

Ashley Church CIO

Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Ashley Church CIO was constituted 20th April 2020 and is a registered charity incorporated organisation No. 1189293. Its address is Ashley Church, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 5DA. The charity trustees during the year to 31 December 2023 were:

Mrs Gillian Bywaters, Mrs Carole Perryman, Mr Shaun Perryman, Mrs Claire Wilkinson, Mrs Gillian Jalland, Ms Claire Pinney

The object of the charity is to further the religious and other activities of ASHLEY CHURCH in accordance with its Statement of Beliefs (reproduced in the Declaration of Trust). The Trust is handling all the funds given to the Church by agreement of the members of the church. All the Leadership Team of the Church are Trustees, and this will continue as a matter of policy.

There were five meetings of the Trustees during the year as part of the Joint Elders and Trustees Meetings. We received regular reports from Clive Pickering (the Trust Treasurer) and the Trustees monitored the financial situation based on these reports. The accounts were independently examined and reported on by P. Laskier FCCA of Fenlon & Co Chartered Certified Accountants Rivermill House, 6 High Street Wheathampstead, Herts. The leadership team have also met at other times to facilitate the running of the church and the charity. This arrangement of meetings has worked well and efficiently.

Responsibilities of trustees Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities

The financial situation during the year has been good and we were able to provide for all the costs the church required, which included:

General running and Ashley building maintenance costs

Contributions to missionary work and charitable giving. These range from regular support for a local charity working in schools to support for a Nepalese charity.

We are also able to use the facilities of the building to help local charities by the hiring of rooms for support meetings

The funds are provided by regular giving of church members and those who attend regularly, along with gifts from other benefactors and some funds from hiring out the building. All church funds are administered through the Trust for the benefit of the church, and other Christian work. Monies are held in CAF bank and other investment funds. The financial situation will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis. Accounts are presented to the church at the annual general meeting and any major expenditure is presented to members and discussed. Our treasurer and two of the Leadership Team are bank signatories. Two signatories are required on cheques and all bank documents. The Trustees noted that the overall financial situation is good.

Overall, the Trust can meet its commitments and liabilities with sufficient reserves to meet any foreseeable liabilities.

To further the above objects and mission, the charity's main activities were as follows: There is a weekly Sunday morning service, which includes songs, prayers and a message from the Bible. This provides opportunity for Christians to practise their Christian faith, and for those who are not Christians to find out more about the Bible and Christianity. We support and encourage those with a faith to deepen their relationship with God. There are also small groups meeting in the week which provide opportunity for further discussion and support to those attending. We run a weekly mum and

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toddlers group which provides support to and is well attended by the local community. We also have a weekly 'Tuesday get Together' providing a warm and friendly space for chat, craft and cake, anyone can attend. We continue to seek ways in which we can meet the needs of those around us and further afield. As the Church has no paid members of staff, all the activities of the church are run by members of the Church, who are volunteers.

SHAUN PERRYMAN for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Signature *Shaun Perryman*

Date 4th October 2025

To be sent to The Charity Commission electronically with a signed and dated copy filed with the Trust Meeting Minutes

Ashley Church Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Commission Reg No: 1189293
Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2024

		2024		2023	
		£ : p		£ : p	
Regular Giving					
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	11790.00		12020.00	
	<i>Non Gift Aid</i>	2220.00		1860.00	
	<i>Stewardship</i>	<u>5287.45</u>	19297.45	<u>5057.26</u>	18937.26
Other donations					
	<i>Tearfund Quiz Night</i>	400.00		0.00	
	<i>Bikram's medical care</i>	100.00		0.00	
	<i>Specifically for FEED</i>	0.00		310.00	
	<i>Specifically for Double Joy (cake sale)</i>	0.00		400.00	
	<i>Specifically for BMS (Afghanistan)</i>	0.00		50.00	
	<i>Other donations</i>	<u>0.00</u>	500.00	<u>124.50</u>	884.50
Gift Aid - Tax Relief claimed			3233.50		3276.25
Other receipts:					
	<i>CAF Bank Current a/c interest</i>	18.40		74.23	
	<i>CAF Bank Gold a/c interest</i>	232.56		0.00	
	<i>Flagstone interest</i>	7915.39		557.60	
	<i>HMRC Interest</i>	4.95		37.19	
	<i>Ashley Toddlers</i>	1463.97		1045.97	
	<i>Gable Room hire</i>	0.00		600.00	
	<i>Hall Hire</i>	1005.00		1485.00	
	<i>SADC - Polling Station use</i>	600.00		300.00	
	<i>Tuesday Get Together</i>	<u>358.75</u>	11599.02	<u>250.00</u>	4349.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>34629.97</u>		<u>27448.00</u>	

Ashley Church Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Payments for the year ended 31st December 2024

