

WORMLEY FREE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1194850

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-06-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN WORMLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Sunday Church services at Wormley Community Centre are open to all with children's activities provided. Tuesday Drop In provides a warm space, lunch and a chance to socialise. Wednesday Parents and Toddlers is open to the local community. We are a weekday distribution point for the local Foodbank. A member of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, Evangelical Alliance, and Churches Together.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£79,517	£82,506	-	-
2024-06-30	£89,533	£68,607	-	-
2023-06-30	£57,188	£51,489	-	-
2022-06-30	£51,299	£47,284	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jennifer Vallely	Chair	2022-10-03
Jonathan Kafui Asaffo		2022-10-03
Judith Mughogho		2023-10-09

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Wormley Free Church Annual Report

(Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion)

Office: Huntingdon Lodge, High Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6AA

Registered Charity No. 1194850

Trustees Annual Report July 2024 to June 2025

Until 2021, Wormley Free Church was a constituent part of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion charity, reference 232674. On 18th June 2021 the church was separately registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with the charity number 1194850. This change was administrative, a move encouraged throughout the Connexion, and the church continues to be an active member of it. This report, including financial statements, covers the year from July 2024 - June 2025, the fourth full year of the charity.

Trustees

Following the church handbook, which sits alongside our constitution and describes the church's 'spiritual life', trustees are elected on a revolving basis from the church leadership team, with staggered terms of office.

During the year, our leadership team consisted of:

- Rev. Ben Quant (Minister)
- Mrs Jennifer Valley (Treasurer & Trustee, 2024-27)
- Mr Jonathan Asaffo (Trustee, 2022-25)
- Mrs Judith Mughogho (Trustee, 2023-26)
- Mr David Lockett
- Mrs Jennifer Dobson
- Mrs Eunice Zijlstra
- Mr Chiliro Mughogho

Jonathan Asaffo stood for reelection at our 2025 AGM and was appointed for a second term.

General Aims and Objectives

As laid out in the Wormley Free Church CIO Constitution, the objects of the CIO for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Wormley, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit.

We seek to fulfil these objectives through communicating the Christian faith in relevant ways to our local communities, enabling as many as possible to worship with the church and to become part of our community, and seeking to serve the needs of local people. We seek to enable people to live out their faith through:

- Conducting missionary and outreach work
- Working with all ages including the elderly and young people
- Offering collective worship
- Providing education regarding the Christian faith
- Providing pastoral support

To facilitate this work we employ a minister, Rev. Benjamin Quant, and maintain the fabric of the church building and manse, and hire the local Community Centre for our Sunday services. We employ Mrs Amanda Newman for 2 hours a week to clean the Church.

Mission & Outreach

As a church, sharing our faith through showing and communicating God's love is a core feature of our life. We encouraged and supported our members in doing so in their daily lives as the 'dispersed church'. Alongside this we ran organised activities as the 'gathered church'. In 2024-25, these included:

- **The Drop-In:** A weekly lunch and chance to meet others, open to all but primarily for local elderly people, especially those living on their own. There is no charge for this, but we ask for donations as people are able to enable the group to be sustainable but not prohibit attendance. This is an initiative we would like to develop, but are currently restricted by our kitchen facilities.
- **Parent & Toddlers:** We ran a weekly toddler group on Wednesday mornings for local parents/grandparents/carers and their children. This is a long established group with a widely regarded reputation, involving play, refreshments and 'song-time'. Again, no charge is made, but there is a suggested donation of £1 per adult and per child.
- **Broxbourne Foodbank:** The church hosted, coordinated and helped staff the primary distribution point for Broxbourne Foodbank (Charity No. 1157199), of which our minister and another church member are trustees. We do not charge for the use of our facilities, seeing this as an important part of our outreach. This has continued to be a significant service for the local area in the light of the 'cost of living crisis' following on from the impact of Brexit, Covid and the war in Ukraine. Alongside the distribution of food, an informal community is developing of those who pop in for company and conversation as well as or instead of food, meaning the foodbank is also meeting local social needs as well as practical needs. This is something we hope to develop.
- **Broxbourne Nursing Home:** We have continued the regular services we initiated last year at Broxbourne Nursing Home, with St. Laurence (Wormley) and St. Augustine's (Broxbourne) CofE Churches.
- **Seeker Courses:** We returned to running Alpha again this year (see below), with a well attended and successful course following Easter.
- **Conversation Cafe:** We continued to run the Conversation Cafe which we started last year, an opportunity for those in the area who speak English as a foreign language to come and practice their conversational skills in an informal setting. This started in response to requests from the local community and in light of a local hotel being used to house asylum seekers, and we see it as an opportunity to develop

relationships and mutual understanding as well as linguistic ability. We have had a growing Turkish/Kurdish contingent from the local area attending, as well as some Eastern Europeans and Africans from the local asylum hotel. We see this offering as important in the light of the growing sense of polarisation around immigration in our country.

- **Coffee, Cake & Chinwag:** Our monthly women's coffee morning continued at the church for church members and others by invitation to deepen and extend relationships.

We also ran seasonal services and activities at Harvest, Christmas and Easter to attract and communicate the Christian faith to those who are not Christians or do not usually attend church. Some of these involved working with local schools, churches and organisations, such as those listed in 'Other Organisations' below.

All Age Activity

We seek to include, support and reach out to all ages, for example over the year we offered:

- **Age Appropriate Activities in our Services:** See 'Collective Worship' below.
- **The Drop In:** See 'Mission & Outreach' above.
- **Youth Group:** At the start of the year we ran a monthly youth group for our teenagers.
- **Broxbourne Nursing Home:** See 'Mission & Outreach' above.
- **Schools Work:** Our minister regularly conducts assemblies in Wormley and Broxbourne Primary Schools, takes part in lessons, and plays an active part in the school community. He also conducted Christmas, Easter and Harvest Services for the Foundation Stage, and Christingle Services for the main school at Wormley, as well as a range of end of year and leavers' services at both. In conjunction with the school and St. Augustine's / St Laurence churches, we continued supporting the termly Messy Church sessions at Wormley Primary School.
- **Carols & Craft at the Big Local Christmas Party:** As in previous years, we supported the Big Local's Christmas Party at the Community Centre where we have our Sunday morning services by providing carol singing and craft activities.

Collective Worship

Over the year, we continued to hold services in Wormley Community Centre and sought to ensure our services were accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds, and welcoming to visitors as well as regular members. The use of the Community Centre rather than our own building is for a number of reasons:

- Our own building limits what we are able to offer:
 - the kitchen is in need of refurbishment and bringing up to the appropriate standard
 - space and the number of rooms is limited
 - there are challenges in making it as accessible as we would like it to be, eg. it does not currently have adequate provision for disabled toilets.

We would like to address these issues but do not currently have the necessary finance.

- Geographically, the Community Centre is nearer the heart of Wormley and so more visible than our own premises. This is enhanced by being located near a busy local store. It also has more rooms than our premises, enabling space to provide activities for young people.

We provide a crèche for toddlers and 'Sunday Club' for primary school aged children. Over 2024/25 we had four secondary school aged children who remained in the main service, which we sought to make accessible and engaging for them as well as the rest of the congregation. On the first Sunday of the month and on special days in the church calendar we held all-age services.

Although we have a paid minister, we encourage active participation within our services, and have a range of people in our preaching and service leading team, of different nationalities, ages, backgrounds and genders.

