

The Prayerhouse

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity number: 1192424.

Report and Financial Statements

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

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Report of the trustees

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period of 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024. The Prayerhouse CIO was registered with the Charity commission on 19th November 2020. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 1192424, formed under Constitution formally represents the incorporation of the charitable trust The Prayerhouse 1005120 (formerly New Covenant Church Weymouth) and has updated its charitable objects. The CIO is the successor body to the original Charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and activities for public benefit

The objects of the CIO are to apply its funds for such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may think fit in accordance with its constitution. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The objects of the CIO are:

- (1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Doctrines appearing in the Schedule of the CIOs constitution
- (2) The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship, or distress, or who are aged, or sick.
- (3) The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles.

Significant activities relating to the objects of the CIO:

Every Sunday the church gathers for worship and bible teaching, during this time there are also groups for children and young people. There is also opportunity during the week to gather in small groups (Life groups) for prayer, bible study, support and friendship. As a church we seek to help those in need (either through monetary gifts or practical support) who we meet through soul food, church members and other connections. We are also able to support those overseas through our partners working in various projects.

Grant making

The Trustees grant making powers are governed by the constitution, which allows them to make provision for the payment of grants, scholarships or allowances, as they consider appropriate.

Investment policy

The Trustees investment powers are governed by the constitution which permits the Charity's funds to be invested in a wide range of assets.

Summary of main activities.

Meetings

Following a decision from Holy Trinity Primary School to initiate their own weekend activities, our letting arrangement with the school was terminated. Our last service at the school was on 31 March, Easter Sunday. It has not been easy to find a suitable alternative. At the time of our last meeting at Holy Trinity School we had not yet found somewhere to meet the following Sunday.

Office

The office at Gordon Row, Chapelhay has been made into a pleasant workplace. It has become a useful focal point for the church family during the week and a place of work for Fortunatus Franklin and Paul White. We now conduct our Monday morning Dayshift meeting - three hours of prayer and worship – from there. Sometimes the space is very full with all available seating taken. We have a good relationship with other businesses in Gordon Row and we have become well known to the regular passers by who peer in the window with great interest to observe what is going on on any particular day!

Being a Dad

On 21 February we launched the first session of a group called Being a Dad at the Chapelhay office, to run on Wednesday evenings for eight weeks. This is an informal group of dads ranging from dads of newborns to dads of teenagers. We dive into all the key topics of fatherhood including brain development, loving on purpose, discipline, creating a culture, behaviour and navigating special educational needs.

Ministers Breakfast

For many years the local ministers have met once a month for breakfast, prayer and support. In March this year Prayerhouse were able to host this breakfast at our office. We had a big turnout, with about 15 guests present. We plan to continue to host the local ministers' breakfast in this way on into the future.

Azerbaijan

In January Paul White made a trip to Azerbaijan to visit a pastor from Turkmenistan who now lives and works from Baku, with his wife and family. Ali Nuryev has been connected with the Prayerhouse since the early 2000s. Ali travels frequently to Turkmenistan where he preaches and ministers among the church which is very much a persecuted minority in the country.

Personnel

Pete Millner, who has served on the Prayerhouse staff since 2009, applied successfully for the job of Pastor of Weymouth Baptist Church. He left the Prayerhouse and began work at the Baptist Church on the same day, 1 September. Pete led the youth team and was an enthusiastic Bible teacher and preacher. Others have stepped in to the roles vacated by Pete, but he and his family are greatly missed.

From 1st October 2023 We began paying Keira Franklin for one day per week as an administrative assistant to the church to help particularly with internal communication and organisation. She also coordinates the younger children's group as part of the Sunday Service.

Prison Alpha

Sally and Peter Wallace organise a team from across a number of churches to deliver an Alpha Course in Portland Prison. They have been running the Alpha Course in the prison for a number of years. It is a very popular course among the prison population of the UK which takes attendees

through the basics of the Christian Faith. In Portland Prison the team use a mix of the latest professionally produced Alpha videos, worship led by Fortunatus Franklin and live speakers including Paul White.