		2024		2023
		£ : p		£ : p
Capital Expenses		0.00		0.00
General Running Costs:				
	<i>Bank Charges CAFCurrent a/c</i>	60.00		60.00
	<i>Flagstone Management fees</i>	162.45		263.51
	<i>Garden Waste</i>	63.00		60.00
	<i>Gas</i>	1355.05		2053.07
	<i>Electric</i>	908.64		4654.32
	<i>Guest Speakers</i>	1140.00		580.00
	<i>Independent Examiner's Fee</i>	558.00		870.00
	<i>Insurance</i>	2475.29		2210.07
	<i>Internet (inc. website)</i>	669.80		525.80
	<i>Shelving in pottery room</i>	0.00		138.00
	<i>Subscriptions</i>	396.72		364.30
	<i>Supplies & Consumables</i>	318.42		465.11
	<i>Water & Sewerage</i>	233.22		133.48
	<i>Consultancy (Trevor Withers, Yan Nichols)</i>	1300.00		430.00
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	30.00	9670.59	0.00
				12807.66
Maintenance Expenses:				
	<i>Electrical</i>	0.00		116.26
	<i>Fire Extinguishers & Alarms</i>	0.00		944.46
	<i>Repairs to car park gate</i>	744.30		0.00
	<i>Heating & Boiler</i>	108.00	852.30	0.00
				1060.72
Charitable Support :				
Regular monthly support:				
	<i>Doublejoy</i>	1200.00		1200.00
	<i>Open Door</i>	600.00		600.00
	<i>STEP</i>	600.00		600.00
	<i>YWAM Outreach (Rosemary James)</i>	1200.00		1040.00
	<i>YWAM Uganda (Moses Wamakale)</i>	549.36		549.36
Other support:				
	<i>Aanandit</i>	1000.00		0.00
	<i>Bikram's medical care</i>	600.00		0.00
	<i>BMS World Mission (Sarah Thurley)</i>	1000.00		1000.00
	<i>BMS Afghanistan appeal (matched giving)</i>	0.00		800.00
	<i>Dar el Aman (Rosemary James)</i>	0.00		500.00
	<i>Double Joy (matched giving)</i>	0.00		800.00
	<i>FEED (matched giving)</i>	0.00		620.00
	<i>Mid Herts - Good News for Everyone</i>	500.00		0.00
	<i>Kingdom Living Ministries</i>	0.00		1425.00
	<i>Open Doors</i>	200.00		200.00
	<i>Saltmine</i>	490.00		0.00
	<i>Tearfund (matched giving)</i>	800.00		0.00
	<i>Steve and Claire - Nepal</i>	0.00		1000.00
	<i>STEP</i>	0.00		200.00
	<i>Teen Challenge London</i>	0.00		1000.00
	<i>YWAM Outreach Laptop for Pakistan</i>	715.00		0.00
	<i>YWAM Outreach Support for Muslim neighbours Pakistan</i>	250.00		0.00
	<i>YWAM Outreach Support for team member</i>	1000.00		0.00
	<i>YWAM Outreeach Zafar's course</i>	665.00	11369.36	0.00
				11534.36
TOTAL PAYMENTS		21892.25		25402.74
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		12737.72		2045.26

Ashley Church Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Summary of Financial Year ended 31st December 2024

Total Receipts	34629.97
Total Payments	21892.25
Net Receipts for year	12737.72
Opening Bank Balances	174733.67
Closing Bank Balances	187471.39

Closing Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st December 2024

Monetary Assets:		
Bank balances:		
	CAF Bank CafCash current account	2156.96
	CAF Bank Gold account	23132.56
	Flagstone Holding Account	0.00
	Stewardship account	36.19
	Total Bank Balances	25325.71
Investments:		
	Flagstone Fixed Term Deposits	161000.00
Other:		
	Credit Balance on SSE Electricity account	1145.68
Non-Monetary Assets:		
	None	
Total Monetary Assets		187471.39
Notes:		
Liabilities:		
	SSE - Gas usage for November & December	347.18
	SSE - Electricity usage for December	520.56
		867.74
Owed to Ashley:		
	Gift Aid Tax relief for year to 31 December 2024	3080.00
	Interest accrued on FlagstoneTerm Deposits as at 31 December 2024	3051.05
	Total Owed to Ashley	6131.05
Committed Funds:		
	None	

Ashley Church CIO
(Registered charity, number 1189293)
Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024
Company Number CE 021718

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ASHLEY CHURCH CIO
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Full name Ashley Church CIO

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1189293

Company number CE 021718

Principle Address Ashley Church, Ashley Road, St Albans, AL1 5DA

Trustees

Shaun Perryman

Gillian Bywaters

Gill Jalland

Claire Pinney

Carole Perryman

Claire Wilkinson

Independent examiner

Paul Laskier, Principal, Fenlon & Co, 6 High Street, Wheathampstead, AL4 8AA

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO Association adopted 19th October 2021

Trustees are voted in at a committee meeting and agree to serve and adopt all Church policies.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit:-

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith in Hertfordshire and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time think fit;
- to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Hertfordshire and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time think; and
- to fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Hertfordshire and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the year

- Running the Church
- Maintaining the fabric of the building
- Providing regular monthly support to selected good causes and targeted support to other deserving causes

The charity's policy on reserves

The current policy of the trustees is to maintain the charity reserves

Incorporation

The CIO was incorporated on 30th April 2021 and took over the assets and liabilities of the Ashley Church Fellowship Trust as of 1st January 2022.

