

# THE CHURCH IN WHEATLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1189612

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2020-05-21

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO): A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

**Activities:** In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to): a) the celebration of public worship; b) the teaching of the Christian faith; c) mission and evangelism; d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Nottinghamshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£20,154	£35,882	-	-
2024-12-31	£30,367	£23,114	-	-
2023-12-31	£23,097	£26,336	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,973	£26,472	-	-
2021-12-31	£21,604	£28,424	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,222	£31,629	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Mark James Cantrill	Chair	2019-04-01
CHRISTOPHER JOHN HURTON		2022-05-01
Deirdre Miles		2020-05-12
HILARY MARY BENNETT		2020-01-24
Janice Mary Sykes		2020-05-12
NICOLA JANE HURTON		2023-03-15
ROBERT ANDREW WALSTER		2020-01-24
Rev Julie Irene Coates		2020-09-26

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# Accounts

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**The Church In Wheatley**  
**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024**

<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
13,456.67	TransaveUK	13,604.69
7,677.44	National Savings Bank - investment account	7,754.43
11,287.99	Central Finance Board Methodist Church	11,863.27
4,033.41	Virgin Money - current account	10,484.04
75.00	Cash in Hand	0.00
	Sundry Debtor	208.00
	Sundry Creditor	(206.64)
<b>36,530.51</b>		<b>43,707.79</b>

	Represented by	
	<b><u>GENERAL ACCOUNT</u></b>	
39,802.13	Balance at 1 January	36,530.51
23,096.76	Receipts for the year	30,366.72
(26,336.13)	Payments for the year	(23,114.44)
(32.25)	Less Shortfall on estimate of 2022 Sundry Debtor	0.00
	Less Cash in Hand 1 Jan 24 paid to bank	(75.00)
(3,271.62)	Movement for the year	7,177.28
<b>36,530.51</b>	Balance at 31 December	<b>43,707.79</b>

**NORTH WHEATLEY CHANCEL FUND (restricted fund)**

The PCC has responsibility for a fund whose income is restricted to keeping the chancel of the church wind and weather proof. The fund is administered by the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance

<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>CAPITAL FUND</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	Balance at 1 January	
334.71	16.20 CBF Investment Fund shares	366.21
31.50	Increase/(decrease) in value of investments	8.38
	Balance at 31 December	
<b>366.21</b>	16.20 CBF Investment Fund shares at market value	<b>374.59</b>
	<b><u>INCOME FUND</u></b>	
	Balance at 1 January	
76.59	Central Board of Finance of the Church of England: deposit account	89.18
12.59	Interest earned for the year	15.00
89.18		104.18
0.00	Less: Management fees	0.00
<b>89.18</b>	Balance at 31 December 2024	<b>104.18</b>

<b><u>Fundraising Activities Including Sale of Chapel Furnishings (nett of Gift Aid and GASDS)</u></b>		
2,342.49	Take Away Lunches	2,103.96
815.00	Sale of Chapel furniture and fixtures	10.38
0.00	Sanderson Barbeque	390.00
0.00	Ride and Stride	208.00
25.00	Prize From Notts Historic Churches Fund Photo Competition	0.00
0.00	Pilgrims and Prophets Visits 5 & 12 Oct	179.39
404.42	Maltby Brass Band Concert	349.52
640.00	Christmas Raffle	584.92
<b>4,226.91</b>		<b>3,826.17</b>

Independent Examiner's Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2024  
to the Board of The Church in Wheatley

This report on the financial statements of the Church in Wheatley for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("The Regulations") and

This report is made solely to the Church in Wheatley in accordance with section 43 of the Charities Act 1993. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the The Church in Wheatley those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the The Church in Wheatley for my

Respective responsibilities of the The Church in Wheatley and examiner

As members of the The Church in Wheatley you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply.

It is my responsibility:

- o To examine the financial statements (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
  - o To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church in Wheatley and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that

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 41 of the 1993 Act; and

To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act and the Regulations have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts



Peter Jordan FCA  
Mattersey 18 March 2025

## CHURCH IN WHEATLEY FINANCE REPORT

The Church in Wheatley finances enjoyed a boost of over £7,000 in 2024 due to the Methodist Pension Reserve Fund becoming able to return with interest the money given to it in 2021. When allowance is made for this windfall the Church in Wheatley made a small trading loss of £95.06 in 2024. Our planned giving and fundraising were lower than in 2023 but donations, including a donation to fund the replacement of some radiators, were up. Our income from deposits is increasing, but when we allow for the fact that we no longer spend on the Chapel building the outlook for 2025 is rather tight.