Zoomers

Over recent years a number of people have gone from Prayerhouse Weymouth to embark on mission work or church planting in different locations and nations. These have each expressed a wish to remain connected relationally to Prayerhouse. In December 2023 we launched a monthly online call to provide a regular point of connection with each other. Those involved are Raphael Öttinger (Norway), Josh White (Hampshire), Pete Millner (Weymouth Baptist Church), Claudio Barguena (Republic of Ireland), David White (Chickerell), Sam Sundar (New Zealand), Emma Tennant (Weymouth), Forchie Franklin (Weymouth) and Paul White (Weymouth). This has been an exciting development which it is hoped will be a means of offering real support to our wider family.

Ukraine

Paul White has continued to be involved in Ukraine and has made a number of visits in the past year. In May Paul met up again with Mark Wade in Ukraine and together they travelled across the country, heading east towards the Donbas region. They made stops at various points on the way in towns and cities where we now have strong connections: Ternopl, Rivne, Sloviansk, Toretsk and NewYork in Donbas, then back to Mukachevo, then Uzhorod and Berhove. At every point Mark and Paul's visit means encouragement and a spiritual boost to the pastors and leaders who are facing great challenges on a daily basis.

Paul organised a conference for Ukrainian pastors and frontline project leaders for the beginning of October 2023. It was held in Hotel Sofia in Rivne, in the western part of Ukraine. It was offered free of charge as a gift to those whose lives are spent sacrificially serving traumatised people in the relentless crisis of war. Paul had found sponsors who generously donated £10,000 which covered the costs of the conference and left a surplus. This enabled funds to be distributed to projects led by some of the delegates. The conference, He Restores My Soul, was hosted by Paul White with Phil and Heather Read from the Lighthouse Church, Lytchett Matravers.

Brett Britton joined a team from Prayerhouse to Ukraine in February 2023. He has since made multiple trips to the country picking up ambulances in UK and delivering them to Ukraine to be used on the front line. Although these trips have not been a Prayerhouse initiative Brett's volunteering and great contribution was sparked by his introduction to Ukraine by Prayerhouse.

Camp

It is great to be back in the rhythm of holding our Summer Children's Camp once again at the end of the school summer term. This summer's Camp was a huge success, with good weather, happy children and a great atmosphere the whole time. Children from a number of different churches in the South West attended.

We regularly hear stories from parents of how important Camp was for their children and we often hear stories from adults who attended one of our camps many years ago and of the profound impact Camp had on their lives.

Food Distribution

Wendy Selway continues to lead Soul Food, operating from Bethany Hall in Weymouth town. We serve hot meals to the homeless and vulnerably housed of our local community two evenings and two mornings a week. During a typical Soul Food evening we cater for between 20 and 30 guests. Anna White sorts through donated food from supermarkets, collected by Wendy Selway, every evening. Together with Brenda Harris, our chef, they come up with tasty, varied and nutritious food

for our Soul Food guests. We have continued to be able to make good quality food freely available on Tuesday evenings to those in the community in need of some extra help using the Soul Food van. Collections are made from various supermarkets throughout the week, and twice each evening, sorted and loaded onto the van or stored in the freezer. Most of the food cooked and served by the Soul Food team is now carefully selected from donated food and we still have plenty to give away. Boxes are also prepared each week for families who are struggling to make ends meet. Deliveries of donated food are also made to one of the local schools twice a week.

Ongoing Ministry

The ministry of Prayerhouse continues in spite of the difficulties we face in finding somewhere suitable to meet. We continue to reach out to serve the local community, the surrounding area of the South West, and also to other nations. We not only run our own projects but people from Prayerhouse also serve as volunteers in other local projects run by Christians, serving the poor and vulnerable of our community. Such projects include Fresh Start, the Nest, Global Cafe and others. We actively support Refresh, a charity representing the Church in Weymouth and Portland - Paul White is a trustee of Refresh. We give financially to the work of Refresh which also includes the Weymouth and Portland branch of Christians Against Poverty.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The CIO received an income of £150797.91

Expenditure amounted to £139764.11

Resulting in an excess of receipts over payments of £11033.80

The reserves of the CIO remain at a healthy level: £17,604.18 in general unreserved funds. £45,018.48 in designated funds and £69716.11 in reserved funds.

Reserves policy

The intention is to maintain sufficient free reserves in order to maintain the current level of activity and careful maintenance of assets.

