

# GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT

England & Wales · Charity number 1191622

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-10-05

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: (1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN HURSTPIERPOINT, WEST SUSSEX AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND(2) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

**Activities:** The church advances religion by the preaching of the Gospel, public worship within the church building,organised Bible studies, prayer meetings, evangelistic events, carol concerts, and meeting needs withinthe community.Services are held on Sundays at 10.30am usually.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- West Sussex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£35,232	£73,145	-	-
2023-12-31	£47,311	£44,880	-	-
2022-12-31	£36,935	£39,663	-	-
2021-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
David Lowries	Chair	2020-01-15
Dickon Guy Bromfield Adams		2020-01-15
Lynn Heather Cobbett		2020-01-15
Mark James Pyle		2020-01-15

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# Accounts

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# Good News Church Hurstpierpoint

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

Stewardship   
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**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	149 High Street Hurstpierpoint Hassocks BN6 9PU
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - association October 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1191622
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	David Lowries Lynn Cobbett Dickon Adams Mark Pyle
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**Objects of the charity**

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The purposes of the church are:

- \* the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- \* such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness, and the advancement of education.

Our church exists primarily for the worship of God. As such we rejoice that each week we gather on Sunday to worship our God together and to equip and encourage those there to worship God in all of life throughout the week. We are grateful for the freedom to do this and delight in meeting on Sundays as well as our mid-week gatherings.

**Structure**

The Membership of the church are able to vote on trustees who are ultimately responsible for the running of the charity however most decisions are made by the membership at our regular members meetings with the trustees involved.

**Review of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

We rejoice that throughout 2024 we have been able to meet regularly on Sundays and midweek to encourage and build one another up as we worship God. Anyone is able to attend our services and we encourage others to come along that they might come to know our God.

We are a church that cares for one another. We share in both the joys of life but also the hardships which means we visit those struggling, to pray with them and practically care for them.

We are grateful to run three home groups where the bible is studied and members are encouraged in the Christian faith. We continue to rejoice in a good relationship with Holy Trinity church in the village with whom we run a termtime weekly toddler group, supporting parents/carers with young children, and the Melting Pot café which seeks to provide community particularly for the Willow Way end of the village.

As a church we continue to run Senior Moments four or five times a year which provides a special morning for older people and a chance to engage with the Christian faith. In 2024, two initiatives have been started by members particularly to meet the needs of older people in our community. In the spring the church began to be opened weekly hosting any who would like to meet for coffee and cake. In September we started chairbobs at the church particularly seeking to help those who need support with mobility and balance.

We have a safeguarding policy that is up to date and DBS checks are carried out on the relevant people.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

### **Financial review**

During the year, income reduced to £35,200 mainly due to a legacy received in 2023. Expenditure also increased substantially to £73,100. This increased expenditure was primarily due to three major works to maintain our buildings. The church house had double glazing installed and a bathroom moved and redone, and the lighting in the main church building was upgraded. Expenditure on buildings amounted to £29,936.

As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £37,900 to £38,700, of which all is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Financially we are grateful for God's provision to us. We thank God for the generosity of our regular congregation who give to resource the church. We are aware that there is a significant difference between our expenditure and income, however we continue to meet our reserves policy and are trusting to God to provide.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £38,700 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

### **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.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*David Lowries*

David Lowries (Aug 1, 2025 14:54:48 GMT+1)

David Lowries

Date: Aug 1, 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Good News Church Hurstpierpoint ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 5 to 8 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

*J. Young*  
J. Young (Aug 4, 2025 08:48:40 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Aug 4, 2025