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13,456.67	2 Shires Credit Union	13,456.67
10,599.78	National Savings Bank - investment account	10,609.65
10,679.97	Central Finance Board Methodist Church	10,805.69
3,679.83	Virgin Money - current account	4,758.87
	Sundry Debtor	171.25
38,416.25		39,802.13
115.00	Sundry Creditor	
38,301.25		39,802.13
	Represented by	
	<u>GENERAL ACCOUNT</u>	
45,120.34	Balance at 1 January	38,301.25
21,604.61	Receipts for the year	27,972.70
(28,423.70)	Payments for the year	(26,471.82)
(6,819.09)	Movement for the year	1,500.88
38,301.25	Balance at 31 December	39,802.13

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<u>2021</u>	<u>CAPITAL FUND</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Balance at 1 January	
331.89	16.20 CBF Investment Fund shares	379.37
47.48	Increase/(decrease) in value of investments	(44.66)
379.37	Balance at 31 December 2021	
	16.20 CBF Investment Fund shares at market value	334.71
	<u>INCOME FUND</u>	
	Balance at 1 January	
56.02	Central Board of Finance of the Church of England: deposit account	65.66
9.64	Interest earned for the year	10.93
65.66		76.59
0.00	Less: Management fees	0.00
65.66	Balance at 31 December 2022	76.59

**Fundraising Activities (nett of Gift Aid and GASDS)**

211.72	Take Away Lunch January	264.07
268.70	Take Away Lunch February	239.21
111.00	Sale of Bird Boxes	0.00
236.19	Take Away Lunch March	228.70
115.00	Sale of Bric-a-Brac	0.00
254.36	Take Away Lunch April	223.21
239.50	Take Away Lunch May	250.73
235.50	Take Away Lunch June	199.69
218.15	Take Away Lunch July	228.60
179.40	Take Away Lunch August	216.25
0.00	Sanderson Barbeque 16 August 2022	355.00
229.06	Take Away Lunch on September	186.65
182.55	Take Away Lunch October	189.81
0.00	Ride and Stride	171.25
226.08	Take Away Lunch November	206.38
56.00	Maltby Brass Band Concert	127.00
184.31	Take Away Christmas Lunch	159.16
668.00	Christmas Raffle	661.00
96.10	Tree Lighting and Carols	0.00
3,711.62		3,906.71

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.....Trustee.

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Independent examiner's statement

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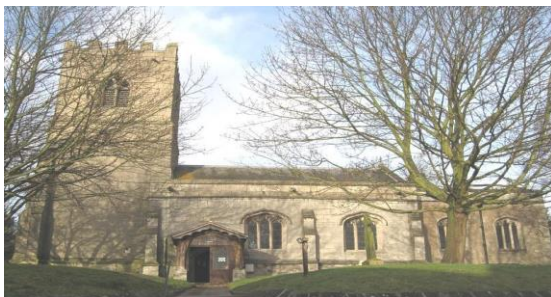
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To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and

To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act and the Regulations have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter Jordan FCA  
Mattersey 14 February 2023

# CHURCH IN WHEATLEY



The Church in Wheatley is a Methodist and Anglican Local Ecumenical Partnership dedicated to proclaiming the unbounded Love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It carries out all the functions of the Wheatley Methodist Chapel Council and most of the functions of North Wheatley Parochial Church Council. It is a registered charity (Reg No 1189612 ) managed by the following trustees:

Reverend Mark Cantrill\*, incumbent, ex-officio  
Reverend Julie Coates, Methodist Circuit Superintendent, ex-officio  
Andrew Walster\*, churchwarden, elected member.  
Janice Sykes\* and Hilary Bennett\*, elected members.  
Dee Miles\*, secretary, elected member.  
Chris Hurton, co-opted member.

To fulfil all the tasks the Congregation elected the following Office Holders:

Vice-chair:	Hilary Bennett
Churchwarden:	Jan Walster*
Treasurer:	Charles Hall* and Andrew Walster
Gift Aid Secretary:	Andrew Walster
Deanery Synod representative:	Andrew Walster
Trinity Circuit representatives:	Roy Bennett, Hilary Bennett and Janice Sykes
Safeguarding officer:	Janice Sykes
Fire safety:	Judith Goacher
First-aid:	Nicola Hurton
GDPR:	Dee Miles
Buildings:	Vacant
South Wheatley Churchyard:	Mathew Bennett & Kerry Driver

The ruins of St Helen's church and South Wheatley churchyard are managed by North Wheatley Parochial Church Council whose members are indicated by \* above.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2022**

The Trustees met three times during the year and held two congregational meetings to keep the congregation informed. We also decided that, in the interests of transparency, we would also circulate all Trustee meeting minutes.