Future plans:

The trustees will continue to look for a property to buy or rent in the Weymouth area that is big enough for the congregation of the Prayerhouse family (with space to grow) to meet on a Sunday and to carry out existing and new weekly activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Prayerhouse is governed by a constitution dated 19th November 2020, and is a Charitable incorporated organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

In accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Trustees have the power to appoint new Trustees as required to enable the objectives of the Charity to be met.

Organisational structure

All decisions relating to the organisation and operation of the charity are made by the trustees, taking professional advice from advisers and third parties where it is deemed appropriate.

Induction and training of new trustees

On appointment, new trustees sign a model trustee declaration statement committing them to giving their time and expertise. The new trustee goes through an induction process, which includes meetings with the Chair and the trustees. Training is also provided to the trustee as required.

Related party transactions during the year

Paul White is a Trustee of the charity and therefore a related party. During the year Paul White received fees of £37712 for his role as Pastor of the church. Paul White does not receive payment for his role as a trustee.. The other Trustees have not been reimbursed for their service.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1192424

Principal address:

8, Gordon Row,
Chapelhay,
Weymouth
DT4 8LL.

Trustees

Paul White
Clive Jackson
Jonathan Matthews
Anna Jackson

Elders & Pastors

Paul & Anna White (Pastors and Elders)
Fortunatus Franklin (Assistant Pastor and Elder)
Peter Millner (Pastoral Assistant, resigned in August 2023)

Members of the Administrative Team

Caroline White, Finance Manager
Keira Franklin, Admin Assistant (From October 2023)

Independent Examiner

Neil Hardisty

Bankers

Lloyds banking plc

Insurance Brokers

Sarum Insurance Ltd, 7 Shaftesbury Street, Fordingbridge, Hants, SP6 1JF

Unity insurance services. Suite 8, The Quadrant, 60 Marlborough Road, Lancing Business Park, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8UW

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

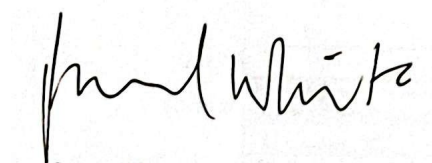
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20th Jan 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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P L White - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Prayerhouse.

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

119 2424

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

N. Hardisty

Date:

16-1-25

Name:

DR. N. HARDISTY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

B.Sc. Ph.D. (Maths) Treasurer of many organisations

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the period of 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	£111,504.22	£2,012.32	£27,892.13	£141,408.67	£148,692.25
Income from charitable activities	£140.00	-	£7,603.23	£7,743.23	£6,521.01
Investments	-	£1,596.95	-	£1,596.95	£213.71
Other income	£34.06	-	£15.00	£49.06	£37.00
Total Receipts	£111,678.28	£3,609.27	£35,510.36	£150,797.91	£155,463.97
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities	£111,938.38	£2,500.72	£21,704.01	£136,143.11	£162,644.23
Other expenditure	-	£3,600.00	£21.00	£3,621.00	£11,834.45
Total Payments	£111,938.38	£6,100.72	£21,725.01	£139,764.11	£174,478.68
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(£260.10)	(£2,491.45)	£13,785.35	£11,033.80	(£19,014.71)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£6,573.39	£8,915.26	£6,813.16	£22,301.81	£26,304.91
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£7,289.39)	(£9,735.83)	(£5,276.59)	(£22,301.81)	(£26,304.91)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(£976.10)	(£3,312.02)	£15,321.92	£11,033.80	(£19,014.71)
Net movement in funds	£823.90	(£3,312.02)	£165,321.92	£162,833.80	(£19,014.71)
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	£16,780.28	£48,330.50	£54,394.19	£119,504.97	£138,519.68
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	£17,604.18	£45,018.48	£219,716.11	£282,338.77	£119,504.97