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		27,596	-	660	28,256	31,274
Gift aid receipts		4,918	-	206	5,124	3,336
Legacies		-	-	-	-	10,758
Charitable activities		370	-	-	370	458
Interest		1,482	-	-	1,482	1,305
Other		-	-	-	-	181
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>34,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>35,232</b>	<b>47,311</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	69,981	-	-	69,981	40,784
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	2,460	-	704	3,164	4,096
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>72,441</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>73,145</b>	<b>44,880</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(38,076)	-	163	(37,913)	2,431
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(38,076)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>(37,913)</b>	<b>2,431</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		76,824	-	(206)	76,618	74,187
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>38,748</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>38,705</b>	<b>76,618</b>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £			
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Current account	1,556	-	(44)	1,512	3,904
Savings account	37,118	-	-	37,118	72,645
Petty cash	75	-	-	75	68
	<b>38,748</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>38,705</b>	<b>76,618</b>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	4,649	-	-	4,649	5,000
	<b>4,649</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,649</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Taxes due	310	-	-	310	320
Pension due	155	-	-	155	146
Fee for Independent Examination	912	-	-	912	900
	<b>1,377</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,367</b>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
			Purchase cost £	Value 2024 £	
Manse			67,929		
Church and manse contents and equipment				40,325	
			<b>67,929</b>	<b>40,325</b>	

The manse is shown at purchase cost. The charity London City Mission have an interest in this property.

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by David Lowries date Aug 1, 2025  
David Lowries (Aug 1, 2025 14:54:48 GMT+1)  
 David Lowries

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>						
Staff costs	Note 4	28,011	-	-	28,011	26,748
Meetings and ministries		814	-	-	814	1,790
Church utilities		1,943	-	-	1,943	1,810
Church other property costs		5,426	-	-	5,426	1,197
Administration (inc telephone) & sundry		447	-	-	447	127
Manse upkeep costs (inc insurance)	Note 4	4,070	-	-	4,070	5,680
Manse refurbishment		26,428	-	-	26,428	-
Subscriptions		792	-	-	792	885
Professional and legal fees		1,051	-	-	1,051	998
Catering & refreshments		165	-	-	165	272
Sundry costs		835	-	-	835	1,277
		<u>69,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,981</u>	<u>40,784</u>

**3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others**

Organisations:						
Barnabas Trust		-	-	-	-	1,506
Organisations < £1,000		1,500	-	704	2,204	1,500
Individuals		960	-	-	960	1,090
		<u>2,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>3,164</u>	<u>4,096</u>

**4 Transactions with related parties**

David Lowries served as a church leader and was paid £26,275 [2023: £25,137] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments include Employer pension contribution. These payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

The spouse of trustee Mark Pyle and was paid £1,144 [2023: £1,134] for her role as Church cleaner; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

In addition, the charity incurred expenditure totalling £30,498 [2023: £5,680] in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to David Lowries, who is a trustee, so that they could better perform their duties.

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

5 Movement of funds	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	76,824	34,366	(72,441)	-	38,748
	<u>76,824</u>	<u>34,366</u>	<u>(72,441)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,748</u>
Restricted funds					
Mission day 2023	(206)	206	-	-	-
Mission day 2024	-	660	(704)	-	(44)
	<u>(206)</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>(704)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44)</u>
Total funds	<u>76,618</u>	<u>35,232</u>	<u>(73,145)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,705</u>

The Missionary fund relates to special appeals held during the year to further the charitable objectives of the church. The deficit relates to potential gift aid added to grant paid but not recovered until after the year end.

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# Accounts

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**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. Our church exists primarily for the worship of God. As such we rejoice that each week we gather on Sunday to worship our God together and to equip and encourage those there to worship God in all of life through out the week. We are grateful for the freedom to do this and delight in meeting on Sundays as well as our mid-week gatherings.

