



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
01	09	2023	31	08	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Pershore Community Church

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1190476

Charity's principal address PO Box 2048

Pershore

Postcode WR10 9EY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MH	Chair of Trustees		
2	Scott Andrews			
3	Iain Bailey			
4	Andrew Stephens	Treasurer		
5	Carys Ellis		8 th July 2024 -	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by leadership team

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the church are for the benefit of the public to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statements of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom and the World as the Trustees from time to time may 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 church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Leadership

The Spiritual leadership team of 4 (known within the church as 'the Core Leadership team') continued through most of the year with one standing down in the summer of 2024 following the expiration of the 2 year commitment she gave to lead in this capacity.

The remaining 3 leaders continue in role and are confident they have the capacity and skills to continue leading the church with the Wider Leadership team and Trustees supporting them and by the grace of God.

The Core Leadership Team continued to build on the foundations of the Church laid over more than 10 years. The three key principles of 'Connecting with God' 'Connecting with each other' and Connecting others with God have important drivers together with a strong missional focus.

Our desire to recruit someone to a Missional Leading role was fulfilled in August this year, with a start date in mid September 2024. The primary objectives of this role are to 'reach out' and 'connect' with those in their twenties and thirties to share the gospel message through a variety of contact points.

The new role will help facilitate missional activities and help galvanise members in the church towards this goal. The Missional Leader will become part of the wider leadership team, reporting to the core leadership team.

Alpha & Outreach

We successfully ran a Youth Alpha course in the autumn of 2023 which resulted in one young person becoming a Christian and a regular attender of our Church.

We held further 'bridge building' events to engage with those on the periphery of the church and connect with friends and family members who we would like to come to know God. These included a quiz night at the local Chinese restaurant and a skittles/pizza night at our local cricket club.

The church continues to support the local Plum Festival events and annual 10k race in August by way of volunteering/stewarding. Our support was much appreciated again by the respective organisations and continues to build our good reputation in the local community.

Sunday and Other Meetings

The church continued to meet at Abbey Park Middle School on Sundays through the duration of 2023 and 2024.

The Church continues to aspire to having its own meeting space but this was pursued only by making general enquiries about the ongoing developments in the North of the town and the availability of land.

We continued with our pattern of meeting three Sundays per month at the school with the fourth used for 'Connecting' with the community and others. Meetings at the school included a modern Christian worship service with a variety of speakers including, the core leaders, wider leaders and invited guests. Children and Youth stay in for part of the service with tailored 'Sunday School' groups meeting in a different part

of the school.

Our 'Connect' Sundays were varied, engaging in a variety of activities to 'build bridges' with people in the community, 'non church going' family members and those on the periphery of the church. These included stewarding at the Pershore Plum Plodders 10K race, an Easter Trail, BBQ's, filling 'shoeboxes' for 'Operation Christmas Child' a car rally/trail and breakfast and coffee gatherings.

We held our Christmas Eve 2023 service in the Pershore Town Hall and our 2024 Easter service was celebrated in the school with a reflective Good Friday service held at the local library.

We continue to recognise the importance of our weekly midweek 'life' groups (small groups) which form the key discipleship element of our church life.

Once a month we have a 'first Wednesday' evening meeting to encourage cross group relationships and allow a deeper level of spiritual engagement including worship and prayer. One of these meetings, once a quarter would have a stronger emphasis on outreach, where we would invite friends and family from outside of the church.

Youth and Children's work

Our youth and children's work continued and we were delighted to have another family join the church with young children.

The youth continued to meet once a fortnight for social activities and meet once a month in a local Youth club.

Some of the youth also play regularly in our worship band and have helped to lead several Sunday services.

Churches Together In Pershore (Ecumenical) and Wider Connections

We remain an active member of Churches Together in Pershore and contribute to the leadership meetings held approximately bimonthly.

Members attended the annual joint service in January 2024 at Pershore Abbey which was represented from most of the local churches. Members also supported the Remembrance Sunday service, also held at the Abbey in November 2023, which was well led by the local Canon.

We continued to support the annual 'Lent' outreaches which include the provision of member made soups and pancakes to raise funds for various charities and support other local Easter CTIP outreach activities.

We held 2 joint worship evenings with the Baptist Church which were well attended by both congregations

We continue to support Pershore Foodbank based at the local Anglican church by way of individual volunteers and have 1 active member of the workplace chaplaincy scheme.

Links with and support of church mission workers in Spain, North Africa and Ukraine continued with financial support for the latter two. We held special offerings for North Africa following the earthquake in the region and for Ukraine to support the ongoing relief efforts.

Synergy

Our involvement with 'Synergy' group of churches continues with attendance at our local 'cluster' meetings and attendance at the annual conference.