Analysis of Receipts and Payments

For the period of 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
1005 - transfere from old trust	-	-	-	-	£15,122.73
1010 - Gift aid diamed	£17,188.34	-	£1,762.07	£18,950.41	£5,273.85
1011 - Donation	£1,851.62	£2,012.32	£26,130.06	£29,994.00	£56,919.48
1012 - Tithes & Offerings	£91,744.26	-	-	£91,744.26	£70,546.19
1013 - sunday collection	£720.00	-	-	£720.00	£830.00
Donations and legacies Totals	£111,504.22	£2,012.32	£27,892.13	£141,408.67	£148,692.25
Income from charitable activities					
1003 - camp fees	-	-	£7,603.23	£7,603.23	£6,261.01
1004 - conference fees	£140.00	-	-	£140.00	£260.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	£140.00	-	£7,603.23	£7,743.23	£6,521.01
Investments					
1001 - Bank interest	-	£1,596.95	-	£1,596.95	£213.71
Investments Totals	-	£1,596.95	-	£1,596.95	£213.71
Other income					
1002 - bank refund	(£25.94)	-	£15.00	(£10.94)	£37.00
1020 - sale of equipment	£60.00	-	-	£60.00	-
Other income Totals	£34.06	-	£15.00	£49.06	£37.00
Receipts Grand Totals	£111,678.28	£3,609.27	£35,510.36	£150,797.91	£155,463.97

Payments

Expenditure on charitable activities

1401 - Gifts to charity	£1,000.00	-	-	£1,000.00	£700.00
1402 - minisrty support	£5,450.00	-	£5,938.63	£11,388.63	£36,984.42
1403 - community support	£365.86	-	-	£365.86	£50.00
1404 - gifts to church members	£1,100.00	-	-	£1,100.00	£890.00
1451 - Net Salary	£27,290.84	-	-	£27,290.84	£28,306.73
1452 - sub contractor costs	£41,886.52	-	-	£41,886.52	£40,950.96
1453 - pension	£1,516.20	-	-	£1,516.20	£1,574.30
1454 - PAYE/TAX	£4,759.48	-	-	£4,759.48	£4,814.28
1455 - liscences	£544.60	-	-	£544.60	£569.00
1500 - Rent	£12,036.87	-	-	£12,036.87	£7,855.33
1501 - Water	£349.72	-	-	£349.72	£256.21
1502 - Electricity	£1,769.11	-	-	£1,769.11	£1,096.29
1503 - Gas	£402.36	-	-	£402.36	£1,475.41
1504 - phone and broadband	£1,082.76	-	-	£1,082.76	£800.14
1505 - mobile phone	£1,030.74	-	-	£1,030.74	£769.01
1506 - insurance	£3,406.21	-	£355.36	£3,761.57	£2,588.53

				Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1507 - computer software	£1,530.18	-	-	£1,530.18	£1,648.74
1508 - postage	£26.08	-	-	£26.08	-
1509 - Printing	£454.00	£98.40	£19.20	£571.60	£283.02
1510 - Sundries	£501.67	-	-	£501.67	-
1514 - interns	£792.00	-	-	£792.00	-
1520 - Repairs & maintainance	£21.90	£1,342.72	£486.00	£1,850.62	£3,784.50
1521 - Office equipment	£677.78	£150.00	-	£827.78	£162.91
1522 - PA/musical equipment	£1,908.30	-	-	£1,908.30	-
1525 - Subscriptions	£194.83	-	-	£194.83	£631.75
1526 - travel costs	£76.68	£889.60	£291.40	£1,257.68	£2,085.09
1527 - bank fees	£391.32	£20.00	£35.00	£446.32	£614.19
1529 - training	£66.00	-	£520.00	£586.00	£24.00
1530 - ukraine appeal	£20.00	-	£500.00	£520.00	£15,384.91
1531 - ukraine conference costs	-	-	£5,901.91	£5,901.91	-
1541 - camp refund	-	-	-	-	£550.00
1542 - camp expenses	-	-	£4,552.45	£4,552.45	£4,922.88
1550 - soul food resourses	-	-	£1,517.68	£1,517.68	£992.66
1551 - soul food van costs	-	-	£1,586.38	£1,586.38	£1,380.84
1560 - Children and youth Activities	£390.20	-	-	£390.20	£28.36
1570 - Encounter retreat expenses	-	-	-	-	£241.55
1580 - Hospitality	£896.17	-	-	£896.17	£228.22
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	£111,938.38	£2,500.72	£21,704.01	£136,143.11	£162,644.23
Other expenditure					
1512 - Visa costs	-	£3,600.00	£21.00	£3,621.00	£8,962.00
1528 - legal and professional fees	-	-	-	-	£2,872.45
Other expenditure Totals	-	£3,600.00	£21.00	£3,621.00	£11,834.45
Payments Grand Totals	£111,938.38	£6,100.72	£21,725.01	£139,764.11	£174,478.68