We heard that we had unfortunately lost some Gift Aiding members and others of the congregation due to the pandemic, or moving away, or death during the previous year. However, Janice Sykes is working with the school and parents to increase our attendance figures.

We appointed a new Trustee, Mr Christopher Hurton and added the conflict of interest item to our meeting agendas as per the Charity Commission requirements.

Sadly, after much discussion, it was decided to close the chapel building and centre all worship in the Parish Church. Rev Julie Coates has guided us through the closure process and took our resolution to the District Synod in September for ratification. We intend to produce a permanent memorial to the life of the Methodist Chapel in Wheatley for display in church.

Both Safeguarding and GDPR are agenda items at all our meetings ensuring we keep up to date with these legislations.

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

The year began on a worrying note; the Rector had suffered a heart attack but was recovering. He needed to rebuild his strength and make only a gentle phased return to ministry. We prayed hard to find ways of lightening his load and restraining his enthusiasm to ensure that he made a full recovery. In January and February we were well supported with Teresa Abel, Revd Julie Coates and Janice Sykes leading our worship. The 'get the rector better plan' was to limit him to one Sunday service per week somewhere in his benefice and to our relief and joy he resumed his 'light' duties in March. The plan for services in Wheatley evolved into 2 per month: one with the Rector and one, usually an All Age Worship, led by our Local Preachers. In addition, more of us have travelled to our neighbouring churches within the benefice on Sundays when we have had no service in the village. Although, we still have some work to do on organising lifts to neighbouring villages to ensure that all who want to go can, and to minimise our carbon footprint. Our neighbours have returned the compliment by travelling to us and so although we have had fewer services our congregations have been larger.

Our links with the village school have strengthened and they now hold their fortnightly Open The Book sessions in church. This is a successful collaboration with The Wheatley Christian Fellowship.

After a dearth of weddings during the Covid-19 lockdowns, we have had six, joyous weddings in church this year. In addition, we welcomed 3 children into

membership of the Christian church through baptism. Also, we had the privilege of helping 3 bereaved families at funerals in church.

On 5 June Janice Sykes led an All Age service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

In July, A Rocha UK gave us a Bronze Eco Church Award which recognises our work in worship and teaching, management of buildings and land, community and global engagement and lifestyle towards achieving a carbon neutral church and so help to protect God's creation. This is just a start on a journey to an ecologically safe world.

Then on 8 September we mourned the death of Her Majesty and marked the accession of His Majesty King Charles III. The church was open as usual for private prayer and reflection, we opened a book of condolence and provided votive candles for those who wished to light one in memory of Her Majesty. The Tower Captain tolled the treble for an hour on 9 September. Then on 18 September we held a special Holy Communion whilst mourning the death of Her Majesty. It was poignant that the service included a baptism.

Harvest Festival was different this year. Janice Sykes led a Harvest Service in church for the school on Friday 29 September and followed up with an All Age service on 2 October with a special collection which was added to the collection from the school service and sent to All We Can.

On 9 October Revd Gill Newton, President of the Sheffield District, led our Chapel Anniversary Service in chapel.

In a break from tradition and to increase the involvement of the children Janice Sykes led a Service of Remembrance for the school in church on Armistice Day, Friday 11 November and then on Remembrance Sunday Andrew Walster led a brief Act of Remembrance at the war memorial followed by a celebration in church of the words and pictures that the children had produced for Armistice Day.

We had a choice of Advent Courses, one led by Revd Mark and the other led by Revd Julie. They were on the same theme and the combined attendance from both the Clays Benefice and the Circuit was good.

Again this year, we ran the Village Christmas Greetings Scheme. The theme of the card was village organisations and the scheme raised just under £2,000 for Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

We celebrated Christmas starting with our now traditional Brass Band concert at the end of November. On 14 December we held our Christmas Tree lighting and Prize Draw with carols led by the Gainsborough Salvation Army Band, the collection went to support the work of the Salvation Army Food Bank in Gainsborough. We then had a carol service led by Janice Sykes and Judith Goacher on 18 December, and the climax of our celebrations was our 6.00pm Christmas

Eve service with Revd Mark.

As 2022 drew to a close, we gave thanks to God that Revd Mark is making steady progress and more thanks for Mark's ministry and that of Revd Julie and our Local Preachers.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Stay at Home Lunches**

These have continued monthly throughout the year, serving 459 meals with an average monthly attendance of 38. People are encouraged to share meals, providing companionship and informal pastoral care and helping to promote the work of the Church in Wheatley in the community.

It has also proved to be a successful fundraiser. Participants are asked to make a suggested donation which has risen to reflect the rising food costs. In addition, over the year we have received donations of fruit and vegetables for which we are grateful.