We continued to provide a live-stream and archive of our services on YouTube and our website. This made them accessible for those unable to attend in person. Through use of slido.com, those watching online could interact with us during the services. This has supported those who are unable to attend through illness, through being away, or living outside our local area, particularly those who have moved away and who wish to maintain a relationship with us. This continues to provide a way for those looking for a church to find out about us, along with the website which we have continued to maintain and keep primarily focussed on communicating to those outside the church.

We have been encouraged to see gradual numerical growth in our Sunday Services, partly as a result of our Alpha Course.

Education

Alongside the teaching that took place in Sunday services, we provided a midweek Bible study group. This has continued to take place online as this better suits the lives of our members and makes it available to others outside the area. We also provide a daily Bible Note by email (Monday-Friday), often based on the previous Sunday services' theme (these are available to the wider public via our website), and weekly email newsletter providing information about our faith, pointing to interesting articles and pieces of news on the internet, and publicising events and activities coming up.

A significant aspect of our education work outside the congregation, takes place in our local schools (see 'All-Age Activity' above).

Pastoral Support

Pastoral support was offered to our membership through the leadership team through visits, phone calls, emails, and prayer as desired/appropriate, as well as mutual support being encouraged amongst our members. We continue to be committed to offering prayer support

through weekly prayer meetings, praying for the needs of the church and the world, and an active prayer request WhatsApp group.

Pastoral support was also made available to those beyond our membership, to those who attend our regular activities and the wider community. This included opportunities to talk and be prayed for, as well as the provision of funeral services, weddings and dedication / thanksgiving services for children.

Specific Objectives for 2024/25

At the start of the year, the church leadership and membership prayerfully considered what specific objectives we should focus on for this year, alongside maintaining our ongoing work. This year we identified Jesus' expression 'I'll build my church' from Matthew 16:18 as a phrase to focus on and sought to 'build the church' through Alpha and through our ongoing work towards redeveloping our church building to make it more accessible and welcoming and fit for mission.

Alpha

Over the last few years we have had a focus on developing our relationships in general within the church and in particular developing our youth work. This year we felt it was right to focus more proactively on our objective of communicating the Christian faith to those outside the church, inviting them to respond to it and hopefully welcoming them into our church family.

In the past, Alpha (<https://alpha.org.uk/>) was a key tool in the growth of the church, especially after being near to closing in the 80s. As a church leadership, after prayer we felt it was the time to return to using Alpha again, and the church membership agreed. This involved the whole church membership in inviting guests, prayer, setting and clearing up, catering, and leading the discussions.

We were delighted to have a regular group of around 15 participants who joined us, of whom a number have gone on to join our Sunday services. Our guests were a range of people including some from the fringe of our church 'family' and others from our other activities such as the foodbank, as well as family and friends. Participants have also expressed the desire to continue to meet and we have a follow up Bible Study course ('Exploring Mark') planned for Autumn 2025.

Church Redevelopment Project

As described in our 2022/23 report, our kitchen has often been at the heart of our life as a community and at the heart of our outreach. From being used for: teas and coffees after services, meals together, and a place to creatively design and make hot chocolate with the youth, to being a key component in outreach such as for: meals for Alpha Courses (courses for those exploring Christianity), our weekly Drop In lunch for the local community (mainly attended by elderly people living on their own), meals for the Winter Night Shelter, and refreshments for our Toddler Group and Foodbank volunteers. It is, however, small, making it difficult for more than one or two people to use it at once, in a poor state of repair, and not

attractive to the wider community of potential hall hirers. To make it fit for purpose and to enable us to expand the scope of our provision to the congregation and wider community, we decided to investigate refurbishing it and the possibility of extending it. By the end of 2023, through consultation with architects, surveyors, builders, kitchen fitters and others with relevant expertise, as well as through much discussion and prayer as a church community, we decided to look beyond simply redeveloping and refurbishing the kitchen, to a wider redevelopment of the church premises as a whole.

An architect was invited to design and present to the church a vision for its redevelopment with the brief of making it attractive and welcoming, as well as maximising its potential as a resource for fulfilling our mission as a church of serving the local community, and offering Christian worship and education, in an inclusive and accessible way.

Early this year we received planning permission for a project that would result in:

- Opening up the front of the church, and removing walls and railings, to increase its visibility and welcome, and to enable easy disabled access.
- Installing new windows to let in more light and to make activity more visible to those outside so that it does not appear 'closed'.
- Installing a disabled toilet.
- Moving and creating a larger kitchen that is better fit to meet our objectives..
- Creating a new meeting room to facilitate activities at the church from youth meetings to pastoral counselling.
- Installing more storage so that the church is tidier and as a consequence more attractive and safer.
- Installing a new more efficient boiler, solar panels, windows and plants to make the property more efficient and environmentally friendly.

Over the year we have developed detailed plans in conjunction with the architect and other specialists (quantity surveyor, lighting consultant, audio visual consultant, interior designer etc). We also identified five potential contractors and following initial discussions with them and our architect, have undertaken a tender process with three of them, narrowing our options to two, with whom we are continuing discussions.

The quotes we have received are beyond our internal fundraising capacity, and so although we have continued fundraising through the members' giving, we have also started a process of applying for various grants, including to the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, the Joseph Rank Trust, the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities and Laing Family Trusts. We hope that grants from these bodies will be critical in opening up match funding from other funds, enabling us to undertake the planned work. Our target is to start the development in 2025/26.

During the year we raised £17208.73 in gifts and gift aid towards the redevelopment project and spent £25308.23. At the end of the year we had £23553.18 in the Building Fund Account.

Other Activity

Alongside the above specific objectives and our regular activities, the following were of note this year:

Work Experience

Towards the end of the summer term we were delighted to welcome a student from The Broxbourne School who joined our minister, Ben, for a week's work experience. She participated in many of our weekday activities, helped at assemblies, and did some work on our website. We would be happy to welcome other students interested in our community projects in the future.

25 Years

In August we celebrated Ben and his family being with us for twenty-five years with a special service and lunch, which was enjoyed by all that came, including many who have attended the church during that time but have moved away.

Inter-Faith Forum

Last year we worked with other churches and the Broxbourne Muslim Network to host the local election hustings. This proved to be a fruitful and enjoyable coming inter-faith collaboration, and we decided to pursue it further, inviting them, local councillors, and other faith representatives to meet for an inter-faith forum in February to get to know each other better and to explore how to develop our relationship further. This was also a response to the increasingly polarised political landscape around issues such as migration and religion and the desire to find a better way to relate to those of other cultures and backgrounds, seeking to understand and appreciate our differences.

Evening Services

Before the Covid pandemic we held weekly evening services. After we were finally able to reintroduce in-person services, our attention was on restoring the morning services and evening services were not restarted. In the run up to Alpha, we held a series of evening 'services' to help prepare as a church. These have since continued once a month, with an emphasis on informal worship and a short devotional 'thought' or discussion rather than a full sermon.

Other Organisations

Where appropriate to our aims and objectives, we have worked with and supported other organisations, including financially as permitted by our aims and objectives. Over the course of the year this included:

- **Broxbourne Foodbank** See 'Mission & Outreach' above. As well as not charging for their use of the church, and directly supporting through volunteers, we collect food for the foodbank in Sunday services as part of our offering/worship.

