

City Church Wolverhampton

Accounts

For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

City Church Wolverhampton Trustees Annual Report 2024

The trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Aims and Purposes of the Charity

As an independent, Bible-believing church, as per our statement of faith, City Church Wolverhampton's purposes are (as stated in the Church's Constitution) for the public benefit the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the Trustees may from time to time decide.

As a church, we are committed to spreading the Bible's message concerning Jesus, to develop people's knowledge of Him, and to encourage them to worship, trust and serve Him. We seek to encourage as many as possible to follow Jesus's example of love and compassion in serving each other and the wider community.

2024 was a year of creating a firm foundation in leadership as well as seeing steady growth in terms of ministry activities and more people being engaged with our activities on both Sundays and throughout the week.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities described below clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

To fulfil the aims and purposes of the Church as stated above, a variety of activities are provided for both the benefit of church members and for the benefit of members of the public. In January, the location of our 10.00 am weekly Sunday service changed from St. Peter's Collegiate School to Graiseley Family Hub (Pool St., Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, WV2 4NE), which we rent from the council on an hourly charge for 4 hours. We now have 3 midweek gatherings in various people's homes, around the city, and are planning more like this. These are for prayer and bible study, as well as meeting the need for people to live in 'community'. They are advertised electronically via our Facebook page and literature distributed in the local communities as well as word-of-mouth.

We seek to encourage attendance by members of the wider community by making these gatherings friendly, informal and joyful occasions. These services are recorded and broadcast later in the week on the church's website, although we firmly believe that meeting in person is critical to the practice of our faith. During Sunday morning services "Junior Church" for children aged 3-8 is run weekly and biweekly for 9-12s.

On Mondays we are regularly in the local community distributing Bibles, gospels and other Christian literature to those who are interested.

In August, we held our annual holiday Bible club during the summer in a local park, gaining the necessary permissions from the local council in regard to health and safety regulations, first aid precautions etc. This again was well received by the wider community, being advertised through Facebook and fliers in the area. We hosted a visiting team from another church which allowed us to see a greater number of children and their parents participate in activities in Graisle Park.

We had the great joy of celebrating the baptisms of three young people who had trusted Jesus personally in September.

Our leadership team has solidified with the addition of the three other men who serve as Elders in the church, so that the leadership team is now 5 men and their respective spouses. Including the wives has also helped in the wider spiritual and pastoral care of the church family.

We were invited back to the Mander Centre once again to hold a Christmas carol concert which was well received and held a community carol service at Bob Jones Community Hub in partnership with St. Luke's Wolverhampton and CLC Wolverhampton

We have offered from time-to-time courses to all who are interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith.

Individual pastoral and spiritual advice is offered to people living in the church's locality, both to those who attend our meetings and to those making inquiries electronically.

We have informal relationships with several other churches in the Wolverhampton area (Hope City Church, St. Luke's, and local FIEC churches) to be supported and to support them in our mutual endeavours to advance the Christian faith.

The Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for all matters of the CIO, both the finance and work of those who are designated as holding positions of spiritual responsibility. We hold insurance for events that we might have both regular and time to time and for the work that is done by individuals as to the propagation of the Christian faith.

The Trustees reviewed and modified a safeguarding policy and it will continue to be reviewed annually. The Trustees meet four times a year. These meetings are formally recorded, and these records are available for inspection by the Charity Commission and the Independent Examiner.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its ministries only in numbers, including financial numbers, but in less tangible ways like growth of individuals in their Christian faith and in opportunities to the share the Christian gospel with members of the community. Such "success" is difficult to measure, but the Trustees rejoice in another year when the Gospel of

Structure, Governance and Management

City Church Wolverhampton is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

As such it is solely run by its Trustees (presently 4), with the desire of having 'covenant partners'. Currently the church doesn't have a process for formally recognising these persons, so the body of believers is considered to be those who attend regularly and contribute to the financial needs of the church.

The church is recognised as a church plant with the goal of being affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) in due course. As such we adhere to their doctrinal statement and to their other ethos statements which bring clarity to our life and ministry as part of that fellowship.

Administrative Information

City Church Wolverhampton has as its registered office at 11 Birches Barn Ave, Wolverhampton WV3 7BT and its website <http://www.citychurchwolverhampton.com>

City Church Wolverhampton's Charity Registration Number is 1193886.

The Trustees who have served during 2024 are as follows:

Andrew L. Berry (Chair)

Rev. Timothy D. Berry (Trustee)

Lyn D. Towers (Trustee & Treasurer)

Timothy Howard (Trustee)

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Andrew L. Berry (Chair)



Lyn D. Towers (Treasurer)



Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of City Church Wolverhampton on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Basis of independent examiner's report

We report on the accounts of City Church Wolverhampton for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Group's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Group's officers consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to follow the general directions for the conduct of an independent examination
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions for an independent examination. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the committee and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as a committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep appropriate accounting records; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with applicable financial reporting standards
2. have not been met; or to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Community Accounting Services

**Community Accounting Services Ltd
7 Napoleon Drive
Shrewsbury
SY3 5PH**

Date: 14/10/2025

**City Church Wolverhampton
Income & Expenditure Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income				
Offerings & Donations	20,134	5,000	25,134	19,260
Gift Aid & Bank Interest	4,489	-	4,489	3,253
Grants	1,677	-	1,677	1,997
Total Income	26,300	5,000	31,300	24,510
Expenditure				
Running costs				
Travel expenses	-	-	-	6
Pastor hospitality	244	-	244	191
Repairs & Maintenance	344	-	344	-
Insurance	179	-	179	171
Room hire	5,378	-	5,378	620
Legal & professional	800	-	800	-
Publicity	629	-	629	423
Computer costs & equipment	1461	-	1,461	1,410
Evangelism	369	-	369	185
Outreaches	570	-	570	433
Short Term Team	986	-	986	653
Sunday School	36	-	36	-
Refreshments	577	-	577	141
Donations to other causes	2,398	-	2,398	1,695
Training	22	-	22	420
Bank charges	21	-	21	30
General expenses	197	-	197	187
Total Expenses	14,211	-	14,211	6,565
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers	12,089	5,000	17,089	17,945
Transfer Between Funds	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming Resources	12,089	5,000	17,089	17,945
Fund balance brought forward at 1 January 2024	52,356	-	52,356	34,411
Fund Balance Carried Forward at 31 December 2024	64,445	5,000	69,445	52,356

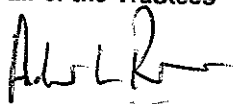
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Assets
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cash at bank	69,445	-	69,445

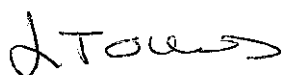
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Andrew L. Berry
Chair of the Trustees



Date 17-10-2025

Lyn D. Towers
Treasurer



Date 17/10/2025