

Good News Church Hurstpierpoint

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

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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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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 chairbics 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

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Date: Aug 4, 2025

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

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
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
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>34,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>35,232</u>	<u>47,311</u>
<i>Payments</i>						
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
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>72,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>73,145</u>	<u>44,880</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(38,076)	-	163	(37,913)	2,431
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(38,076)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>(37,913)</u>	<u>2,431</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		76,824	-	(206)	76,618	74,187
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>38,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44)</u>	<u>38,705</u>	<u>76,618</u>

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

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

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

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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			
		£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly						
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.

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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.