- **Churches Together in Hoddesdon, Broxbourne & Wormley (CTHBW):** We are an active member of CTHBW, participating in a number of the activities they run and support (such as distributing starter packs for homeless people who are housed by the council, the Foodbank, joint church services, seasonal outreach, ministers' lunches and prayer meetings). As permitted by our objectives, we pay an annual subscription fee. Within this network we have deliberately made an effort over the last two years to deepen our relationship with St. Laurence, Wormley, the nearest other church in the group.
- **The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion:** The church is part of The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion (charity no. 232674), and our church building and manse belong to them. One of our leadership team is the chair of trustees for The Connexion, and our minister is another trustee. We send representatives to their annual Conference and contribute financially to its central funds on a regular basis.
- **The Evangelical Alliance:** We are members of the Evangelical Alliance, UK (charity no. 212325), and pay an annual subscription fee.
- **The Sierra Leone Mission (SLM):** The SLM is the overseas mission branch of The Connexion, which encourages and supports churches and schools in Sierra Leone, West Africa. One of our members is a committee member for the SLM. We seek to inform our congregation of the work of the SLM, put together alongside other Connexional churches, shoebags full of Christmas gifts for children in Sierra Leone, and support the SLM financially on a regular basis.
- **Wormley and Broxbourne Primary Schools** See 'All Age Activity' above.
- **Wormley Scouting Organisations** Our minister was invited to lead a time of reflection for the local Scouting groups as part of their Remembrance Sunday activities.
- **The Wormley & Turnford Big Local (WTBL):** WTBL are a local project run by The Big Local charity (no. 1145916) who have the objective of building and developing our local community. They run the Wormley Community Centre where we meet. In light of our close aims and objectives, and the fact that they run the Community Centre that we hire for our services, we sought to develop a good working relationship with them, and seek ways in which we could work together that were mutually beneficial such as their Christmas parties.
- **Young Life International, Hoddesdon:** Young Life (YL) is a local para-church youth work, which works with church and non-church youth. We have sought to support their work as part of our outreach objective, and as a resource for our own youth, aware that we have not offered youth work of our own.

Hall Hire

We make our church premises available for 'hall hire' as a source of revenue and as a way of supporting local community events and activities in line with our objectives. Over the year it was hired weekly by Saracen's children's cheerleading class and Cocaine Anonymous, monthly by Women Aglow, and *ad hoc* childrens' parties and other events. We subsidise hire where needed by groups or individuals which are not-for-profit and serving the local community.

Volunteers

The church fellowship cannot function without the assistance of volunteers. We encourage our members to play an active part in running and attending our activities, and are grateful for their participation.

Safeguarding

As a church that is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community for all, we are aware of and alert to the importance of safeguarding, including child protection and caring for vulnerable adults. We have a safeguarding policy in place which we review on a regular basis (available on our website) and consider carefully the implications of contemporary culture, church culture, the ability of all to raise concerns, and the range of forms abuse can take, including spiritual abuse. We continue to be supported in this area by The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion and Thirtyone:eight.

Food Safety

We also recognise the importance of food hygiene and ask those with responsibility for the preparation and serving of food to have up to date training (Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene). At our last environmental health inspection by Broxbourne Council we were awarded with 5 stars. The desire to maintain good standards of food hygiene and safety is one of the motivations behind our church redevelopment project.

Financial Review

See Accounts below

Income

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £57,694 and restricted funds of £21,823 giving a total income of £79,517 a decrease of £10,016 in comparison to the total income of £89,533 in 2023-24.

Expenditure

Over the year we spent £53,238 from unrestricted funds and £29,268 from restricted funds, giving a total expenditure of £82,506 an increase of £13,899 when compared to the previous year's total of £68,607.

Balance

Our closing balance was £48,662 (of which £24,466 is restricted), a decrease of £2,989 on last year's balance of £51,651.

Reserves Policy

It is the church policy to maintain an unrestricted balance of 3 months unrestricted expenditure or £13500 whichever is greater to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £24,197 in unrestricted funds exceeds this target.

Administrative Information

The church is situated at High Road, Broxbourne, EN10 6EN. Its registered office is Huntingdon Lodge, High Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6AA.

The church has been a registered CIO since 18th June 2021.

The Trustees that have served during the year are:

- Mrs Jennifer Vallely
- Mr Jonathan Asaffo
- Mrs Judith Mughogo

Jonathan Asaffo's term of office comes to an end at our September AGM when he will stand down. He has agreed to be nominated for a second term, subject to a vote of the membership at the same AGM.

We maintain a website: www.wormleyfreechurch.org.uk in order to support and publicise our activities.

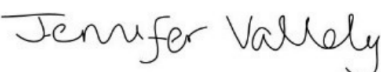
Statements

During the year there have been no serious incidents or loss of funds that would pose a serious risk to the Charities beneficiaries, resources or reputation.

Declaration

I declare that this is a true report and in my capacity of Chair of Trustees I am authorised to sign it on behalf of the Trustees.

Name: JENNIFER VALLELY

Signature: 

Date: 17.12.25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Wormley Free Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1194850

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 06 / 2025**.

**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.

Signed:

Graham Squibbs

Date:

11/09/2025

Name:

Graham Squibbs

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

Address:

15 Springfield Road, Middleton, Manchester M24 5DL



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Wormley Free Church

No (if any)
1194850

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st July 2024	To	Period end date 30th June 2025
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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					
Voluntary Income	44,306	17,189	-	61,495	55,917
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	295	10	-	305	319
Income from Investments	241	-	-	241	-
Income from Church Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax Refund	10,317	420	-	10,737	19,303
Rent	2,535	-	-	2,535	2,585
Gifts for Sierra Leone Mission	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts for Individuals	-	1,570	-	1,570	8,170
Drop In	-	1,665	-	1,665	1,706
Parents and Toddlers	-	969	-	969	908
Social/ Community Fund Fund	-	-	-	-	625
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	57,694	21,823	-	79,517	89,533
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	57,694	21,823	-	79,517	89,533
A3 Payments					
Salaries, Expenses and Pension	41,443	-	-	41,443	40,444
Repairs and Maintenance	205	25,308	-	25,514	7,063
Insurance and Water	1,925	-	-	1,925	1,741
Overheads and Expenses	7,716	-	-	7,716	7,544
Purchase of Equipment	1,053	-	-	1,053	-
Conferences	-	-	-	-	210
Independent Examination Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	-	-	-	-	-
Other Charities	-	862	-	862	313
Mission	496	10	-	506	400
Sierra Leone Mission	400	-	-	400	400
Gifts for Individuals	-	1,570	-	1,570	8,170
Drop In	-	1,245	-	1,245	1,276
Parents and Toddlers	-	247	-	247	171
Social/ Community Fund	-	26	-	26	875
Sub total	53,238	29,268	-	82,506	68,607
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	53,238	29,268	-	82,506	68,607
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,456	- 7,444	-	- 2,989	20,926
A5 Transfers between funds	1,602	- 1,602	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,139	33,512	-	51,651	30,725
Cash funds this year end	24,197	24,466	-	48,662	51,651

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	Treasurers Accounts	7,810	24,225	-
	Business Bank Instant Account	15,423	-	-
	Cash	964	241	-
	Total cash funds	24,197	24,466	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

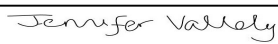
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Tax Refunds Due	12,653	6,300	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Inland Revenue Month 3 payments	Unrestricted	565	20 July 2025
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JENNIFER VALLELY	11/09/2025

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Wormley Free Church Annual Report

(Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion)

Office: Huntingdon Lodge, High Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6AA

Registered Charity No. 1194850

Trustees Annual Report July 2023 to June 2024

Until 2021, Wormley Free Church was a constituent part of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion charity, reference 232674. On 18th June 2021 the church was separately registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with the charity number 1194850. This change was administrative, a move encouraged throughout the Connexion, and the church continues to be an active member of it. This report including financial statements covers the year from July 2023 - June 2024, the third full year of the charity.