Miscellaneous

One Trustee attended a Charity Commission engagement training event in Birmingham in November 2023 and gave positive feedback from the event

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider that the activities of the church as described above provide significant public benefit.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Weekly, in person Church meetings held, with a 'Connect' Sunday once a month to help 'reach' out into the community.
- Midweek small group meetings continued throughout the year with monthly whole church gatherings.
- Face to face Youth Alpha course held in Autumn 2023 attended by and run by the young people of the church with 1 person becoming a Christian
- Full involvement and leadership in the local Churches Together In Pershore group.
- Continued involvement and links with 'Synergy' our family of Churches organisation
- Community engagement continued with 'bridge building' outreach events. These included a Chinese Restaurant quiz night, Pizza and skittles evening, significant involvement in The Pershore Plum Festival, annual 10K race, Bike Nite, English lessons and other support for the new Ukrainian refugee Community
- We have continued to attract new people to our services during the period with some deciding to become part of the Church
- We continue to support overseas missionaries with whom we have a relationship
- Helped local Ukrainian refugees to learn and improve their English language through lessons run by church volunteers
- Active engagement and encouragement of the young people in church demonstrated through participation in Sunday services and our worship band.
- Joint worship evenings with the Baptist church

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our current policy on reserves is to maintain at least £5000 in cash deposits at our bank. This was easily achieved during the reporting period. Funds maintained in restricted funds are excluded from the aforementioned figure.
Once our Missional Leader commences employment (September 2024) reserves will be reviewed and increased to a higher level.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None/N/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Pershore Community Church continues to be fully funded by monthly and other gifts from its members, for which we remain extremely grateful.

The church continues to aspire to purchase a building in the near/medium term future to provide a more permanent and flexible meeting space to help meet its key objectives.

We continue to maintain a restricted fund for a donation of £6250 received in 2020 towards the aspiration of buying a building. The donor has confirmed they are happy for the donation to be retained by the church for the time being. An addition of £100 (plus gift aid) was donated to this fund during the year. An interest bearing account has been opened with our Bank for the Building fund and £6375 deposited to this account representing the amounts referred to above.

Section F

Other optional information

During the reporting period, The Charity Commission has agreed to the merger of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Charity Reference No. 1190476) and Charity Trust (Charity reference no 1144119) the latter has since been removed from the central register of charities confirmed by email dated 1st March 2024 details as below.

20240301 TS - Removal of PERSHORE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1144119
CRM:0817830

PERSHORE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1144119

Thank you for your submission to the Charity Commission.

I can confirm that the above named charity has now been removed from the Central Register of Charities.

This will be reflected on the public Register of Charities within the next five days.

Kind Regards,

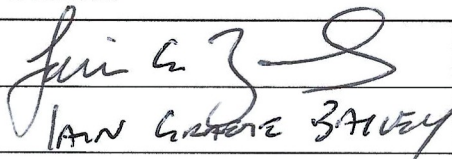
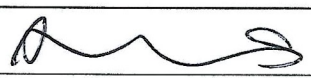
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Register Oversight- Charity Commission

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	IAN GALTREY BAILEY	ANDREW NEIL STEPHENS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	20/0/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Pershore Community Church

1190476

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2023

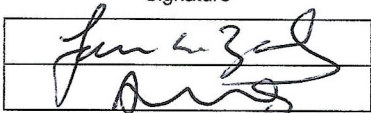
To

31/08/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Gifts	32,948	2,818	-	35,766	33,601
Gift Aid Refund	7,825	634	-	8,459	7,406
Interest	1,404	5	-	1,409	54
Other Income	77	-	-	77	675
Transfer from Charity	28	150	-	178	49,361
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,282	3,607	-	45,889	91,097
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,282	3,607	-	45,889	91,097
A3 Payments					
Training/Conferences	1,558	-	-	1,558	295
Professional Fees	718	-	-	718	863
Insurances	525	-	-	525	475
Subscriptions & Memberships	925	-	-	925	604
Events	139	-	-	139	47
Room Hire	2,850	75	-	2,925	3,660
Church Office/Meeting Room	299	-	-	299	500
Travel & Parking	58	-	-	58	98
Postage	686	-	-	686	516
Books, CDs & Resources	18	-	-	18	167
Computer Expenses	64	-	-	64	232
Equipment	38	-	-	38	111
Church Giving	6,234	3,630	-	9,864	5,833
Outreach Expenses	135	-	-	135	747
Safeguarding	254	-	-	254	145
Guest Speakers	765	-	-	765	809
Storage	1,820	-	-	1,820	1,820
Church Meeting Refreshments	551	-	-	551	639
Publicity	110	-	-	110	823
Youth & Children's Work	210	-	-	210	83
Sub total	17,957	3,705	-	21,662	18,467
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,914
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,914
Total payments	17,957	3,705	-	21,662	20,381
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,325	98	-	24,227	70,716
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	64,303	6,453	-	70,756	40
Cash funds this year end	88,628	6,355	-	94,983	70,756

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	27,129	-	-
	32 Day Notice Account	61,458	-	-
	Deposit Account	25	6,355	-
	Petty Cash	16	-	-
	Total cash funds	88,628	6,355	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Accrued Gift Aid August 24	638	25	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computing & Printing*	General	1,601	-
	Office Equipment*	General	101	-
	PA & Media*	General	4,141	-
	Misc Equipment*	General	2,513	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Prof Fees - Accounts & Independent Examiner	General	500	
	Room Hire - Worcestershire County Council	General	525	
	Expenses reimbursement - Fixed asset	General	849	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ian L. Bailey A. STEPHENS	20/10/24 20/10/24	

* These assets were transferred to the CIO as of 11th Oct 23



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

Pershore Community Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1190476

Set out on pages

CC16a pages 1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

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.

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

Signed: S Stansfield

Date: 25/10/2024

Name: Sarah Stansfield

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

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Address:

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Worcester

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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.