in grants, receipts were £1690, meaning we can still offer vital support.

Reserves and Mission Fund

Reserve Funds from past years' surpluses are held to be used for the purposes of the church.

Organisation		Purpose
Newcastle City Council	£250	Toward costs of Warm Zone
Wesley Orphan House Trust	£2,000	Renewal of heating boilers
Garfield Weston Trust	£3,500	As above
Benefactor Trust	£1,750	As above
The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust	*£3,000	As above
Congregational & General Charitable Trust	*£5,100	As above
URC Trust	£50	Children's Work materials

* Grant confirmed and payable on completion of works.

We have undertaken the annual exercise of reviewing our financial controls. No changes were deemed necessary at this review.

We continue to be thankful to God for all our generous members and supporters, including charitable and other sources, that over recent difficult years have kept St John's in reasonable financial security. Our Total Assets, the aggregate of the different accounts at year-end, stand at £104,299.80. Reserve funds are our buffer against unexpected contingencies as well as anticipated further maintenance and improvements.

Reserves policy

The policy is to maintain a balance in Reserve funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to support cashflow and to meet emergencies. The Trustees can report that the funds held in Reserves reported in the accounts exceed the policy requirement. The sums held are deemed appropriate for the anticipated needs for maintenance of the church building in the next 2 - 4 years and to support the Charity through 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was established under the constitution adopted on the 25 July 1996 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association, constituted on 6 July 1996 (amended on 3 November 2013), to give effect to a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The sponsoring body is North East Churches Acting Together.

The Charity is administered and managed by a body of Trustees consisting of:

- a) ex officio Trustees, being the minister(s) of the LEP;
- b) up to eight Elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) not more than eight Co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees meet formally on a bi-monthly basis and have delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the Ecumenical Church Council. The Trustees have appointed a Treasurer to administer the financial policies of the Charity. There are two permanent established sub-committees of the Ecumenical Church Council, accountable to the Trustees for the matters delegated to them: 'Finance & Property Group' and 'Planning Group.' Other Groups, which have a significant bearing on the Charity's governance and which report to the Ecumenical Church Council, are Worship Planning, Safeguarding and Core Prayer Team.

There is a constitutional requirement for an Annual Congregational Meeting, the business of which is to:

- a) receive the report of the Trustees on the Charity's activities since the previous Annual Congregational Meeting;
- b) review the life and witness of the Charity;
- c) elect Trustees from among the Members by processes that are clear and open;
- d) receive the accounts of the Charity for the previous financial year;

- e) appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the Charity; and
- f) consider any other business put before it by the Trustees.

We additionally facilitate governance related requirements specific to our participating denominations, for example by maintaining an Electoral Roll for and on behalf of the Church of England and incorporating any denominational meetings within our meeting schedules.

The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) and Parochial Church Council (PCC) comprise largely the same membership and met together as one body six times during 2024. All meetings were held via Zoom, apart from September which was in person to welcome our new Deacon.

In January, the Church Council agreed St John's charitable giving and the recipients of harvest and Christmas donations. Following the AGM, the Church Council approved various appointments, group memberships and bank signatories.

In July, the Church Council re-approved St John's Child Protection Policy and Guidelines and those working with our young people. In November approval was given to the draft budget.

Throughout the year, regular reports (verbal or written) have been received from the Treasurer, Core Prayer Team, Parish Safeguarding Group, Worship Planning Group, Eco Team, and Community Events Team. In addition, Finance & Property Group have kept the Church Council informed about all maintenance issues and plans. The Church Council has also approved regular and occasional activities organised by St John's for adults and children.

Any church member can raise an issue for discussion under Any Other Business by informing the Secretary in writing before the day of the meeting. Minutes of Church Council meetings are displayed on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Safeguarding

During 2024 safeguarding procedures at St John's continued to follow Anglican procedures. The Church Council (Trustees of the Charity and Parochial Church Council (PCC) for Anglian matters) are responsible for Safeguarding. The Church Council appoints a Safeguarding Officer to have day to day responsibility and report to the Council; the Church Secretary provides administrative support and is responsible for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) applications. The Safeguarding Officer appointed in 2023 unfortunately resigned in the first half of 2024 and the Church Council re-appointed Tim Rogers as Safeguarding Officer. There is a small group who support the Safeguarding officer; this group would normally include the Incumbent, which is the Anglican Priest appointed to the Parish, who under Anglican procedures has joint responsibilities with the PCC for safeguarding, but we are currently in vacancy for this post. In September, a new Methodist Minister was appointed, and she agreed to be the Minister responsible for safeguarding at least until a new Anglican Minister is appointed.