Trustees

Following the church handbook, which sits alongside our constitution and describes the church's 'spiritual life', trustees are elected on a revolving basis from the church leadership team, with staggered terms of office.

During the year, our leadership team consisted of:

- Rev. Ben Quant (Minister)
- Mrs Jennifer Valley (Treasurer & Trustee, 2022-24)
- Mr Jonathan Asaffo (Trustee, 2022-25)
- Mrs Judith Mughogho (Trustee, 2023-26)
- Mr David Lockett
- Mrs Edith Rowe
- Mrs Jennifer Dobson
- Mrs Eunice Zijlstra
- Mr Chiliro Mughogho

General Aims and Objectives

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- Conducting missionary and outreach work
- Working with all ages including the elderly and young people
- Offering collective worship
- Providing education regarding the Christian faith
- Providing pastoral support

To facilitate this work we employ a minister, Rev. Benjamin Quant, and maintain the fabric of the church building and manse, and hire the local Community Centre for our Sunday services. We employ Mrs Amanda Newman for 2 hours a week to clean the Church.

Mission & Outreach

As a church, sharing our faith through showing and communicating God's love is a core feature of our life. We encouraged and supported our members in doing so in their daily lives as the 'dispersed church'. Alongside this we ran organised activities as the 'gathered church'. In 2023-24, these included:

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- **Parent & Toddlers:** We ran a weekly toddler group on Wednesday mornings for local parents/grandparents/carers and their children. This is a long established group with a widely regarded reputation, involving play, refreshments and 'song-time'. Again, no charge is made, but there is a suggested donation of £1 per adult and per child.
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- **Seeker Courses:** In the past we have run courses such as Alpha for those outside the church who wish to learn more about the faith in a 'no strings attached' way. No courses were run this year as we focussed on other aspects of our activity.
- **Conversation Cafe:** A new activity this year was our Conversation Cafe. This ran on a weekly basis and offers an opportunity for those who speak English as a foreign language to come together with volunteers to practise their conversational skills in an informal setting. We started this in response to requests from the local community and in light of a local hotel being used to house asylum seekers, and see it as an opportunity to develop relationships and mutual understanding as well as linguistic ability.

- **Coffee, Cake & Chinwag:** Another new activity was our monthly women's coffee morning at the church for church members and others by invitation to deepen and extend relationships.

All of these activities have continued in 2024/25.

We also ran seasonal services and activities at Harvest, Christmas and Easter to attract and communicate the Christian faith to those who are not Christians or do not usually attend church. Some of these involved working with local schools, churches and organisations, such as those listed in 'Other Organisations' below.

All Age Activity

We seek to include, support and reach out to all ages, for example over the year we offered:

- **Age Appropriate Activities in our Services:** See 'Collective Worship' below.
- **The Drop In:** See 'Mission & Outreach' above.
- **Broxbourne Nursing Home:** See 'Mission & Outreach' above.
- **Schools Work:** Our minister regularly conducts assemblies in Wormley and Broxbourne Primary Schools, takes part in lessons, and plays an active part in the school community. He also conducted Christmas, Easter and Harvest Services for the Foundation Stage, and Christingle Services for the main school at Wormley. In addition he talked to pupils at Woodside Primary School, Goffs Oak, about Christmas and Easter, and welcomed students from Year 1 at Longlands Primary School to discuss how and why Christians celebrate Christmas. In conjunction with the school and St. Augustine's / St Laurence churches, we also started termly Messy Church sessions at Wormley Primary School.

Collective Worship

Over the year, we continued to hold services in Wormley Community Centre and sought to ensure our services were accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds, and welcoming to visitors as well as regular members. The use of the Community Centre rather than our own building is for a number of reasons:

- Our own building limits what we are able to offer:
 - the kitchen is in need of refurbishment and bringing up to the appropriate standard
 - space and the number of rooms is limited
 - there are challenges in making it as accessible as we would like it to be, eg. it does not currently have adequate provision for disabled toilets.

We would like to address these issues but do not currently have the necessary finance.

- Geographically, the Community Centre is nearer the heart of Wormley and so more visible than our own premises. This is enhanced by being located near a busy local store. It also has more rooms than our premises, enabling space to provide activities for young people.

We provide a crèche for toddlers and 'Sunday Club' for primary school aged children. Over 2023/24 we had four secondary school aged children who remained in the main service, which we sought through various means to make accessible and engaging for them as well as the rest of the congregation. On the first Sunday of the month and on special days in the church calendar we held all-age services.

Although we have a paid minister, we encourage active participation within our services, and have a range of people in our preaching and service leading team, of different nationalities, ages, backgrounds and genders.

We continued to provide a live-stream and archive of our services on YouTube and our website. This made them accessible for those unable to attend in person. Through use of slido.com, those watching online could interact with us during the services. This has supported those who are unable to attend through illness, through being away, or living outside our local area, particularly those who have moved away and who wish to maintain a relationship with us. This continues to provide a way for those looking for a church to find out about us, along with the website, which, as indicated in last year's report, we have redesigned to make the homepage more orientated towards the general public, rather than those already attending the church.

Education

Alongside the teaching that took place in Sunday services, we provided a midweek Bible study group. This has continued to take place online as this better suits the lives of our members and makes it available to others outside the area. We also provide a daily Bible Note by email (Monday-Friday), often based on the previous Sunday services' theme (these are available to the wider public via our website), and weekly email newsletter providing information about our faith, pointing to interesting articles and pieces of news on the internet, and publicising events and activities coming up.

A significant aspect of our education work outside the congregation, takes place in our local schools (see 'All-Age Activity' above).

Pastoral Support

Pastoral support was offered to our membership through the leadership team through visits, phone calls, emails, and prayer as desired/appropriate, as well as mutual support being encouraged amongst our members. We continue to be committed to offering prayer support through weekly prayer meetings, praying for the needs of the church and the world, and an active prayer request WhatsApp group.

Pastoral support was also made available to those beyond our membership, to those who attend our regular activities and the wider community. This included opportunities to talk and be prayed for, as well as the provision of funeral services, weddings and dedication / thanksgiving services for children.

Specific Objectives for 2023/24

At the start of the year, the church leadership and membership prayerfully considered what specific objectives we should focus on for this year, alongside maintaining our ongoing work. This year we have sought to deepen our relationships within the church alongside our ongoing work towards redeveloping our church building to make it more accessible and welcoming and fit for mission.

Deepening our Relationships

Last year we focussed on developing the youth work at the church, building their relationships with each other and holding a monthly Youth Night. We continue to seek to support our teenagers, but decided this year to broaden the focus to deepen the relationships within the whole congregation. This focus was chosen as:

- Being inclusive and being a diverse community with a welcoming nature and family feel is part of our core identity as a church as identified in recent church meetings.
- We have gained a number of new members recently and wanted to ensure that they felt included and 'part of the family'.
- We recognised the need of having a strong community working together if we are able to be successful in our aims and objectives as a charity, specifically our church redevelopment project.