### **Pastoral Visiting**

Recently there have been no formal meetings of the pastoral team as some members are no longer able to do this work. We hope for more volunteers, but they need DBS checks and safeguarding training.

In the meantime, members of the church family are watching over those members unable to come to church, or providing support in other ways such as lifts to attend church or social events. The lunch club is providing opportunities for some members who live alone to join others, so offering pastoral support in the natural way of friendship.

Janice Sykes responds to requests for home communion and offers it when she feels it is appropriate.

Informal team meetings happen occasionally after our Julian meetings.

### **Presence Group**

The group of 6 or 7 resumed its meetings in February and has continued to meet throughout the year except in the summer months.

In February and March discussions went from the future of the chapel building to the predicament in Ukraine. What does God want of us? September was a "thank you" to God as we had all kept well!

October and November brought the imminent closure of the chapel to mind, and we gave personal memories of events in the building and recalled the origins of important items given to chapel by families still in the village.

We finished the year with Christmas readings followed by a seasonal lunch at Hickman Hill restaurant. The Groups thanks go to Mrs Noreen Simpson for hosting our meetings.

### **Natterbugs**

The Natterbugs meet once a month mainly in member's homes. Over the last year we have had one or two pleasant excursions out for refreshments.

## **Julien Group**

There are seven regulars in the meeting. Some of our members have moved away, and one has died. We enjoy the opportunity to talk and share concerns whilst sharing refreshments, but the main purpose for us is to ponder on a Christian meditation, and to have some quiet time with music to drift us in and out of it. It is a relaxing and healing experience for those who attend with no pressure to lead, but just to experience listening to God in the silence. We would welcome others to join us as we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Ambleside, Church Street from 2:15 pm.

## **Campanology**

Although we have suffered a lack of ringers this year and not enjoyed bells at our regular services, our Tower Captain, Ruby Draper, has managed to recruit full teams to ring at the six weddings. We are hoping to increase interest in bellringing in 2023 with plans to hold the annual Guild Meeting in St Peter and St Paul's in June and a visiting band has booked to ring a quarter peel in August.

## **FABRIC REPORT**

### **Church**

The Church Logbook has been reviewed and updated. A Health and Safety review has been completed.

Smart meters for both electricity and gas were installed, and a water meter was fitted. John Taylor and Co carried out a routine inspection and maintenance of the bells. The notice board in North Wheatley churchyard was replaced and a temporary repair was carried out on the church flagpole to allow appropriate flying of the flag to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles III. In November the 16 incandescent lights in the chancel, nave and tower were replaced by LED lights which reduce the electricity consumption and improve the lighting.

### **Chapel**

Use of the chapel has reduced due to the lack of effective heating. However, The Wheatley Christian Fellowship continued their Sunday evening meetings using some temporary portable heating.

The procedure for the formal closure of the building began at an Extraordinary Congregational Meeting on 23 February.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding information and training to meet regulations is up to date.

## **CHURCH IN WHEATLEY FINANCE REPORT**

2022 saw a return to a more normal pattern of services and although they were fewer in number the congregations were larger due to the visitors from our neighbouring churches in the Benefice and Circuit. We also benefited from large congregations at weddings and funerals. So, our plate collections increased, but this was offset by a reduction in regular giving by standing order due to the death

of one member of the congregation and another leaving the area.

Income from our fundraising, in particular the Take Away Lunches, held up well and notwithstanding the heating problems in Chapel, The Wheatley Christian Fellowship continued to rent the building throughout the year. We are very grateful for their continued support.

We were able to recover the VAT on the cost of the new lights in church and a generous donation paid the rest of the bill.

We had an increased income in fees for our 6 weddings.

Although the interest rates on our investments in the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Nation Savings and Investments improved as the year progressed, 2Shires Credit Union did not have a good year and paid no dividend. They have merged with the larger TransaveUK Credit Union and our investment is protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

In view of the greatly increased cost of gas and electricity we have tried to conserve energy as much as possible and the mild winter and Government Energy Bill Relief scheme have helped to moderate the increase in our bills.

We gave over £1,000 to charities including All We Can, Action For Children, Bassetlaw Hospice (in addition to the Christmas Greetings Scheme) and The Royal British Legion.

Overall income exceeded expenditure by £1500.88 and we started to rebuild our resources.

There is also the Chancel Account which is operated on our behalf by the Diocese. The capital has shrunk this year by £44.66 to £334.71 due to a fall in the value of the investment. We are allowed to spend only the income which has accumulated to £76.59 since we last drew on the account in 2011. The money can be spent on the maintenance of the chancel only.