Whilst there were no serious incidents during 2024, there were a number of incidences of concern that were of course serious for those involved. Often these matters overlap with pastoral matters and the Minister (sometimes together with the Safeguarding Officer) was usually the person who responded directly. In all cases the Safeguarding Officer keeps a confidential record (that is not to be disclosed to unauthorised parties, but it is clearly explained that the record is not confidential in respect of the appropriate authorities). It is good that people feel able to raise concerns and it is hoped to enhance this in the coming year through publicity and improved procedures.

The safeguarding policy and list of authorised workers were reviewed in July 2024 and were approved for the year 2024-2025.

Training and DBS requirements have been kept under review, with both a number of new appointments requiring them and a number of refresher training and reapplications for DBS being undertaken as they became due, including for Members of the Church Council who are required to do at least the Foundation Training and Domestic Abuse Awareness training.

A number of activities were authorised. The regular activities (and known about events that occur from time to time, e.g. Messy Church) have been approved on an ongoing basis by the Church Council and only require updates to risk assessments where appropriate, and safer recruiting when there are new helpers (or new leadership). Other one-off activities were approved at the appropriate time and benefited from a 'pro forma' developed with the coordinator of the events group, in relation to the events they organise. A notable addition to the regular activities that will begin in 2025 is 'Open the Book', a group from the Church taking School assemblies; safer recruiting is being applied to those involved.

Non-Church activities (hirers of our building) that are primarily (or significantly) for Children or vulnerable Adults are required to provide evidence of their safeguarding policies and procedures and are approved by the Church Council.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees

Ex-officio Trustees

Deacon Jill Henderson. Appointed September 2024.

Elected Trustees

Timothy Rogers (Trustee Responsible for Safeguarding). Re-elected April 2024. Vice Chair of Trustees

Julie Horton. Re-elected April 2024.

Robin Wallace. Re-elected April 2024

Jackie Collins. Re-elected April 2024.

John Dawson. Elected April 2024

Co-opted Trustees

Irene Hatton (Secretary). Co-opted since April 2019 re-confirmed May 2024.

Ivan Weir (Treasurer). Co-opted since April 2019 re-confirmed May 2024.

Paula Rogers (Church Warden). Co-opted since 2020 re-confirmed May 2024.

Ruth Dawson (Church Warden). Co-opted April 2022 re-confirmed May 2024.

Changes in Trustees:

Adele Moorhouse (Minister & Chair of Trustees). Retired 31 August 2024

Maureen Kennedy. Resigned April 2024.

The position of Chair of Trustees is currently vacant pending the appointment of an Anglican minister.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
GENERAL ACCOUNT	114,067.83	106,704.19
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	27,502.71	13,170.27
RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,040.80	364.40
MISSION FUND	147.71	61.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>142,759.05</u>	<u>120,300.85</u>

PAYMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT	117,889.54	98,744.55
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	4,438.90	15,413.32
RESERVE ACCOUNT	-	15,169.10
MISSION FUND	285.00	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>122,613.44</u>	<u>129,326.97</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	<u>20,145.61</u>	<u>- 9,026.12</u>

SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Account	15,784.77	24,685.83
Reserves	41,048.28	40,007.57
Restricted Account	40,124.84	8,441.99
Mission Fund	10,841.91	11,018.80
TOTAL	<u>107,799.80</u>	<u>84,154.19</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Planned Giving		
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	50,337.00	51,292.00
Standing Orders without Gift Aid	5,162.00	6,367.00
Donations		
Donations with Gift Aid	450.00	460.00
Donations without Gift Aid	768.00	2,585.00
	56,717.00	60,704.00
Collections at Services	3,779.30	2,944.05
Rental Income	32,156.30	28,250.00
Grants	250.00	-
Miscellaneous Income		
Smart Export Guarantee Receipts	224.03	-
Photocopying	47.85	123.50
Gift Aid Claim	13,989.84	12,291.59
Fees	-	284.00
Literature Income	190.00	37.35
Social Events	1,315.11	18.00
Holiday Club Income	50.07	-
Sundry items	5,348.33	2,051.70
	21,165.23	14,806.14
	114,067.83	106,704.19
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	7,502.09	5,204.05

RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations to Building Fund	17,418.71	-
Donations to Hardship Fund	1,390.00	
Grants for Restricted Purposes	7,300.00	10,522.80
Fundraising toward Defibrillator		1,263.47
Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing	1,394.00	1,384.00
	27,502.71	13,170.27
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,502.71	13,170.27
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	8,719.04	-

RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2024

Interest	1,040.80	364.40
	1,040.80	364.40
RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,040.80	364.40
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	18,827.51	11,166.03

MISSION FUND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2024

Interest	147.71	61.99
MISSION FUND TOTAL RECEIPTS	147.71	61.99
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Payments to the denominations		
Anglican Share	18,120.00	17,100.00
Methodist Assessment	37,500.00	34,980.00
URC Mission & Ministry	4,500.00	4,596.00
Baptist Church	7,741.75	7,816.60
	67,861.75	64,492.60
Management & Administration		
Minister Expenses	18.00	-
Council Tax - Vicarage		209.00
Water Rates - Vicarage		-
Gas	3,198.55	1,895.04
Electricity	1,800.31	1,367.74
Telephone	429.45	430.42
Water Rates - Church	513.14	421.65
Insurance	1,726.14	1,617.21
Maintenance	7,606.41	3,134.07
Maintenance - Grounds	1,206.00	730.00
Equipment	7,654.65	752.14
Secretary	1,560.00	1,452.96
Stationery	71.82	124.84
Photocopier	591.19	429.03
Bookings Secretary	120.00	120.00
Flowers	73.50	240.00
Cleaner	2,184.00	2,006.04
Window Cleaner	168.00	115.20
Cleaning Materials	504.29	681.82
Fees & Licences	2,083.29	1,534.64
Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc	147.08	73.66
Worship Requisites	160.34	106.46
Literature & Promotion Costs	2,170.00	551.07
	33,986.16	17,992.99
Other Expenditure/Projects		
Children's Worker	3,120.00	2,835.00
Children's Worker Expenses	-	-
Choir	262.28	412.62
Sundry Costs	367.00	889.33
	3,749.28	4,136.95
Church Groups		
Outreach	1,116.40	1,698.72
Junior Church	146.30	132.32
Holiday Club	150.36	-
Social Events	469.29	823.97
	1,882.35	2,655.01
Donations		
Charitable Giving	10,410.00	9,430.00
Charitable Donations		37.00
	10,410.00	9,467.00
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	117,889.54	98,744.55
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	12,581.44	-

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
AV Upgrade	1,294.90	
Outreach Events Equipment & Costs		2,610.00
Charitable Donations from Fundraising Activities	1,904.00	1,599.00
Solar Panels		9,561.56
Set-up of Warm Zone		15.63
Payment from Hardship Fund	1,240.00	300.00
Defibrillator		1,211.00
Donation to Asylum Seeker Gifts		116.13
TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	4,438.90	15,413.32
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	100.00	1.00

RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024

Repairs to Retaining Wall	-	15,169.10
		-
TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	-	15,169.10
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	18,867.20	11,166.03

MISSION FUND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024

New Sound System Mixer	285.00	-
TOTAL MISSION FUND PAYMENTS	285.00	-
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	39.60	-

STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Current Account	Restricted Account	Reserve Account	Mission Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	24,685.83	8,441.99	40,007.57	11,018.80	84,154.19
Prior Year Adjustments					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Balances Brought Forward	24,685.83	8,441.99	40,007.57	11,018.80	84,154.19
Plus					
Receipts	114,067.83	27,502.71	1,040.80	147.71	142,759.05
Credit Transfers	7,502.09	8,719.04	18,827.51	0.00	35,048.64
Less					
Payments	117,889.54	4,438.90	0.00	285.00	122,613.44
Debit Transfers	12,581.44	100.00	18,827.51	39.60	31,548.55
Notional Carried Forward Balance	15,784.77	40,124.84	41,048.37	10,841.91	107,799.89
Uncleared Effects:					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleared Balance at Year End	15,784.77	40,124.84	41,048.28	10,841.91	107,799.80

SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS

	Opening Balance £	Closing Balance £
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Co-operative Bank	24,685.83	15,784.77
RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT		
Individual Funds		
Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution	0.00	0.00
Hardship	241.02	591.00
Building Fund	8,148.50	35,983.82
Outreach Event	0.00	0.00
Children's Activities	0.00	50.00
Defibrillator	52.47	
	<u>8,441.99</u>	<u>36,624.82</u>
RESERVES ACCOUNT		
Virgin Money Instant Access	12,057.03	12,220.77
Cambridge & Counties	16,652.81	10,000.00
United Trust Bank	11,297.73	0.00
Cooperative Bank	0.00	18,827.51
	<u>40,007.57</u>	<u>41,048.28</u>
MISSION FUND - Restricted Account		
Virgin Money Instant Access*	11,018.80	10,841.91
TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END	84,154.19	104,299.78

*Same account as Reserves

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186

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 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 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.

Signed:



Mr G Clark FCPFA
7 Teesdale Gardens
High Heaton
Newcastle upon Tyne
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Date:

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) General Fund

This is an Unrestricted Fund. The monies are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity provided they have not been received for a restricted purpose or been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for a particular purpose by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently, the following are designated funds.

The Hardship Fund is available to provide small gifts mainly to people known to church leaders to be in temporary financial distress. There were numerous donations in the year. We are blessed that our members have been generous in their donations to maintain the fund. In total £1340 was paid in grants, receipts were £1690, meaning we can still offer vital support.

Building Fund (Previously the Donations Holding Fund)

Holds proceeds of donations and legacies, given for maintenance of the church building. Also held in this fund are grants received for building works. In 2024 receipts included grants and significant donations from members of the congregation. We record our grateful thanks for the grants received from the following organisations.

Organisation		Purpose
Wesley Orphan House Trust	£2,000	Renewal of heating boilers
Garfield Weston Trust	£3,500	As above
Benefactor Trust	£1,750	As above
URC Trust	£50	Children's Work materials

* The following grants, toward the boiler renewal, will be paid after completion of the works:

The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust £3,000
Congregational & General Charitable Trust £5,100

During the year there was an amazing response from the congregation to support the Building Fund with donations primarily for the renewal of the boiler but also for the fund in general. Total donations were £21,019. Fundraising activities for the Building Fund totalled £808.

This fund had expenditure in support of our investment in improving the technology within the building and the eco-initiatives.

Upgrade of the Monitor in the Worship Area	£1,153.20
Costs of Handrails to Worship Area	£141.70
Total	£1,294.90

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are:

Mission Fund

This is held on deposit and is from a donation. The monies are available, subject to approval of the Trustees for projects and schemes to further the mission of St John's church, as set out in its Vision Statement, and fund, in part, the children's work of the church. In the year, no receipts apart from interest were received and a payment of £285 for a new sound mixer.

Fundraising

In total, £1,904 was credited from fundraising activities and £1,904 was distributed. The residual fund balance was £0. See below for causes supported.

2. Analysis of Charitable Donations

Each year we donate 10% of our General Account income, subject to adjustments, to charities and other causes. Of this sum, 25% is donated, in turn, to the mission society of each of our constituent denominations. In 2024, this fell to the Council for World Mission.

Members of the congregation make nominations in respect of deserving causes which are decided upon by the Church Council. This year, the following nominations were approved:

Organisation	2024	2023
Council for World Mission	£2610	
Church Mission Society		£2350
Tearfund	£780	£590
Compassion UK	£780	£590
Open Doors UK	£780	£590
International Justice Mission	£780	£590
Kenton Food Bank	£780	£590
Newcastle Street Pastors		£590
Mercy Ships		£590
Action Foundation	£780	£590
Safe Families		£590
Junction 42		£590
Betel UK		£590
Owl Tree Café		£590
MAF UK	£780	
Rainforest Trust UK	£780	
The People's Kitchen	£780	
Friends of Kingston Park Primary School	£780	
	£10,140	£9,430

We also supported the following from Fundraising activities:

West End Refugees	£528
Action for Children	£528
Children's Society (Christingle)	£240
Christian Aid	£325
MacMillan Cancer	£215

Royal British Legion

£68

St John's continues to be a caring, compassionate and above all charitable church.

3. Staffing Costs

The Charity had no employees in the period under review. No Trustee expenses or remuneration were recorded in the period under review. The Independent Examiner fee was £200.00.

4. Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.