We worked towards this objective in a number of ways:

- Through our formal teaching as a church, for example through sermon series that were encounter or relationship or testimonial in basis, and through our daily Bible notes.
- Through formal programmes of activity, such as our Summer Socials and bring and share meals.
- Through the leadership team actively encouraging members to work at their relationships.

Over August we took a break from our Bible Study, prayer meeting and Toddler Group programmes, and held a series of 'Summer Socials', activities designed to encourage building and deepening relationships. These included activities such as local walks and board game evenings. These were open to all ages and we encouraged the congregation to invite their friends to join us.

Although it is hard to measure the success of this objective in a quantitative way, we sense from the numbers attending our events and services, and reflecting on the mood of these and the health of our relationships, that this has indeed been worthwhile. We will also be welcoming some of our new congregation members into church/CIO membership at our 17th October 2024 AGM.

Church Redevelopment Project

As described in our 2022/23 report, our kitchen has often been at the heart of our life as a community and at the heart of our outreach. From being used for: teas and coffees after services, meals together, and a place to creatively design and make hot chocolate with the

youth, to being a key component in outreach such as for: meals for Alpha Courses (courses for those exploring Christianity), our weekly Drop In lunch for the local community (mainly attended by elderly people living on their own), meals for the Winter Night Shelter, and refreshments for our Toddler Group and Foodbank volunteers. It is, however, small, making it difficult for more than one or two people to use it at once, in a poor state of repair, and not attractive to the wider community of potential hall hirers. To make it fit for purpose and to enable us to expand the scope of our provision to the congregation and wider community, we decided to investigate refurbishing it and the possibility of extending it. By the end of 2023, through consultation with architects, surveyors, builders, kitchen fitters and others with relevant expertise, as well as through much discussion and prayer as a church community, we decided to look beyond simply redeveloping and refurbishing the kitchen, to a wider redevelopment of the church premises as a whole.

An architect was invited to design and present to the church a vision for its redevelopment with the brief of making it attractive and welcoming, as well as maximising its potential as a resource for fulfilling our mission as a church of serving the local community, and offering Christian worship and education, in an inclusive and accessible way.

During the year, we worked towards submitting planning permission for a project that would result in:

- Opening up the front of the church, and removing walls and railings, to increase its visibility and welcome, and to enable easy disabled access.
- Installing new windows to let in more light and to make activity more visible to those outside so that it does not appear 'closed'.
- Installing a disabled toilet.
- Moving and creating a larger kitchen that is better fit to meet our objectives..
- Creating a new meeting room to facilitate activities at the church from youth meetings to pastoral counselling.
- Installing more storage so that the church is tidier and as a consequence more attractive and safer.
- Installing a new more efficient boiler, solar panels, windows and plants to make the property more efficient and environmentally friendly.

Planning permission was applied for shortly after the end of the year covered by this report and was granted.

The funds required for this project are likely to exceed what is able to be raised from individual donations, and so over the year as a church we spent time praying, raising funds as a congregation, and identifying grant bodies we could apply to once planning permission had been obtained. During the year we raised £15,050 in gifts and gift aid and at the end of the year we had £31,652.68 in the Building Fund Account.

In 2024/25, with our planning permission application being accepted and identifying the scope of the project, we will look to make a series of grant applications alongside our own fundraising as a church, with the hope that we can start the redevelopment in 2025/26.

Other Activity

Alongside the above activities, as a church, we were involved in three other activities of particular note over the year, which demonstrate our commitment to serving the local community.

Paul Cookson

Paul Cookson is a well-known performance poet, recognised widely for his work with school children. Over November 16th-17th, 2023, we invited and sponsored him to come and run sessions at Wormley Primary School and Broxbourne CE Primary School as a gift from the church and to deepen our relationship with them. This was highly successful. His visit culminated in an evening show at the church to which the local community as well as school families, were invited to.

Kings Award Presentation

As a church, we are a key part of Broxbourne Foodbank. Our minister was one of the team that set it up and is a trustee and regular volunteer, along with others from the church, and another member is also a trustee. The church building is used as the main distribution centre, Monday to Friday each week. The foodbank is entirely staffed by volunteers. In recognition of the faithful, hard work of its volunteers, the Foodbank was awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service, the equivalent of an MBE for an organisation, the ceremony for which was held on the 14th March, 2024.

Broxbourne Hustings

On the 30th June, 2024, we coordinated and hosted the local Churches Together Hustings event so that local people could come and hear from and question the candidates for our local MP.

Other Organisations

Where appropriate to our aims and objectives, we have worked with and supported other organisations, including financially as permitted by our aims and objectives. Over the course of the year this included:

- **Broxbourne Foodbank** See 'Mission & Outreach' above. As well as not charging for their use of the church, and directly supporting through volunteers, we collect food for the foodbank in Sunday services as part of our offering/worship.
- **Churches Together in Hoddesdon, Broxbourne & Wormley (CTHBW):** We are an active member of CTHBW, participating in a number of the activities they run and support (such as distributing starter packs for homeless people who are housed by the council, the Foodbank, joint church services, seasonal outreach, ministers' lunches and prayer meetings). As permitted by our objectives, we pay an annual subscription fee. Within this network we have deliberately made an effort over the last two years to deepen our relationship with St. Laurence, Wormley, the nearest other church in the group.

- **The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion:** The church is part of The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion (charity no. 232674), and our church building and manse belong to them. One of our leadership team is the chair of trustees for The Connexion, and our minister is another trustee. We send representatives to their annual Conference and contribute financially to its central funds on a regular basis.
- **The Evangelical Alliance:** We are members of the Evangelical Alliance, UK (charity no. 212325), and pay an annual subscription fee.
- **The Sierra Leone Mission (SLM):** The SLM is the overseas mission branch of The Connexion, which encourages and supports churches and schools in Sierra Leone, West Africa. One of our members is a committee member for the SLM. We seek to inform our congregation of the work of the SLM, put together alongside other Connexional churches, shoebags full of Christmas gifts for children in Sierra Leone, and support the SLM financially on a regular basis.
- **Wormley and Broxbourne Primary Schools** See 'All Age Activity' above.
- **Wormley Scouting Organisations** Our minister was invited to lead a time of reflection for the local Scouting groups as part of their Remembrance Sunday activities.
- **The Wormley & Turnford Big Local (WTBL):** WTBL are a local project run by The Big Local charity (no. 1145916) who have the objective of building and developing our local community. They run the Wormley Community Centre where we meet. In light of our close aims and objectives, and the fact that they run the Community Centre that we hire for our services, we sought to develop a good working relationship with them, and seek ways in which we could work together that were mutually beneficial. This included participating in and helping organise their Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for Queen Elizabeth on June 2nd 2022, and their Christmas 'Party'. We plan to continue to develop this relationship and joint activity.
- **Young Life International, Hoddesdon:** Young Life (YL) is a local para-church youth work, which works with church and non-church youth. We have sought to support their work as part of our outreach objective, and as a resource for our own youth, aware that we have not offered youth work of our own.

Hall Hire

We make our church premises available for 'hall hire' as a source of revenue and as a way of supporting local community events and activities in line with our objectives. Over the year it was hired weekly by Saracen's children's cheerleading class and Cocaine Anonymous, monthly by Women Aglow, and *ad hoc* childrens' parties and other events. We subsidise hire where needed by groups or individuals which are not-for-profit and serving the local community.