**Structure**

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We have a safeguarding policy that is up to date and DBS checks are carried out on the relevant people.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

**Financial review**

During the year income increased by £10,400, to £47,300, only due to a legacy received. Expenditure also increased by £5,200, to £44,900. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £2,400, to £76,600, of which all is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Financially we are grateful for God's provision to us. We thank God for the generosity of our regular congregation who give to resource the church.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £76,600 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

### **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.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*David Lowries*

[David Lowries \(Jun 2, 2024 12:41 GMT+1\)](#)

David Lowries

Date: Jun 2, 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
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**Independent examiner's statement**

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1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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Jaimée Young  
Jaimée Young (Jun 3, 2024 10:00 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Jun 3, 2024

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		29,589	-	1,685	31,274	29,883
Gift aid receipts		3,336	-	-	3,336	5,182
Legacies		10,758	-	-	10,758	-
Charitable activities		458	-	-	458	-
Insurance refund		-	-	-	-	1,235
Interest		1,305	-	-	1,305	273
Other		181	-	-	181	363
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>45,626</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>47,311</b>	<b>36,935</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	39,436	-	1,349	40,784	35,566
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	2,460	-	1,636	4,096	4,098
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>41,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>44,880</b>	<b>39,663</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		3,731	-	(1,300)	2,431	(2,728)
Transfers between funds	5	(964)	-	964	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>2,767</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(336)</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>(2,728)</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		74,057	-	130	74,187	76,915
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>76,824</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(206)</b>	<b>76,618</b>	<b>74,187</b>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Current account	4,111	-	(206)	3,904	4,793
Savings account	72,645	-	-	72,645	69,350
Petty cash	68	-	-	68	45
	<u>76,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(206)</u>	<u>76,618</u>	<u>74,187</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	4,794	-	206	5,000	3,258
	<u>4,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,258</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Taxes due	320	-	-	320	249
Pension due	146	-	-	146	131
Fee for Independent Examination	900	-	-	900	540
	<u>1,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,367</u>	<u>920</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
				Value 2023 £	Purchase cost £
Manse					67,929
Contents and equipment				29,125	
				<u>29,125</u>	<u>67,929</u>

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by David Lowries  
David Lowries (Jun 2, 2024 12:41 GMT+1) date Jun 2, 2024  
 David Lowries

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		General funds	Designated funds			
<b>2</b>	<b>Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
	Staff costs	26,748	-	-	26,748	23,957
	Meetings and ministries	441	-	1,349	1,790	280
	Church utilities	1,810	-	-	1,810	1,242
	Church other property costs	1,197	-	-	1,197	1,865
	Administration (inc telephone) & sundry	127	-	-	127	88
	Manse upkeep costs (inc insurance)	5,680	-	-	5,680	3,584
	Subscriptions	1,056	-	-	1,056	937
	Professional and legal fees	827	-	-	827	2,193
	Catering & refreshments	272	-	-	272	155
	Sundry costs	1,277	-	-	1,277	1,265
		<u>39,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>40,784</u>	<u>35,566</u>

**3 Grants and gifts paid to others**

Organisations:						
	Barnabas Trust	-	-	1,506	1,506	1,638
	Organisations < £1,000	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500
	Individuals	960	-	130	1,090	960
		<u>2,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,636</u>	<u>4,096</u>	<u>4,098</u>

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**5 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	74,057	45,626	(41,896)	(964)	76,824
	<u>74,057</u>	<u>45,626</u>	<u>(41,896)</u>	<u>(964)</u>	<u>76,824</u>
Restricted funds					
Mission day	-	1,300	(1,506)	-	(206)
Benevolent fund	130	385	(1,479)	964	-
	<u>130</u>	<u>1,685</u>	<u>(2,985)</u>	<u>964</u>	<u>(206)</u>
Total funds	<u>74,187</u>	<u>47,311</u>	<u>(44,880)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,618</u>

The Missionary fund relates to special appeals held during the year to further the charitable objectives of the church. The funds this year were paid to the Barnabas Trust and the deficit relates to potential gift aid added to grant but not recovered until after the year end.

The Benevolent fund relates to fund given for the purpose of helping those in need.