Transfer of Property

The Church land and building, Ashley Hall Evangelical Church, Ashley Road, St Albans, AL1 5DA was transferred from the Fellowship Property Trust to the CIO on 25th January 2022.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Shaun Perryman, Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ASHLEY CHURCH CIO
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity set out on Pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met.
2. The Church has included a credit balance of £1,146 (2023: £3,931) with Monetary Assets. The credit balance relates to overpayment to SSE Ltd which supplies gas and electricity. Strictly this should be treated as a non-monetary asset.
Other than the above, there are no matters that in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

P Laskier FCCA
Principal of Fenlon & Co
6 High Street
Wheathampstead
Herts
AL4 8AA

Dated

ASHLEY CHURCH CIO
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Gift Aided donations	11,790		12,020
Gift Aid – Tax Relief	3,234		3,276
Other Donations/Gifts/etc	2,720		2,745
Stewardship	<u>5,287</u>		<u>5,057</u>
	23,031		23,098
Other Receipts			
Ashley Toddlers	1,464	1,046	
Hall Hire	1,605	2,385	
Tues Café & Other Income	359	250	
Interest	<u>8,171</u>	<u>669</u>	
	<u>11,599</u>		<u>4,350</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>34,630</u>		<u>27,448</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
General Running Costs			
Bank Charges	60	60	
Flagstone Management Fees	162	264	
Gas & Electricity	2,264	6,707	
Guest Speakers	1,140	580	
Examiners Fee	558	870	
Insurance	2,475	2,210	
Internet	670	526	
Subscriptions	397	364	
Supplies & Consumables	319	465	
Water & Sewerage	233	134	
Consultancy	1,300	430	
Miscellaneous	<u>93</u>	<u>198</u>	
	9,671		12,808
Maintenance Expenses			
Electrical & Plumbing	108	116	
Fire Extinguishers & Alarms	-	945	
Repairs to gate	<u>744</u>	<u>-</u>	
	852		1,061
Charity /Missionary Support			
Note 2	<u>11,369</u>		<u>11,534</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>21,892</u>		<u>25,403</u>
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	12,738		2,045
BANK & CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	<u>174,733</u>		<u>172,688</u>
BANK & CASH BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>187,471</u>		<u>174,733</u>

ASHLEY CHURCH CIO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Flagstone Holding Account	-	394
Flagstone Fixed Term Deposits	161,000	153,000
Stewardship Bank	36	-
CAF Bank	<u>25,289</u>	<u>17,408</u>
Total Bank & Cash Balances	186,325	170,802
SSE Credit balances on Gas & Electricity	<u>1,146</u>	<u>3,931</u>
	<u>187,471</u>	<u>174,733</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Church Contents		
Church Building		
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
Gift Aid to 31.12.2024	3,080	3,234
Interest Accrued on Flagstone Deposits	<u>3,051</u>	<u>4,128</u>
	<u>6,131</u>	<u>7,362</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accrued Flagstone Management Fee	-	384
Accrued Independent Examination Fee	594	558
Gas & Electricity charges incurred to 31.12.2024	<u>868</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,462</u>	<u>942</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS

During the year no donations were received for specific purposes.

The Notes on Pages 6 -7 form part of these Financial Statements

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Date _____
 Gillian Bywaters, Trustee

ASHLEY CHURCH CIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Charity/Missionary Support

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Regular Monthly Support		
Doublejoy	1,200	1,200
Open Door	600	600
STEP	600	600
YWAM Outreach	1,200	1,040
YWAM Uganda	549	549
 Other Support		
Aandit	1,000	-
BMS World Mission	1,000	1,000
Bikram Medical Care	600	-
Mid Herts – Good News	500	-
Dar El Aman	-	500
FEED – Matched Giving	-	620
Open Doors	200	200
Saltmine	490	-
STEP	-	200
BMS Afghanistan	-	800
Doublejoy – Matched Giving	-	800
Kingdom Living Ministries	-	1,425
Nepal	-	1,000
Teen Challenge London	-	1,000
YWAM	2,630	-
Tearfund – Matched Giving	800	-
	<u>11,369</u>	<u>11,534</u>

3. Trustee's remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

4. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis, and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

5. Receipts

Receipts are included on the Statement of Receipts & Payments when the Charity is in receipt of cash, cheques or electronic payments.

6. Payments

Expenditure is accounted for when payment is made and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

7. Tangible fixed assets

Purchases of equipment are treated as expenses.

8. Taxation

The Church is exempt from tax (like any other charity) on most sources of income including investment and property income.

9. 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 financial statements.