Volunteers

The church fellowship cannot function without the assistance of volunteers. We encourage our members to play an active part in running and attending our activities, and are grateful for their participation.

Safeguarding

As a church that is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community for all, we are aware of and alert to the importance of safeguarding, including child protection and caring for vulnerable adults. We have a safeguarding policy in place which we review on a regular basis (available on our website) and consider carefully the implications of contemporary culture, church culture, the ability of all to raise concerns, and the range of forms abuse can take, including spiritual abuse. We continue to be supported in this area by The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion and Thirtyone:eight.

Food Safety

We also recognise the importance of food hygiene and ask those with responsibility for the preparation and serving of food to have up to date training (Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene). Our February environmental health inspection by Broxbourne Council awarded us 5 stars. The desire to maintain good standards of food hygiene and safety is one of the motivations behind our church redevelopment project.

Financial Review

See Accounts below

Income

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £62,896 and restricted funds of £26,637, giving a total income of £89,533 an increase of £32,345 in comparison to the total income of £57,188 in 2022-23.

Expenditure

Over the year we spent £53,502 from unrestricted funds and £15,105 from restricted funds, giving a total expenditure of £68,607 an increase of £17,118 when compared to the previous year's total of £51,489

Balance

Our closing balance was £51,651 an increase of £20,926 on last year's balance of £30,725

Reserves Policy

It is the church policy to maintain an unrestricted balance of 3 months unrestricted expenditure or £13500 whichever is greater to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £18,139 exceeds this target.

Administrative Information

The church is situated at High Road, Broxbourne, EN10 6EN. Its registered office is Huntingdon Lodge, High Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6AA.

The church has been a registered CIO since 18th June 2021.
The Trustees that have served during the year are:

- Mrs Jennifer Vallely
- Mr Jonathan Asaffo
- Mrs Judith Mughogo

Jennifer Vallely's term of office comes to an end at our October AGM when she will stand down. She has agreed to be nominated for a second term, subject to a vote of the membership at our 14th October 2024 AGM (*Her nomination was accepted unanimously by the membership at the AGM*).

We maintain a website: www.wormleyfreechurch.org.uk in order to support and publicise our activities.

Statements

During the year there have been no serious incidents or loss of funds that would pose a serious risk to the Charities beneficiaries, resources or reputation.

Declaration

I declare that this is a true report and in my capacity of Chair of Trustees I am authorised to sign it on behalf of the Trustees.

Name: JENNIFER VALLELY

Signature: 

Date: 13.02.24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Wormley Free Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1194850

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 06 / 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.

Signed:

Graham Squibbs

Date:

14/10/2024

Name:

Graham Squibbs

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

Address:

15 Springfield Road, Middleton, Manchester M24 5DL



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st July 2023	To	30th June 2024
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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					
Voluntary Income	43,939	11,978	-	55,917	49,895
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Income from Investments	319	-	-	319	57
Income from Church Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax Refund	16,053	3,250	-	19,303	1,453
Rent	2,585	-	-	2,585	2,711
Gifts for Sierra Leone Mission	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts for Individuals	-	8,170	-	8,170	510
Drop In	-	1,706	-	1,706	1,333
Parents and Toddlers	-	908	-	908	943
Social/ Community Fund Fund	-	625	-	625	286
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	62,896	26,637	-	89,533	57,188
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	62,896	26,637	-	89,533	57,188
A3 Payments					
Salaries, Expenses and Pension	40,444	-	-	40,444	38,452
Repairs and Maintenance	2,763	4,300	-	7,063	766
Insurance and Water	1,741	-	-	1,741	1,564
Overheads and Expenses	7,544	-	-	7,544	7,312
Conferences	210	-	-	210	200
Independent Examination Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	-	-	-	-	-
Other Charities	-	313	-	313	165
Mission	400	-	-	400	400
Sierra Leone Mission	400	-	-	400	400
Gifts for Individuals	-	8,170	-	8,170	510
Drop In	-	1,276	-	1,276	1,086
Parents and Toddlers	-	171	-	171	217
Social/ Community Fund	-	875	-	875	416
Sub total	53,502	15,105	-	68,607	51,489
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	53,502	15,105	-	68,607	51,489
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,394	11,532	-	20,926	5,700
A5 Transfers between funds	530	- 530	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,215	22,510	-	30,725	25,026
Cash funds this year end	18,139	33,512	-	51,651	30,725

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	Short Term Deposits (Treasurers Accounts)	2,813	32,684	-
	Bank (Business Bank Instant Account)	15,219		-
	Cash	107	828	-
	Total cash funds	18,139	33,512	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Tax refunds due	12,412	2,963	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Outstanding Pension Payments	Unrestricted	135	03.07.24
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Jennifer Vallyly</i>	JENNIFER VALLELY	14.10.24

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- **Age Appropriate Activities in our Services:** See 'Collective Worship' below.
- **The Drop In:** See 'Mission & Outreach' above.
- **Broxbourne Nursing Home:** See 'Mission & Outreach' above.
- **Schools Work:** Our minister regularly conducts assemblies in Wormley and Broxbourne Primary Schools, takes part in lessons, and plays an active part in the school community. He also conducted Christmas and Harvest Services for the Foundation Stage, and Christingle Services for the main school at Wormley. In addition he talked to pupils at Woodside Primary School, Goffs Oak, about Christmas and Easter.

Collective Worship

Over the year, we continued to hold services in Wormley Community Centre and sought to ensure our services were accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds, and welcoming

to visitors as well as regular members. The use of the Community Centre rather than our own building was for a number of reasons. Our own building limits what we are able to offer: the kitchen is in need of refurbishment and bringing up to the appropriate standard; space and the number of rooms is limited; and there are challenges in making it as accessible as we would like it to be, eg. it does not currently have adequate provision for disabled toilets. We would like to address these issues but do not currently have the necessary finance. Geographically, the Community Centre is nearer the heart of Wormley and so more visible than our own premises. This is enhanced by being located near a busy local store. It also has more rooms than our premises, enabling space to provide activities for young people.

We provided a creché for toddlers and 'Sunday Club' for primary school aged children. Over the year we only had three secondary school aged children, these remained in the main service. Provision was made to make this more engaging for them, an aspect we have started to actively develop further (from September 2023 we anticipate an increasing number of 'youth', and so this will be actively developed further). On the first Sunday of the month and on special days in the church calendar we held all-age services.

Although we have a paid minister, we encourage active participation within our services, and have a range of people in our preaching and service leading team, of different nationalities, ages, backgrounds and genders.

We continued to provide a live-stream and archive of our services on YouTube and our website. This made them accessible for those unable to attend in person. Through use of slido.com, those watching online could interact with us during the services. This has supported those who are unable to attend through illness, through being away, or living outside our local area, particularly those who have moved away and who wish to maintain a relationship with us. This continued to provide a way for those looking for a church to find out about us, along with the website, which we have begun redesigning to make the home page more orientated towards the general public, rather than those already attending the church. We hope to have this redesign launched in 2023/24.

Education

Alongside the teaching that took place in Sunday services, we provided a midweek Bible study group. This has continued to take place online as this better suits the lives of our members and makes it available to others outside the area. We also provided a daily Bible Note by email (Monday - Friday), often based on the previous Sunday services' theme (these are available to the wider public via our website), and weekly email newsletter providing information about our faith, pointing to interesting articles and pieces of news on the internet, and publicising events and activities coming up.

