

CARMEL CHURCH

Charity no. 1195649 Registered 27.08.21

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.24

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and unaudited financial statements for the year ending 31.12.24

The Trustees

The trustees who held office during the relevant year and to date are:

A Porch (resigned 16.4.25), C J Lewis, C Skraburski, S Cook (appointed 16.4.25)

Governance and History

The charity is constituted under a trust document which was adopted on the 13th July 2021 and which was amended on 1st November 2022. The organisation occupies a modest sized church building on Commercial Street in the small village of Blaenllechau, Rhondda.

There has been a church in existence on this site since the 1850's. The charity as such has been set up by the members and deacons of the church formerly known as Carmel Forward Movement Church and later as Carmel Church, Blaenllechau.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the principles and practices of independent Baptist churches. The Church may also carry out other charitable purposes in the UK and/or other parts of the world, which are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales and as the trustees from time to time determine.

To further this objective, the charity has organised:

- weekly church services on Sundays and Wednesdays;

- regular meetings of trustees and members;
- a clothes ministry under the name of Carmel Community Clothing.

Achievements and Performance

Over the 2024 12 month period, the membership of the church has unfortunately reduced as has the number of persons attending Sunday services.

Our Sunday morning service continues to be held in Treforest Community Centre and we can facilitate attendees to worship with us online via Zoom should they prefer to do so.

In the absence of a full or part time minister, the Trustees have been assisted by having Sunday services led by visiting ministers recommended by the South Wales Baptist Association and by the Association of Evangelical Churches in Wales.

Guidance upon practical and legal issues has been received from the South Wales and National Baptist Associations.

Bible Studies and prayer meetings have been held on Wednesday evenings both online and at members' homes.

Carmel Community Clothing is an outreach of the church aimed at providing good quality clothes to individuals and families who are in need. We receive regular donations of second hand clothes from the public and this stock is supplemented by us purchasing brand new clothes, particularly items of underwear, as and when needed. During this year, our clothing outreach, Carmel Community Clothing saw a significant number of clients needing clothes. In particular, this year we delivered a total of 7801 items of clothing to 611 clients throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf and beyond. This equates to a saving of over 9.5 metric tons of clothes that may have otherwise gone into landfill. We have been pleased during the year to work alongside Women's Aid RCT, Pobl, Resilient Families, Trivallis, the Royal Glamorgan Hospital and many more organisations in order to help to ease the suffering caused by clothing poverty. The Carmel Church building continues to be the Carmel Community Clothing workplace. The preparation of the bundles of clothes and their delivery to clients is carried out by a small number of unpaid volunteers.

During 2024, the volunteers were able to raise funds for the clothes work by recycling clothes (£655), via grants (£10958) and through gifts (£620). The work was also assisted by the gift of thousands of clothes hangers by a shop that had closed down. The balance of the cost of providing the clothes work was met out of church funds.

In September 2024 we were asked to explain the nature of our clothes charity work at a meeting organized by the Local Authority Interlink for community and volunteer groups held at Tylorstown Sports Centre.

During the year, the trustees have monitored the performance of the church with respect to health and safety, safeguarding and other legal obligations.

Financial Review

The accounts for the year to 31st December 2024 show a small £636 surplus as opposed to a surplus of £11103 in 2022. This reduction was expected because of the reduction in members and attendees and the corresponding reduction in monetary donations. The view of the Trustees continues to be that the Church is unable on present income to employ a minister, official or any employees on a remunerated basis.

Risks

The trustees continue to regularly monitor the finances of the church and recognise the need to ensure that overall spending should be minimized so that reserve funds need not be utilized unless absolutely necessary. In terms of the trustees policy on reserves, it is felt that it is reasonable and necessary to retain the balance in the deposit account, circa £32000 because of the significant potential costs of repairs and to maintain statutory compliance in respect of the building which houses the clothes work.

Signed C Lewis (on behalf of the Trustees)

Dated 20th August 2025

Registered number
CE026549

Carmel Church

Accounts

31 December 2024

Carmel Church
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Total Unrestricted 2024 £	Total Unrestricted 2023 £
Turnover	20,281	25,821
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(2,090)	(3,730)
Gross profit	18,191	22,091
Staff costs	(3,912)	(1,128)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(81)	(90)
Other charges	(13,562)	(9,770)
Profit before taxation	636	11,103
Surplus	636	11,103

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024

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	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets	40,427	40,507
Current assets	45,443	44,795
Prepayments and accrued income	403	-
	45,846	44,795
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	305
Net current assets	45,846	45,100
Total assets less current liabilities	86,273	85,607
Accruals and deferred income	(396)	(366)
Net assets	85,877	85,241
Funds of the charity	85,877	85,241

The company is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and incorporated in England & Wales. Its registered office is 31 Lan Park Road, Pontypridd, CF37 2DH.



Mr. C. Lewis
Member
Approved by the board on 15 May 2025

Carmel Church
Detailed profit and loss account items
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Sales		
Donations from members and friends	5,320	10,860
Clothes bank	1,276	7,905
Grant received	10,958	1,640
HMRC charities tax refund	2,240	5,111
Interest receivable	487	305
	<u>20,281</u>	<u>25,821</u>
Cost of raw materials and consumables		
Clothing	<u>2,090</u>	<u>3,730</u>
Staff costs		
Visiting ministers fee	2,545	80
Travel and subsistence	1,367	363
Carmel Clothing Volunteers Expenses	-	685
	<u>3,912</u>	<u>1,128</u>
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets		
Depreciation	<u>81</u>	<u>90</u>
Other charges		
Premises costs:		
Rates	357	356
Light and heat	(92)	1,187
	<u>265</u>	<u>1,543</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and internet	138	-
Stationery and printing	325	-
Subscriptions	393	145
Insurance	811	1,434
Equipment expensed	635	746
Software	60	24
Website	276	375
Repairs and maintenance	8,690	735
Sundry expenses	340	431
	<u>11,668</u>	<u>3,890</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	426	372
Other legal and professional	323	-
	<u>749</u>	<u>372</u>
Other		
Other direct costs	-	2,640
Venue Hire	880	480
Foodbank donations	-	845
	<u>880</u>	<u>3,965</u>
	<u>13,562</u>	<u>9,770</u>