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31st March 2024

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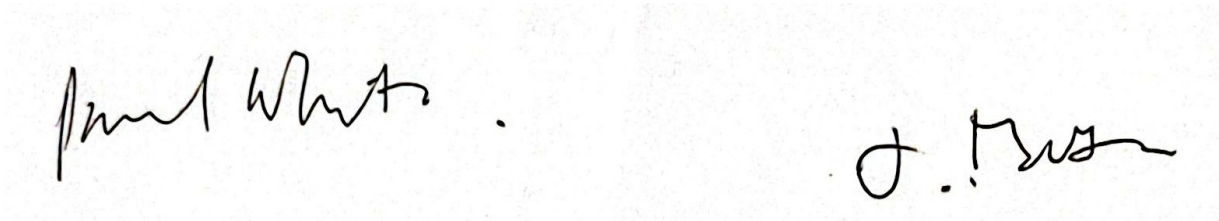
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 March 2024

		Balance	Previous balance
Fixed Asset			
5001: Burton Road Chapel wool			
The Building Fund	Restricted	£150,000.00	-
		£150,000.00	-
5002: Electronic drum kit			
General Fund	Unrestricted	£1,800.00	-
		£1,800.00	-
	Fixed Asset	£151,800.00	-
Current Asset			
2001: Bank current account			
The Building Fund	Restricted	£710.00	£205.00
The Building Fund	Designated	-	£277.11
Money From Wbol Church Set Aside For Conveyancing Fess	Designated	£2,012.32	-
The Franklins Fund	Designated	-	£183.00
General Fund	Unrestricted	£1,521.07	£6,068.37
Mark Wade	Restricted	(£0.94)	-
Mark Wade	Designated	(£20.00)	-
Mark Wade Van For Ukraine	Restricted	-	(£63.76)
Ottengers Mnistry Fund	Restricted	-	(£500.00)
Sams Dad Medical Bills (India)	Restricted	-	(£6.25)
Soul Food Fund	Restricted	£246.87	-
Soul Food Fund	Designated	-	£995.57
Travel Fund	Designated	£105.25	-
Ukraine Appeal Fund	Restricted	£689.87	-
Camp Fund	Restricted	£1,397.64	£1,202.22
		£6,662.08	£8,361.26
2002: Bank savings account			
The Building Fund	Restricted	£11,000.73	£48,700.73
The Building Fund	Designated	£4,993.63	£35,165.73
The Franklins Fund	Designated	£4,367.24	£10,009.24
The Franklins Fund	Restricted	£6,736.37	£3,436.37
General Fund	Unrestricted	£12,585.19	£5,798.86
Keyboard Fund	Designated	£705.00	£705.00
Marquee Fund	Restricted	£2,800.00	-
Soul Food Fund	Restricted	£1,600.00	£1,000.00
Team Development Fund	Designated	£2,400.00	-
Travel Fund	Designated	-	£994.85
Ukraine Conference Fund	Restricted	£1,464.53	-
Camp Fund	Restricted	£2,300.00	-
		£50,952.69	£105,810.78
2004: PayPal account			
General Fund	Unrestricted	£1,697.92	£4,913.05
Mark Wade	Restricted	£500.00	-
Soul Food Fund	Restricted	£0.05	£0.05

		Balance	Previous balance
Ukraine Appeal Fund	Restricted	£60.98	£123.82
		£2,258.95	£5,036.92
2005: Camp petty cash			
Camp Fund	Restricted	£210.01	£296.01
		£210.01	£296.01
2006: 32 day notice savings account			
The Building Fund	Restricted	£40,000.00	-
The Building Fund	Designated	£30,455.04	-
		£70,455.04	-
	Current Asset	£130,538.77	£119,504.97
	Grand Total	£282,338.77	£119,504.97

There are no particulars of any guarantee given by the CIO, where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities; and no particulars of any debt outstanding at the date the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the Prayerhouse Weymouth on 20th January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

The image shows two handwritten signatures on a light-colored, textured background. The signature on the left is 'P L White' in a cursive script. The signature on the right is 'J M Matthews' in a similar cursive script.

P L White - Trustee

J M Matthews - Trustee