We celebrated our minister completing and graduating his Doctorate of Ministry (DMin) course through Spurgeon's College.

A significant aspect of our education work outside the congregation, takes place in our local schools (see 'All-Age Activity' below).

Pastoral Support

Pastoral support was offered to our membership through the leadership team through visits, phone calls, emails, and prayer as desired/appropriate, as well as mutual support being encouraged amongst our members. We continued to be committed to offering prayer support through weekly prayer meetings, praying for the needs of the church and the world, and a prayer request WhatsApp group.

Pastoral support was also made available to those beyond our membership, to those who attend our regular activities and the wider community. This included opportunities to talk and be prayed for, as well as the provision of funeral services, weddings and dedication / thanksgiving services for children.

Specific Objectives for 2022/23

At the start of the year, the church leadership and membership prayerfully considered what specific objectives we should focus on for this year, alongside maintaining our ongoing work. Two areas were highlighted and agreed upon: responding to the needs of the emerging youth in the church, and refurbishing and developing the church kitchen.

Youth Work

Over recent years, the church has unusually had few or no youth. This year, we saw the start of a cohort moving up from our children's work (primary school aged and below) to youth (secondary school). We are delighted by this development, as having an all-age community has always been part of our identity as described in our Church Values and Mission Statement. We recognised, however, that we did not, at this stage, have the resources to provide separate youth activities in our services, and a regular youth programme alongside them. In response we have sought to develop ways of adapting our services, in particular our sermons, to better meet their needs, without 'dumbing them down'. We have sought to make them interactive and have provided resources within the services to help engage them. We have also sought to find ways in which they can be active participants, not just consumers, such as doing readings, saying prayers, and helping with the IT arrangements. Alongside this we started a monthly youth group on a Sunday evening, which includes a fun social activity and 'thought for the day', and encourages them to develop their relationships with each other and the adult leaders.

Kitchen Refurbishment & Development

The kitchen has often been at the heart of our life as a community and at the heart of our outreach. From being used for: teas and coffees after services, meals together, and a place to creatively design and make hot chocolate with the youth, to being a key component in outreach such as for: meals for Alpha Courses (courses for those exploring Christianity), our weekly Drop In lunch for the local community (mainly attended by elderly people living on their own), meals for the Winter Night Shelter, and refreshments for our Toddler Group and Foodbank volunteers. It is, however, small, making it difficult for more than one or two people to use it at once, in a poor state of repair, and not attractive to the wider community of potential hall hirers. To make it fit for purpose and to enable us to expand the scope of our

provision to the congregation and wider community, we decided to investigate refurbishing it and the possibility of extending it.

To this end we have had discussions with a variety of builders, kitchen designers and fitters, and a structural engineer. We cannot extend the kitchen outwards, only inwards, and this involves complications due to load bearing walls being involved and previous alterations. A plan for extending the kitchen through installing a 'bar-area' in our backroom beyond the current kitchen, which minimises structural alterations, but significantly increases preparation space, has been devised. This would also create a social focal point around the kitchen, in keeping with the character of the church community.

At the end of the year, discussions with others with expertise in the area of building development, grant applications and funding opportunities, has led us to the realisation that a far wider redevelopment might be possible, involving the whole church building, incorporating aspects such as increasing accessibility through installing proper disabled toilets, making the church lighter and more welcome through installing better/more windows, and investigating environmental aspects such as installing solar panels. This would lead to a building that is far more attractive to and better equipped to serve the congregation and wider community. In light of this, we plan in 2023/24, to investigate this wider scope, whilst remaining mindful of the need to attend to the current kitchen provision. The funds required for this project are likely to exceed what is able to be raised from individual donations, and so the prayerful consideration of which trusts and foundations to approach for funding is key to realising this vision, given as a church we do not have the type of reserves to enable such a project.

At the heart of this project is the desire to consider what type of building and facilities we need to better serve the wider community. For example, there are practical needs, such as needing to improve accessibility. In addition, although the church is in use every single day of the week, there is a vision to improve the welcome and entrance, so that the whole community knows that we are open for all. We are also keen to take into consideration environmental aspects such as the need to replace very inefficient windows and include other positive additions such as solar panels. To this end, discussions with an architect are helping to ensure that the kitchen refurbishment is approached in the context of the wider development that would transform the impact the church is able to make, should funding be secured.

In this regard, both the kitchen refurbishment and any further development, would lead to a building that is far more attractive to and better equipped to serve the congregation and wider community. In light of this, we plan in 2023/24, to investigate this wider scope, whilst hopefully having secured funding for the kitchen refurbishment.

Other Activity

Summer Socials

Over August we took a break from our Bible Study, prayer meeting and Toddler Group programmes, and held a series of 'Summer Socials', activities designed to encourage

building and deepening relationships. These included activities such as a nature walk, boardgames evening, table tennis night, and an open house. These were open to all ages and we encouraged the congregation to invite their friends to join us.

Other Organisations

Where appropriate to our aims and objectives, we have worked with and supported other organisations, including financially as permitted by our aims and objectives. Over the course of the year this included:

- **Broxbourne Foodbank** See 'Mission & Outreach' above. As well as not charging for their use of the church, and directly supporting through volunteers, we also started collecting food for the foodbank in Sunday services as part of our offering/worship.
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- **Wormley and Broxbourne Primary Schools** See 'All Age Activity' above.
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Safeguarding & Food Safety

As a church we recognise the importance of safeguarding, including child protection and caring for vulnerable adults. We have a safeguarding policy in place which we review on a regular basis. This is available on our website. We also recognise the importance of food hygiene and ask those with responsibility for the preparation and serving of food to have up to date training (Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene).

Financial Review

See Accounts below

Income

The total receipts on unrestricted funds were £43,110.86 and restricted funds of £14,077.51 giving a total income of £57,188.37 an increase of £5,889.19 in comparison to the total income of £51,299.18 in 2022-23.

Expenditure

Over the year we spent £48,654.64 from unrestricted funds and £2,834.05 from restricted funds, giving a total expenditure of £51,488.69, an increase of £4,204.22 when compared to the previous year's total of £47,284.47.

Balance

Our closing balance was £30,725.22, an increase of £5699.68 on last year's balance of £25,025.54.

Reserves Policy

It is the church policy to maintain an unrestricted balance of 3 months unrestricted expenditure or £13500 whichever is greater to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Our outstanding Gift Aid Claim of £19,440.71 (£3,250 restricted, £16,190.71 unrestricted) was received on 13/9/2023 giving an unrestricted balance of about £24,400 which exceeds the target.

Administrative Information

The church is situated at High Road, Broxbourne, EN10 6EN. Its registered office is Huntingdon Lodge, High Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6AA.

The church has been a registered CIO since 18th June 2021.

The Trustees that have served during the year are:

- Mrs Jennifer Vallely
- Mr Jonathan Asaffo
- Mrs Jennifer Dobson

Jennifer Dobson's term of office comes to an end at our October AGM when she will stand down. Judith Mughogo has agreed to be nominated as her replacement subject to the memberships approval.

We maintain a website: www.wormleyfreechurch.org.uk in order to support and publicise our activities.


Statements

During the year there have been no serious incidents or loss of funds that would pose a serious risk to the Charities beneficiaries, resources or reputation.

Declaration

I declare that this is a true report and in my capacity of Chair of Trustees I am authorised to sign it on behalf of the Trustees.