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# Good News Church Hurstpierpoint

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2022

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**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	149 High Street Hurstpierpoint Hassocks BN6 9PU
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - association October 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1191622
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	David Lowries Lynn Cobbett Dickon Adams Mark Pyle
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. Our church exists primarily for the worship of God. As such we rejoice that each week we gather on Sunday to worship our God together and to equip and encourage those there to worship God in all of life through out the week. We are grateful for the freedom to do this and delight in meeting on Sundays as well as our mid-week gatherings.

**Structure**

The Membership of the church are able to vote on trustees who are ultimately responsible for the running of the charity however most decisions are made by the membership at bimonthly members meetings which include the trustees.

**Transfer to a CIO**

We rejoice that the CIO is now up and running. All has now been transferred over.

**Review of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

We rejoice that throughout 2022 we have been able to meet regularly on Sundays and midweek to encourage and build one another up as we worship God. We have also been encouraged to see a number of our other activities start back up after covid.

We are grateful to have been able to run two evening home groups since the pandemic restrictions have eased and have been thankful for our Senior Moments group for older people being able to restart meeting a few times in 2022.

We are also currently partnering in a toddler group and a café with other churches in the village. We are grateful to be able to support these groups meeting.

We have a safeguarding policy that is up to date and DBS checks are carried out on the relevant people.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

**Financial review**

During the year income increased by £13,800, to £36,900, and expenditure decreased by £2,600, to £39,700. As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £2,700, to £74,200, of which £74,100 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Financially we are grateful for God's provision to us. We thank God for the generosity of our regular congregation who give to resource the church. We are aware that there is a significant difference between our expenditure and income however we still have sufficient reserves to cover more than a year of normal outgoings.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £74,100 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

**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.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David Lowries

Date: 25 June 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Good News Church Hurstpierpoint ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 5 to 8 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 26 June 2023

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		28,628	-	1,255	29,883	19,722
Gift aid receipts		5,182	-	-	5,182	3,318
Insurance refund		1,235	-	-	1,235	-
Interest		273	-	-	273	8
Other		363	-	-	363	107
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>35,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,255</u>	<u>36,935</u>	<u>23,155</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	35,566	-	-	35,566	39,006
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	2,960	-	1,138	4,098	3,210
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>38,526</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>39,663</u>	<u>42,216</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(2,846)	-	118	(2,728)	(19,061)
Transfers between funds	5	1,335	-	(1,335)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(1,511)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,217)</u>	<u>(2,728)</u>	<u>(19,061)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end (restated)	7	75,568	-	1,347	76,915	95,976
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>74,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>74,187</u>	<u>76,915</u>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total	Total
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Current account	4,793	-	-	4,793	3,749
Savings account	69,220	-	130	69,350	73,086
Petty cash	45	-	-	45	78
	<b>74,057</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>74,187</b>	<b>76,914</b>
 <b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	3,258	-	-	3,258	3,428
	<b>3,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>3,428</b>
 <b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Taxes due	249	-	-	249	259
Pension due	131	-	-	131	127
Fee for Independent Examination	540	-	-	540	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	30
	<b>920</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>415</b>
 <b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
				Value 2022 £	Purchase cost £
Manse					67,929
Contents and equipment				25,000	
				<b>25,000</b>	<b>67,929</b>

Insurance values have been used for the contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The manse is shown at purchase cost. The charity London City Mission have an interest in this property.

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by date  
David Lowries 25 June 2023

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In the previous year, the charity presented accounts prepared on the accruals basis using the Charities SORP. However, the charity is a charitable incorporated organisation with income under £250,000 and it has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis and the results reported previously have been restated; further information is given in note 6 below.