Name: JENNIFER VALLELY

Signature: 

Date: 09.10.23



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Wormley Free Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1194850

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2023.

**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.

Signed:

Graham Squibbs

Date:

09/10/2023

Name:

Graham Squibbs

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

Address:

15 Springfield Road, Middleton, Manchester M24 5DL



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st July 2022	To	30th June 2023
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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					
Voluntary Income	38,890	11,005	-	49,895	37,664
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Income from Investments	57	-	-	57	15
Income from Church Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax Refund	1,453	-	-	1,453	8,295
Rent	2,711	-	-	2,711	1,708
Gifts for Sierra Leone Mission	-	-	-	-	50
Gifts for Individuals	-	510	-	510	1,958
Drop In	-	1,333	-	1,333	801
Parents and Toddlers	-	943	-	943	808
Social/ Community Fund Fund	-	286	-	286	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	43,111	14,078	-	57,188	51,299
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	43,111	14,078	-	57,188	51,299
A3 Payments					
Salaries, Expenses and Pension	38,452	-	-	38,452	34,418
Repairs and Maintenance	166	600	-	766	1,064
Insurance and Water	1,564	-	-	1,564	1,496
Overheads and Expenses	7,312	-	-	7,312	5,922
Conferences	200	-	-	200	190
Independent Examination Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	-	-	-	-	17
Other Charities	160	5	-	165	390
Mission	400	-	-	400	400
Sierra Leone Mission	400	-	-	400	450
Gifts for Individuals	-	510	-	510	1,957
Drop In	-	1,086	-	1,086	643
Parents and Toddlers	-	217	-	217	317
Social/ Community Fund	-	416	-	416	20
Sub total	48,655	2,834	-	51,489	47,284
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,655	2,834	-	51,489	47,284
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,544	11,243	-	5,700	4,015
A5 Transfers between funds	1,204	- 1,204	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,555	12,470	-	25,026	21,011
Cash funds this year end	8,215	22,510	-	30,725	25,026

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	Bank (Business Bank Instant Account)	5,018	10,000	-
	Short Term Deposits (Treasurers Accounts)	3,187	11,892	-
	Cash	10	618	-
	Total cash funds	8,215	22,510	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

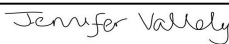
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Tax refunds due	18,159	3,250	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Outstanding Tax Payments	Unrestricted	567	05 July 2023
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JENNIFER VALLELY	09/10/2023

WORMLEY FREE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1194850

Accounts

Wormley Free Church Annual Report

(Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion)

Office: Huntingdon Lodge, High Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6AA

Registered Charity No. 1194850

Trustees Annual Report to June 2022

Until 2021, Wormley Free Church was a constituent part of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion charity, reference 232674. On 18th June 2021 the church was separately registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with the charity number 1194850. This report including financial statements covers the year from June 2021 - June 2022, the first full year of the charity.

Aims and Objectives

As laid out in the Wormley Free Church CIO Constitution, the objects of the CIO for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Wormley, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit.

We seek to fulfil these objectives through communicating the Christian faith in relevant ways to our local communities, enabling as many as possible to worship with the church and to become part of our community, and seeking to serve the needs of local people. We seek to enable people to live out their faith through:

- Offering collective worship
- Education regarding the Christian faith
- Providing pastoral support
- Conducting missionary and outreach work
- Working with all ages including the elderly and young people

To facilitate this work we employ a minister, Rev. Benjamin Quant, and maintain the fabric of the church building and manse, and hire the local Community Centre for our Sunday service. We employ Mrs Amanda Newman for 2 hours each week to clean the Church.

Collective Worship

After 70 online services over the pandemic, the church resumed in-person Sunday morning services in June 2021, following the relevant Government advice

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- **Broxbourne Foodbank:** The church hosted, coordinated and helped staff the primary distribution point for Broxbourne Foodbank (Charity No. 1157199), of which our minister is a trustee.
- **Alpha:** We ran the Alpha course online for those that are interested in exploring the Christian faith. This is a ten week course exploring the significance of Jesus, the Bible and the Christian life / Church.

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It is the church policy to maintain an unrestricted balance of 3 months unrestricted expenditure or £13500 whichever is greater to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £12,555.23 is close to the target.

Administrative Information

The church is situated at High Road, Broxbourne, EN10 6EN. Its registered office is Huntingdon Lodge, High Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6AA.

The church has been a registered CIO since 18th June 2021.
The Trustees that have served during the year are:

- Mrs Jenny Vallely
- Mr Jonathan Asaffo
- Mrs Jennifer Dobson

We maintain a website: www.wormleyfreechurch.org.uk in order to publicise our activities and support our activities.

Statements

During the year there have been no serious incidents or loss of funds that would pose a serious risk to the Charities beneficiaries, resources or reputation.

Declaration

I declare that this is a true report and in my capacity of Chair of Trustees I am authorised to sign it on behalf of the Trustees.

Name: JENNIFER VALLELY

Signature: *Jennifer Vallely*

Date: 15/02/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Wormley Free Church		
On accounts for the year ended	30 th June 2022	Charity no (if any)	1194850
Set out on pages	8 and 9		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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").

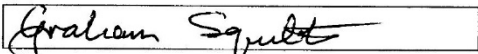
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

- 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.

Signed:  **Date:** 14/02/2023

Name: Graham Squibbs

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

Address: 15 Springfield Road, Middleton, Manchester. M24 5DL



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Wormley Free Church

1194850

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st July 2021	To	30th June 2022
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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					
Voluntary Income	35,664	2,000	-	37,664	36,496
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Income from Investments	15	-	-	15	16
Income from Church Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Tax Refund	6,770	1,525	-	8,295	7,859
Rent	1,708	-	-	1,708	40
Gifts for Sierra Leone Mission	-	50	-	50	1,450
Gifts for Individuals	-	1,958	-	1,958	510
Drop In	-	801	-	801	-
Parents and Toddlers	-	808	-	808	-
Social Fund	-	-	-	-	125
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	44,157	7,142	-	51,299	46,496
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,157	7,142	-	51,299	46,496
A3 Payments					
Salaries, Expenses and Pension	34,418	-	-	34,418	31,960
Repairs and Maintenance	531	532	-	1,064	1,177
Insurance and Water	1,496	-	-	1,496	1,167
Overheads and Expenses	5,922	-	-	5,922	2,670
Conferences	190	-	-	190	-
Independent Examination Fees	-	-	-	-	60
Youth Work	17	-	-	17	-
Other Charities	390	-	-	390	450
Mission	400	-	-	400	200
Sierra Leone Mission	400	50	-	450	1,660
Gifts for Individuals	-	1,957	-	1,957	510
Drop In	-	643	-	643	20
Parents and Toddlers	-	317	-	317	-
Social Fund	-	20	-	20	400
Sub total	43,764	3,520	-	47,284	40,273
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	43,764	3,520	-	47,284	40,273
Net of receipts/(payments)	393	3,622	-	4,015	6,222
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,162	8,849	-	21,011	14,789
Cash funds this year end	12,555	12,470	-	25,026	21,011

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	Bank (Business Bank Instant Account)	4,460	10,503	-
	Short Term Deposit(Treasurers Accounts)	8,067	833	-
	Cash	29	1,134	-
	Total cash funds	12,555	12,470	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Tax refunds due	500	10,403	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Outstanding Tax Payments	Unrestricted	480	18 July 2022
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Jennifer Vallely</i>	JENNIFER VALLELY	15/02/2023