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	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Staff costs	23,957	-	-	23,957	23,736
Travel	-	-	-	-	39
Catering & refreshments	155	-	-	155	110
Conferences & meetings	280	-	-	280	300
Church hall costs	2,923	-	-	2,923	7,046
Stationery, postage & telephone	88	-	-	88	122
Rent, council tax & water	183	-	-	183	262
Manse upkeep costs	3,584	-	-	3,584	2,969
Subscriptions	937	-	-	937	792
Sundry costs	1,265	-	-	1,265	1,068
Professional and legal fees	2,193	-	-	2,193	2,562
	<u>35,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,566</u>	<u>39,006</u>

**3 Grants and gifts paid to others**

Organisations:					
Barnabas Fund	500	-	1,138	1,638	-
Organisations < £1,000	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Individuals	960	-	-	960	-
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**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**5 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	75,568	35,680	(38,526)	1,335	74,057
	<u>75,568</u>	<u>35,680</u>	<u>(38,526)</u>	<u>1,335</u>	<u>74,057</u>
Restricted funds					
Missionary fund	-	1,125	(1,138)	13	-
Benevolent fund	-	130	-	-	130
The Ark	1,347	-	-	(1,347)	-
	<u>1,347</u>	<u>1,255</u>	<u>(1,138)</u>	<u>(1,335)</u>	<u>130</u>
Total funds	<u>76,915</u>	<u>36,935</u>	<u>(39,663)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,187</u>

The Missionary fund relates to special appeals held during the year to support other charities with similar objectives to the church.

The Benevolent fund relates to fund given for the purpose of helping those in need.

The Ark fund was a pre-school group previously run by the church, the funds should not have been treated as restricted so this fund has now been cleared down to general funds.

**6 Change of legal form**

On 15th March 2022, TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE HURSTPIERPOINT EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH : 259381 transferred its cash funds and its activities to this charity. The Charities SORP recommends that merger accounting is used when this type of charity reconstruction takes place and when the conditions set out in the SORP are satisfied. The charity has used in the principals of merger accounting when preparing these accounts, in particular:

- the results for the current year combine the results of the trust and this charity for the whole year ending on 31 December 2022
- the results of the trust for the year ending on 31 December 2021 are included as a comparative.

This year's receipts and payments can be analysed as follows:

	Trust pre-merger	CIO pre-merger	Combined (post-merger)	Combined total
Total receipts	11,105	-	25,830	36,935
Total payments	(9,844)	-	(29,819)	(39,663)
Net receipts / payments	<u>1,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,989)</u>	<u>(2,728)</u>

**7 Reconciliation with previously reported funds**

As explained in note 1 'Accounting Policies', in the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis; in the current year the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis. The comparatives presented in these accounts have been re-stated using the receipts and payments basis and a reconciliation with the reserves and results reported previously follows:

*Reconciliation of reserves*

	2021 £	2020 £
Previously reported reserves, at 31 December	136,985	157,321
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:		
Exclusion of previously included fixed assets	(57,057)	(58,416)
Exclusion of previously included debtors	(3,428)	(3,318)
Exclusion of previously included creditors	415	389
Re-stated reserves, at 31 December	<u>76,915</u>	<u>95,976</u>

*Reconciliation of results*

	2021 £
Previously reported results	(20,336)
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:	
Previously capitalised expenditure, less depreciation, now expensed	1,359
Excluded movements in debtors resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(110)
Excluded movements in creditors resulting in the recognition of less / (more) expenditure	26
Re-stated results	<u>(19,061)</u>

**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1191622

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' report for the Charity Commission 2021 (CIO)**

Good News Church, Hurstpierpoint

Registered Charity No. 1191622

Good News Church  
149 High Street  
Hurstpierpoint  
West Sussex  
BN6 9PU

Trustees: David Lowries, Mark Pyle, Dickon Adams, Lynn Cobbett

### **Purpose**

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### **Structure**

The Membership of the church are able to vote on trustees who are ultimately responsible for the running of the charity however most decisions are made by the membership at bimonthly members meetings which include the trustees.

### **Our activities**

The CIO has not been active in 2021 as we are still awaiting the transfer over from our previous charity structure which we hope will come into effect in 2022.